

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Mount Hope Cemetery Mausoleum

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number Mt. Hope Cemetery (see Section #10 boundary description) ^{N/A} not for publication

city, town Watertown ^{N/A} vicinity of

state South Dakota code 26 county Codington code 029

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	^{N/A} in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Mausoleum

4. Owner of Property

name City of Watertown

street & number 23 2nd Street

city, town Watertown ^{N/A} vicinity of state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds Office, Codington County Courthouse

street & number 1st Avenue, Southeast

city, town Watertown state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A ^{N/A} federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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 Mount Hope Cemetery Mausoleum is situated in the north central part of the Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown. It is a long rectangular one-story building of masonry construction. The front (north) facade has an arched entrance with a wrought iron gate. A three-part blind arch is located above the door. Two large pilasters are located on the front facade which also has two small arched windows. The side facades each have seven small rectangular windows located near the top and three buttresses. Another arched entrance is located at the rear.

100 crypts flank each side of a central corridor which extends the length of the building. Two small receiving rooms are flank the east and west sides of the corridor near the front entrance. Light streams into the interior from fourteen small windows banded near the top of the building. Marble floors and trim adorn the interior.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1911 **Builder/Architect** South Dakota Mausoleum Corp., Builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Mausoleums were not often constructed in South Dakota cemeteries but the Mount Hope Cemetery Mausoleum in Watertown is a fine example of this building type. Significant in the area of architecture, this masonry building retains all of its original features including its side buttressing, wrought-iron entrance gate and marble interior.

The Rural Cemetery Movement of the nineteenth century affected the development of many midwestern cemeteries. This movement encouraged that cemeteries be placed outside the city limits with nicely landscaped grounds. Associated buildings such as gatehouses, grounds keeper's lodges and mausoleums were conceived as ornamental structures that contributed to the beautification of the cemetery. (1) The design of the Mt. Hope Cemetery reflected the rural cemetery movement. Formed when the City of Watertown purchased 40 acres from the Winona and St. Peter Railroad for \$120, the Mount Hope Cemetery is landscaped with shrubbery and shade trees, and has curving road leading through the grounds. The earliest burial was that of a veteran named A. Wells who was born in 1848 and died in 1881. (2) A brochure on the cemetery that was prepared by the City of Watertown states: "It is the sincere wish and ambition of the City of Watertown to make Mount Hope Cemetery...one of the most beautiful burial places in the Northwest." (3)

On November 17, 1911, Mayor John W. Marin granted a permit to the South Dakota Mausoleum Company to build the 200 crypt Mount Hope Cemetery Mausoleum. Incorporated in February of 1910, the company was in existence for only 20 years. The mausoleum was sited at the end of the north central axis of the cemetery making it a prominent landmark on the grounds. Today it appears almost exactly as it did when it was constructed.

The Mount Hope Cemetery relates to South Dakota Historic Context V. Depression and Rebuilding (1893-1929). C. Civic Improvements.

¹"The Rural Cemetery Movement," undated paper by John Burrows, Architectural Historian, State Historical Preservation Center, Vermillion, SD.

²Information sheet on the Mount Hope Cemetery from the City of Watertown.

³Mount Hope Cemetery, Watertown, South Dakota. Undated brochure by the Mount Hope Cemetery Committee.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Less than one acre.

Quadrangle name Watertown East, South Dakota

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	4	6	4	9	6	9	0	4	9	7	5	2	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization City of Watertown

date March 20, 1986

street & number 23 2nd St., N.E., P.O. Box 910

telephone 605/886-3020

city or town Watertown

state South Dakota

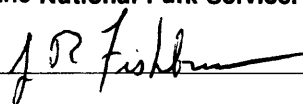
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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



title Director, Office of History

date 7/7/11

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for 
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 8-13-86

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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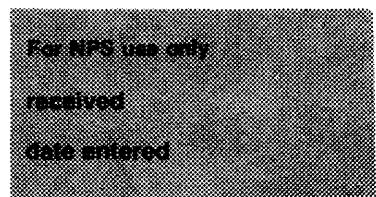
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The boundaries of the property extend ten feet from the east, west, north and south facades of the mausoleum as contained within the legal description: a strip of ground 36 feet in width and 100 feet in length, in the center of the street in Mt. Hope Cemetery (E-1/2 of the NW-1/4 Sec. 29-T117N-R52W of 5th PM) lying between lots 6, 15, and 16 in Section "L" and lots 1, 13, and 14 in Section "G" of the said Mt. Hope Cemetery as the same is platted and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in Codington County, South Dakota.