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John G. Wenke House			
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The Beug Home			
LOCATION			•
STREET & NUMBER			
1340 Junction Avenue		NOT FOR PUBLICATION	
CITY, TOWN		CONGRESSIONAL DISTR	IICT
Sturgis	VICINITY OF	<u>No. 2</u>	
STATE South Dakota	CODE 046	COUNTY Meade	CODE 093
CLASSIFICATION			
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CATEGORY OWNERSHIP	STATUS		ENT USE
DISTRICTPUBLIC  XBUILDING(S) XPRIVATE	X_OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
	UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK
STRUCTUREBOTH	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	X_PRIVATE RESIDENCE
SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITIO		ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
OBJECTIN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
BEING CONSIDERED	X YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION
	NO	MILITARY	OTHER:
OWNER OF PROPERTY			
NAME Mr. and Mrs Ralph Beug		•	
STREET & NUMBER			
1340 Junction Avenue			
CITY, TOWN		STATE	
Sturgis	VICINITY OF	South Da	kota
LOCATION OF LEGAL DES	CRIPTION		
COURTHOUSE,			
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Meade County Cou	rthouse		
1425 Sherman			
CITY, TOWN		STATE	
Sturgis		South Da	kota
REPRESENTATION IN EXIS	STING SURVEYS		
TITLE			
South Dakota Historic S	ites Survey		
DATE	<b>J</b>		
March 1975	FEDERAL _X	STATECOUNTYLOCAL	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Historical Preserva	tion Center		
CITY, TOWN		STATE	
Vermillion		South Da	kota

#### CONDITION

CHECK ONE

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\_\_EXCELLENT

\_\_DETERIORATED

XUNALTERED

\_\_ALTERED

XORIGINAL SITE

DATE\_\_\_

\_XGOOD

\_\_RUINS

\_\_MOVED

\_\_FAIR

\_\_UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John G. Wenke home has served one family since its construction in 1906. The structure implies Romanesque Revival style on a small scale. This one story house uses a polychrome cut stone for its facing, foundation, and various embellishments. Round arched openings appear on all but two rear windows. The use of cut stone as radiating voussoirs, key stones, quoins and lugsills enhances the beauty and craftsmanship of the home, Also, bands of stringcourse spring from the impost of the arches and the lugsills.

A truncated hip roof displays ventilated gable dormers with two on the front and sides and one to the rear. Another exterior feature is an open porch that rests on a brick foundation as does four unfluted Doric columns. These wood columns appear at the corners and flank the entrance. The main door has side panels and transom with a multipaneled surface.

A one story lattice-worked addition appears at the rear of the house. Also to the rear but separate from the main house is a one story cut stone storage building. Surrounding the property is a cut stone wall with a wrought iron fence embedded in the top. The structure has had a few alterations or modernizations.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

SPECIFIC DAT	ES 1906	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT	
		INVENTION		
<b>X</b> .1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)
1800-1899	<b>X</b> COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
1600-1699	<b>X</b> ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
PERIOD	AF	REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CH	IECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John G. Wenke home is among the few cut stone houses remaining in South Dakota. Although this material was more popular for commercial buildings, several stone homes existed in the late 1890's and early 1900's. The use of rock enhances the importance of this site because it is an indigenous material which gives the structure an important link to its environment. Along with this, the home shows a provincial adaptation of the Romanesque Revival style.

John G. Wenke was among the people who came to the Black Hills during the gold rush, arriving in 1877. His interests were not in mining but the hardware business. He opened stores in Deadwood, Central City and Sturgis. Wenke moved to Sturgis in 1884 and ran his business until 1889. At this time he became involved in ranching and real estate, but he returned to the hardware business in 1902 and opened a new store in Sturgis. Wenke was a prominent citizen in the city and his home remains a monument to his success.

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