

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name DeGraff, Curt E., House
other names/site number CD-WT-N-29

2. Location

street & number 603 North Park N/A not for publication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

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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 of certifying official [Signature] Date 11/16/88
State or Federal agency and bureau South Dakota SHPO

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] 1/3/89
 See continuation sheet.

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: American Foursquare

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
walls Wood

roof Asphalt
other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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The Curt E. De Graff House is a two-and-one-half-story wood frame American Foursquare dwelling. Rising from a rusticated quartzite block foundation, it is clad with slim three-inch clapboard siding. It is capped by a pyramidal roof covered with asphalt shingles. The house is wrapped on the east (front), and south facades by a spacious open porch, which extends into a porte cochere on the north facade and a two-story sun porch on the south. Both the main roof and that over the porch/porte cochere system have wide overhanging eaves of Prairie School influence. Hipped-roof dormers with small paired rectangular windows light the half-story attic. A brick chimney rises slightly off-center.

The main entrance, which projects slightly, occupies the north half of the front facade. It consists of a handsome wooden door flanked by leaded-glass sidelights. A large picture window occupies the south half of the front facade. Most windows wide slightly-rectangular double-sash units. Located at the rear of the house is a modern flat-roofed addition with a second-story balcony surrounded by wrought iron railing. This addition opens onto a modern patio surrounded by a six-foot-high brick privacy fence.

The original floor plan (not including the rear addition and sun porch) is two bays wide and two bays deep.

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

1911

Significant Dates

1911

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.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

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 # _____

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

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the property are contained within the legal description:
The South 97 feet and the East 150 feet of the Southeast corner, Block 23,
Syndicate Addition, City of Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the parcel that has historically been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the Curt E. De Graff House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is an excellent example of the American Foursquare design popular throughout the North End Neighborhood, Watertown, South Dakota, after the turn of the century. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the property relates to the following historic context: V. Depression and Rebuilding, A. Changing Urban Patterns, 3. Residential Changes.

Recorded deed transfers indicate that Curt E. De Graff purchased a parcel of land in the North End Neighborhood from John Davis in 1911. Covenant stipulations in that deed transfer required that the purchaser "will not erect a building costing less than \$2,500 or less than one-and-one-half stories high" (Deed Records, 65). In response, De Graff constructed a home the same year using the popular two-story cubic Foursquare to satisfy the agreement. A few years after construction, the house was purchased by Watertown attorney Perry Loucks, a legal partner of J. B. Hanten in the early 1900s. The 1903 City Directory lists C. E. De Graff as a saloon proprietor.

The DeGraff House exemplifies the traditions of the American Foursquare that became extremely popular throughout the nation, the state of South Dakota, and the city of Watertown. It is a full two-story cubic form plus the lighted attic, with a wide open porch, sun porch, and a porte cohere, all popular components of this versatile free form style. Fenestration is mixed with a picture window, sidelighted entry door, and plain rectangular widnows.

The period of significance for the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in 1911.

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

1.

Curt E. DeGraff House
(Historic Resources of the North End Neighborhood, Watertown, SD)
603 N. Park, Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota
by Rolene Schliesman
August 1987
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center
East facade, camera facing west
Photo No. 1

2.

Curt E. DeGraff House
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August 1987
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center
South and east facades, camera facing northwest
Photo No. 2

3.

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South and west facades, camera facing northeast
Photo No. 3

4.

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Detail of entry door, camera facing southwest
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Detail of Sun Porch, camera facing northwest

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