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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
* * * Onlman-Shannon House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 205 Green Street
CITY, TOWN: Yankton
STATE: South Dakota
VICINITY OF: 1st
COUNTY: Yankton
CODE: 046
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 135

3 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: John and Karen Harmelink
STREET & NUMBER: 205 Green Street
CITY, TOWN: Yankton
STATE: South Dakota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Yankton County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER: 3rd and Broadway
CITY, TOWN: Yankton
STATE: South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: South Dakota Historic Sites Survey
DATE: July, 1973
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historical Preservation Center
CITY, TOWN: Vermillion
STATE: South Dakota

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 Ohlman-Shannon Home is a three story, High Victorian Italianate styled house built in 1871. Its location--once an Indian burial ground--overlooks the Missouri River. Early white settlers labeled the area "Magazine Hill" because it was a storage place for gunpowder and is one of the highest points in Yankton. The stately setting is enhanced by a large landscaped yard.

The house displays many of the popular features of this style. Its cubical shape, 38 feet by 40 feet, was typical of Italianate architecture. The more visible of the elements is a fifteen foot high cupola that tops the low pitched hip roof. Its round-headed windows have been covered over with wood, but the bracketed decorative truncated hip roof remains. Ellen Tobin, Yankton journalist, described one of the outstanding exterior features:

"Broad sweeping steps...lead to the second-floor piazza, and the threshold's double doors with beveled panels. Curved casings have matched embossments. A recessed, curved transom is centered with a lozenge and similar bisected ornaments at each end. Balusters are urn-turned with lobated leaves under the railings. Matching newel posts on the bottom of the flight have similar relief. Ornate brackets and candle and scroll segments are part of the second story gingerbreading. Modified capitals of columns are enriched with superimposed acanthus leaves."¹

A rectangular bay window adorns the third floor, but it has been recently covered.

Some of the other characteristics of the house include tall, slender, round-headed windows on the second floor. These openings extend from the floor up and have inward swinging window casements. The openings are double hung with a two sash over two sash method of division. All the windows on the second floor and third floor have shutters and lintels appear on many of them. A pediment adorns the roofline just above the front bay. Offset to the right side are two single stack chimneys.

The house underwent renovation in 1958 and 1959. Several changes occurred including the altered bay window and cupola already mentioned. The original facing consisted of a ten foot layer of Dakota granite and a second twenty foot layer of native chalk rock taken from the banks of the Missouri River. Stucco facing now appears because the extremely porous rock was weather damaged. The first floor, which is shadowed by the second floor piazza, was converted to garages and an office. This change, fortunately, is hidden from the street. Minor alterations also occurred in some of the windows. The interior of the structure was also extensively remodeled.

Despite these changes the Ohlman-Shannon Home is one of the best examples of the High Victorian Italianate style in the state. The elements that dress the house, its setting and a fairly sympathetic renovation have maintained its period.

¹Ellen Tobin, Yankton Press and Dakotan, 6 February, 1975

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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ohlman-Shannon Home in Yankton is significant for its display of the High Victorian Italianate style of architecture. Its decorative piazza, bracketed cornice, spacious appearance and fifteen foot cupola make this the best example of that design in the state. Although the former chalk rock walls have been stuccoed over, the exterior remains much as it did in 1871. It is significant to the architectural history of South Dakota.

The area where the home sits is known as "Magazine Hill" because it served as a storage area for gunpowder during the city's earlier years. Prior to this, it had been Indian burial grounds. Charles McIntyre purchased the land in 1868 and began construction of the home in 1871. McIntyre was a Minnesota lumberman who was a partial owner of a local mill. The location provided a panoramic view of both the winding Missouri and early Yankton.

In 1878, Martin P. Ohlman, Sr. Bought the house which he and his descendants occupied until 1975. Ohlman was among Yankton's most prominent businessmen. He served as president of the American National Bank, director and treasurer of the Yankton Bridge and Ferry Company, and maintained large real estate holdings. In addition, Ohlman held several civic positions including county commissioner, city alderman, and Board of Education member. The Ohlmans remained vital and important citizens of Yankton. In early 1975, Mrs. William Shannon, Ohlman's granddaughter, sold the home to Mr. and Mrs. John Harmelink.

