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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Adams, E. C., House  
other names/site number CD-WT-N-58

2. Location

street & number 604 North Maple  not for publication  
city, town Watertown  vicinity  
state South Dakota code SD county Codington code SD 029 zip code 57201

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
	_____ sites
	_____ structures
	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic Resources of the North End  
Neighborhood, Watertown, SD

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

[Signature] 11/16/88  
Signature of certifying official Date  
State of South Dakota SHPO  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Both Boland 1/3/89  
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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

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walls Wood

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roof Asphalt

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other Wood

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Queen Anne

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

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The E. C. Adams House is an unusual vernacular Queen Anne dwelling of wood frame construction that features an odd-sized (wide), square, shingled tower capped by a small pramidal roof. Situated in the North End Neighborhood of Watertown, South Dakota, the two-story house rests on a rusticated quartzite foundation. It is clad with clapboard siding and shingles. The irregular roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Modillion blocks support an overhang between floors. A brick chimney rises from the center of the roof. An enclosed porch that forms the main entrance is located on the southwest edge of the house. A dormer projects from the second story just above the porch. Varied facade textures are evident with the five-inch-wide clapboard contrasted with the shingle cladding on the tower, dormers, and side gables. The shingled wall surfaces feature diamond-shaped designs cut against the board's predominant grain.

Fenestration is asymmetrical and quite varied. Window styles include round-headed windows with swag motifs, a large picture window on the northwest (front) corner, and several elongated rectangular windows.

The floor plan is informal. Outstanding interior features include a fine brass fireplace and oak woodwork

A later one-story wood frame garage (non-contributing) is located east of the house.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1900  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1900  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Codington County Historical Society

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 

1	4	6	4	9	1	3	0	4	9	7	4	2	9	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the property are contained within the legal description:  
Lot 8 with permanent easement to the South 20 feet of the East 20 feet of Lot 9,  
Block 26, Syndicate Addition, City of Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the parcel that has historically been associated with the property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the E. C. Adams House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is a relatively unaltered example of vernacular Queen Anne housing in the Watertown North End Neighborhood at the turn of the century. It features an unusually wide shingled tower on its front facade. The house was built for Watertown pioneer physician Dr. E. C. Adams and his wife Marian. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the property relates to the following historic context: IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement, D. Urban Settlement, 2. Residential living.

The Adams house was part of several parcels of land that were controlled by developers of the Syndicate Addition from 1883 until 1900. According to 1889 deed records, corner lots in Syndicate Addition were the "finest building location in the city" and sold for \$300 each. In 1900, Dr. E. C. Adams acquired lots 7, 8, and 9 for that price. Adams built the home that year and resided there until 1904, when John Geise acquired the property at a sheriff's sale for \$3,000.

The house illustrates Queen Anne stylistic characteristics with its square tower, authentic fenestration, irregular rooflines, and multiplicity of exterior siding material. Interior features including elaborate woodwork and a brass fireplace contribute to its picturesque qualities.

The period of significance for the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in 1900.

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

1.

E. C. Adams House

(Historic Resources of the North End Neighborhood, Watertown, SD)

604 N. Maple, Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

by Rolene Schliesman

August 1987

Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

West and north facades, camera facing east/southeast

Photo No. 1

2.

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Garage, camera facing south

Photo No. 2