

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 Larson, John August, Home

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 407 W. Hemlock

N/A not for publication

city, town Beresford

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

code 26

county Union

code 127

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Phillip O. Peterson

street & number 405 W. Hemlock

city, town Beresford

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds, Union County Courthouse

street & number 201 East Main Street

city, town Elk Point

state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The John August Larson house is situated on a shaded residential block in Beresford. Topped with a hip roof and a brick chimney, the frame "Foursquare" house has an open front porch with a cut-out design balustrade (a few pieces are missing) and an enclosed porch to the rear.

Carved decorative brackets are located beneath the overhanging eaves of the roof. Fenestration includes two original doors with the original screens, and 17 windows. The window surrounds are intact. The transoms of the rectangular windows on the first floor have colored glass panels. Outbuildings include a workshop and a garage that were moved to the property during the 1940's. A cistern is located near the rear porch. There was originally a barn located on the property but it was destroyed years ago.

The interior is almost completely intact. The oak staircase has nicely turned spindles. A metal coat rack still hangs in the front hallway. The first floor displays hardwood floors, oak wainscoting, and door and window surrounds with bullseye corner blocks. One of the upstairs bedrooms has the original floral wallpaper. Most of the hardware and lighting fixtures are intact. There is also an early linoleum floor that covers the upstairs hall and a bedroom.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 1895 **Builder/Architect** John August Larson, builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Retaining almost all of its original late nineteenth-century features, the John August Larson house in Beresford is significant in the area of architecture. Characterized by its symmetrical composition, this house exemplifies the "Foursquare", a popular pattern book design which appeared throughout the country during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

John August Larson, a druggist and later a bank cashier, built the house at 407 W. Hemlock in 1895 as an investment. The house was first used as a bachelor pad for eight young businessmen including August Frieberg, a pioneer attorney in Beresford. During the 1930's, Mrs. Opland, widow of a dentist and night operator of the Beresford Telephone Company, was the occupant. An interstate trucker, Myron Hummel, and his family occupied the house during the 1940's and 50's until Mr. Hildebrand, son of the depot agent in Beresford, moved in for a short time thereafter. From 1964 until 1984, Hazen and Lea Larson rented the house. Hazen is a nephew of John August Larson, the original owner.

Unlike most residential structures which have gone through at least a few renovations throughout the years, the Larson house is almost completely intact.

The frame exterior has never been resided and the carved decorative brackets located beneath the overhanging eaves of the roof are intact. Cut-out design scroll work adorns the front porch balustrade. Fenestration includes two original doors with the original screens and 17 windows with surrounds. The transoms of the first floor rectangular windows have colored glass panels. On the interior, the oak staircase has nicely turned spindles. A metal coat rack still hangs in the front hallway. The first floor displays hardwood floors (which have never been carpeted), oak wainscoting, and door and window surrounds with bullseye corner blocks. One of the upstairs bedrooms has the original floral wallpaper. Most of the hardware and lighting fixtures are intact. There is also an early linoleum floor that covers the upstairs hall and a bedroom.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Oral interview with Hazen and Lea Larson at 105 SW 13th Street, Apt, #6, Beresford South Dakota on July 6, 1985.

Oral interview with Hazel Larson of Bethesda Home, RR, Beresford, South Dakota on July 15, 1985.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Less than one Acre

Quadrangle name Beresford

1:24000

Quadrangle scale

UTM References

A

1	4	6	8	0	5	6	0	4	7	7	2	0	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification The boundaries are contained with the legal description: East half of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Block Nine, Thorson's First Addition to the City of Beresford, Union County, South Dakota

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Friberg, Peterson & Travis

date August 7, 1985

street & number 115 N. Third Street

telephone 605-763-2107

city or town Beresford

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

date Sept 26 '85

For NPS use only

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


Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 10-31-85

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration