

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC ** Crawford-Davey-Pettyjohn House
Neilan

AND/OR COMMON
Neilan House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
129 South Washington St

CITY, TOWN
Pierre

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

No. 2

STATE

South Dakota

CODE

046

COUNTY

Hughes

CODE

065

CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
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| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
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| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Norman and Doris Neilan

STREET & NUMBER
129 South Washington

CITY, TOWN
Pierre

VICINITY OF

STATE
South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hughes County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Pierre

STATE
South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

May 1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Historical Preservation Center

CITY, TOWN
Vermillion

STATE
South Dakota

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Crawford-Davey-Pettyjohn House is a two story Queen Anne house that occupies a large corner lot in Pierre. The dwelling sets on a terraced lawn that is supported by a polychrome cut stone wall. This material, which is also used as the structure's foundation, is the moraine of a glacier. A large uncut boulder of this material appears in the central portion of the basement; this stone has been unmovable and visible evidence exists of attempt to break it up. In essence, the house is built on a rock.

The house's original construction occurred in 1885, but its present appearance came about from a 1908 rebuilding project. Also in 1966, the Neilan family, the present owners, restored the house that had prior to then been in ruinous condition.

Its front facade has an open porch that slightly wraps around the right side and is supported by Doric columns. Directly above this is a smaller but similar second story balcony. A tower dormer with a segmental termination appears on the combination hip-gable roof. All of these highlights are drawn out by the brown trim that contrasts nicely with the white painted clapboard. Brown wood shingles also appear in the gable's ends.

The right or south facade also has a large open entry which has Doric columns supporting a pediment that has stickwork within the tympanum. The left or north facade gives the viewer a good idea of the expanse of the house but has no special design elements. Another entry appears on the rear of the home.

The house's windows are mostly rectangular and vertical to the building but others are almost square and use stained and beveled glass in their transoms. A corner window is also present as are small square openings; all of these have lintel and slipsill surrounds. The doorway is multi-paneled with side lights and a transom.

The dwelling's interior is also impressive with oak trim on the first level and fir on the second. The floors are either sugar maple or black walnut; also, the house has some of the most ornate parquet floors in the state. There are many other features within the home that remind the viewer of its age.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

1885-1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

1908 - William Hoover

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Crawford-Davey-Pettyjohn House in Pierre is one of the best examples of Queen Anne architecture in the city. In fact, it is one of the few remaining houses that reflect that particular style. It is also significant politically for it was the home of two governors as well as many prominent local citizens.

The original owner, Coe I. Crawford, lived in the house from 1885 to 1896; from 1893 to 1897 he was the attorney-general for the state. After an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Congress in 1896, he moved to Huron where he set up legal practice; his major client being the Chicago, Northwestern Railroad. In 1902, he ran on a progressive platform for the Republican's nomination for governor; although he failed to get on the ticket, he established himself as the state's leading progressive. Prior to this, he had resigned from being the railroad's attorney and denounced other big companies for having too much power.

In 1906 he won the governorship and began to institute major reforms in the next election including a direct primary, anti-lobbying legislation, and controls on campaign contributions. Two years later, he successfully beat A. B. Kitteridge, the leader of the stalwart Republicans, and became a United States Senator.

Robert S. Vessey succeeded Crawford as governor and he too believed in LaFollette's "Wisconsin Idea." He lived in this house as governor; apparently rented it from J.A. Davey, the owner. Vessey served as the state's executive from 1909 to 1913.

Frank Pettyjohn who owned the house the longest bought the house in 1919; he controlled several grain elevators. The next to purchase the house was Howard Spaid who was followed by the present owners, Norman and Doris Neilan. This family bought the house which was in terrible condition and returned it to one of Pierre's showplaces.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Stewart, Ken, one letter June 5, 1975, to Scott Gerloff.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1
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Longitude $100^{\circ} 20' 9''^{22}$
 Latitude $44^{\circ} 21' 49''$

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
 Scott Gerloff, Survey Coordinator

ORGANIZATION
 Historical Preservation Center

DATE
 May 1976

STREET & NUMBER
 USD Alumni House

TELEPHONE
 605/677-5314

CITY OR TOWN
 Vermillion

STATE
 South Dakota

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE *John J. Little*

TITLE Director, Historical Preservation Center

DATE *13 Jan 77*

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| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER | |
| DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION <i>Charles Atkinson</i> | DATE <i>9-22-77</i> |
| ATTEST: <i>Catherine Cole</i> | DATE <i>9-22-77</i> |
| KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER | |

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Crawford - Pettyjohn House

The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Neilan, have requested that the historic name be changed to the Crawford-Pettyjohn-Neilan House. This is because they saved the house from destruction by neglect and restored it. The Historical Preservation Center concurs with this request and hopes that you will take it into consideration.