

## DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1** NAME\* \* HISTORIC <sup>h/h</sup> Annie Tallent House  
AND/OR COMMON

## LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1603 Main Street

\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sturgis

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

No. 2

STATE

South Dakota

\_\_ VICINITY OF

CODE

046

COUNTY

Meade

CODE

093

**2** CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

## OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Katherine Horton

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1603 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Sturgis

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

South Dakota

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Meade County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1425 Sherman

CITY, TOWN

Sturgis

STATE

South Dakota

**6** REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

March, 1974

 FEDERAL     STATE     COUNTY     LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Historical Preservation Center

CITY, TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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LE BENCH

This one-story hip roof cottage was the residence of Annie Tallent, first white woman to enter the Black Hills. It is in this house that she spent her final years, writing of her experiences during the gold-mining days. Her home is fittingly faced with cut stone that comes from the nearby Black Hills. The dwelling is two bays wide and square in plan. A front dormer adorns the truncated hip roof which has wood shingles. The house sits on a level ground and has a large area of open land around it. It is in good condition with the only major alteration being the removal of a front porch. A Nick Schummer built the house in 1898 and rented it to Mrs. Tallent.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) exploration and settlement
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1874, 1898

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Nick Schummer

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The goldrush days in the Black Hills produced many notorious people, including Wild Bill Hickock, Calamity Jane, Poker Alice and Deadwood Dick. Because these men and women received such notoriety, many other pioneers have failed to gain proper recognition. One such person is Annie D. Tallent.

She was born in 1827, in New York state, and until the fall of 1874, did little to achieve fame. But in that year she became a member of the Gordon, or Collins-Russel party, which was the first group of civilians to enter the Black Hills after the famous Custer expedition. Because of this, Mrs. Tallent was the first known white woman to enter the area.

The region she saw belonged to the Sioux Nation, and General Philip Sheridan reiterated a previous order that white people were forbidden to enter this land. Therefore, before leaving Sioux City, Iowa, the Gordon party disguised themselves as settlers on their way to O'Neill, Nebraska. The group consisted of D.G. and Robert Tallent, her husband and son, and twenty-four other men. They left on October 6th and reached their destination in December. The party followed Custer's route and set up a stockade near Harney Peak. However, after finding some gold and remaining the winter, the cavalry discovered the band and ordered them to go to Fort Laramie.

Mrs. Tallent and her family stayed in Cheyenne, Wyoming, until the Black Hills were legally opened in 1876. This remarkable pioneer remained in western South Dakota and was a teacher in Hill City, a Pennington County superintendent of schools, and one of the most respected citizens of that part of the state.

Tallent's final years were spent in this 1898 home, which has architectural significance because of its use of native cut stone. Here she wrote her memoirs of earlier days entitled The Black Hills: or The Last Hunting Ground of the Dakotas. She was truly a remarkable woman in South Dakota history.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Sturgis Tribune: 19 February, 1975. Sturgis, South Dakota
- 2) Tallent, Annie D. The Black Hills: or The Last Hunting Ground of the Dakotas. St. Louis: Nixon-James Printing Co., 1899
- 3) Peattie, Robert. The Black Hills. New York: The Vanguard Press, 1952

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

*Lebanon  
7 7000*

UTM REFERENCES

A 13 618080 49181780  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C         

D         

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Scott Gerloff

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

USD-Alumni House

TELEPHONE

605-677-5315

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*[Handwritten Signature]*

1-7-76

TITLE

Cult Pres Sites

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

**Active**

*[Handwritten Signature]*

DATE

5/28/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**Active**

*[Handwritten Signature]*

DATE

5-24-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER