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1. Name of Property

historic name Willson, Walter, House
other names/site number CD-WT-N-72

2. Location

street & number 702 Second Street Northeast N/A not for publication
city, town Watertown N/A vicinity
state South Dakota code SD county Codington code SD 029 zip code 57201

3. Classification

<p>Ownership of Property</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> public-local <input type="checkbox"/> public-State <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<p>Category of Property</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> district <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object	<p>Number of Resources within Property</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Contributing</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Noncontributing</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>buildings</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td>sites</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td>structures</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td>objects</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Total</td> </tr> </table>	Contributing	Noncontributing		1	1	buildings	_____	_____	sites	_____	_____	structures	_____	_____	objects	1	1	Total
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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] 11/15/88
Signature of certifying official Date

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.

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. [Signature]
 See continuation sheet. 1/3/89

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet. _____

determined not eligible for the National Register. _____

removed from the National Register. _____

other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Late-Victorian Cottage

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concretewalls Wood

roof Wood shinglesother N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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The Walter Willson House is a vernacular late-Victorian Cottage that includes elements of eastern stick style and Eastlake ornamentation. Situated on a shaded corner lot, the two-story wood building rests on a foundation of rusticated stone and poured concrete block. Steeply pitched gable roofs and a shed dormer combine to form an irregular roof line, which is highlighted by long decorative eaves. Original wooden shingles cover the roof surfaces. The front facade displays a shallow, recessed balcony set off by a decorative balustrade. A projecting bay window is flanked by a recessed porch to form the main entrance to the home. A rear gable-end entrance is protected by an overhanging eave.

Fenestration on the front facade includes single and paired sash windows with colored glass panels. Next to the front entrance is an elliptical window, also with colored glass panels. Several elongated rectangular windows with original wooden surrounds are placed irregularly on all facades.

Eastlake ornamentation provides the central focus for the house. The front gable displays bargeboard trim combined with stick work and imbricated shingles. There are tracery insets between the slim columns of the balcony that extend directly beneath the eaves. Wooden brackets support a light second-story ballustrade on the front facade. Although it requires some exterior maintenance, the decorative ornamentation and colored glass are intact and provide an excellent illustration of Eastlake ornamentation.

A modest-sized modern addition with steel siding is located on the northwest corner to the rear of the house.

A modern (non-contributing) garage is located a few yards 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

Period of Significance

1887

Significant Dates

1887

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

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

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the property are contained within the legal description: Lots 7 and 8, Block 16, 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 Walter Willson House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is a good representative of late-Victorian cottages popular in Watertown at the close of the 19th Century. Built for early resident Walter Willson in 1887 it features Eastlake and stick styles of ornamentation. 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.

According to a City Directory Walter Willson was a collection agent. In 1887 Willson secured a building loan and constructed the house. Six years later he sold the property to Martha S. Myers in a contract for deed arrangement.

Architecturally, the house is a vernacular adaptation of popular Victorian themes exemplified in the cottage form. It is particularly fine example of local ornamentation as popularized by Charles Eastlake.

The period of significance for the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in 1887.

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

1.

Walter Willson House

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

702 Second Street, N.E., Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

by Rolene Schliesman

August 1987

Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

West (front) and north facades, camera facing east/southeast

Photo No. 1

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South facade, camera facing north

Photo No. 2

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Garage, camera facing northeast

Photo No. 3