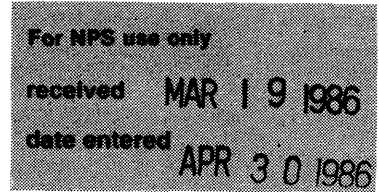


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NAME William Johnston House

LOCATION On the north side of High Street near the corner of Artesan Street, Fruitdale, Butte County (019), South Dakota (046)

OWNER Charles and Sharon Capp  
Box 32  
Fruitdale, South Dakota 57742

CLASSIFICATION Building, private, NA acquisition, occupied, restricted access, private residence, agriculture

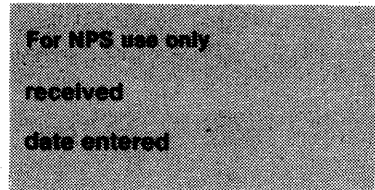
DESCRIPTION Excellent, unaltered, original site

The William Johnston House is a one-and-one-half-story bungalow nearly square in shape in Fruitdale (1983, pop. 88). The house is two rooms in width and three rooms in depth. Across the front elevation the house has a deep front porch supported by two, large, square, wood and concrete columns connected to the house with long, gently arched braces on both ends of the porch. The bungalow has a low pitched, gable roof with the ridgeline oriented east-west. There are two low pitched shed dormers, one in the front and the other in the rear, each with a set of paired double-hung windows; however the rear dormer is higher and longer than the front dormer. The rafters are exposed in the eaves of both dormers.

A large brick chimney is located on the west side of the house, the chimney rises through the front of the roof. Another brick chimney rises through the north side of the roof at the southwest corner of the gable. The roof and dormers are covered in pale gray composition shingles. The rear elevation has two windows in the main floor with a ground level entrance door. Two basement windows are located below the first floor windows. The driveway runs parallel to the east side of the house which is three rooms in length. The east elevation includes one window in the apex of the gable, three windows in the ground floor and three basement windows at ground level. Located below the porch is a coal chute with raised letter reads: Majestic/Coal Chute/No. 101/Oct. 16, 1906. The center of the west elevation is broken by a narrow, projecting, shed roof dining room addition with a set of three double-hung windows. A window is located in the gable apex of the west elevation with a pair of windows in the north end and two windows flanking the chimney to the south end.

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A gable roof, wood-frame garage (contributing) is located northeast of the house. It is painted white and is in good condition.

A small wood-frame outbuilding (non-contributing) with a gable roof, presently used for storage, is located north of the house.

The interior space of the house is divided into a living room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom on the ground floor. An elevator is located east of the staircase that leads to the second floor bedrooms. The original light fixtures and woodwork remain in the house.

SIGNIFICANCE 1900-Present, architecture, c.1909

DATE c. 1909

BUILDER Unknown

The Johnston House which was constructed in 1909 is architecturally significant because it is an excellent example of the bungalow style of architecture prevalent throughout the country between 1890 and 1940. Its existence in the small town of Fruitdale, in a relatively isolated frontier region, demonstrates that shortly after its origins the town was actively participating in the national marketplace.

The house was built for William Johnston, a prominent Fruitdale banker, and featured all of the modern conveniences, including an elevator. No other house located during the survey had an elevator. The house, which retains its architectural integrity, has been extremely well maintained over the years and derives additional significance from its excellent state of preservation.

QUADRANGLE NAME Fruitdale, South Dakota UTM REFERENCE 14/603540/494698

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000 ACREAGE Less than one acre

PHOTO REFERENCE NUMBER

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The house is bounded on the east, south and west by hedges of lilacs and other shrubbery <sup>(about 10 feet)</sup> and on the north by an imaginary line which lies ten feet from the north wall of the outbuilding, which is built parallel to the house. The site is located in the SW quarter of the NE quarter of Section 12, T8N, R3E in Butte County.

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