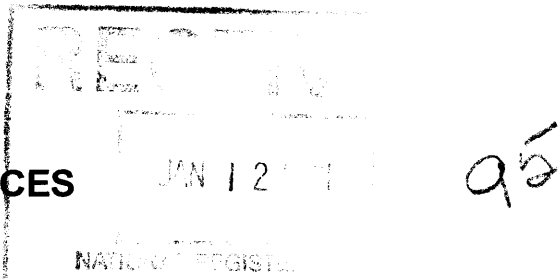


**United States Department of the Interior  
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Rowe House  
other names/site number N/A

**2. Location**

street & number 1118 E. Capitol not for publication N/A  
city or town Pierre Vicinity N/A  
state South Dakota Code SD county Hughes code 065 zip code 57501

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Vogt  
Signature of certifying official

01-09-2001  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.
    - 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:)

*Law*  
Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall Date of Action 2/9/01

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property** (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	Sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	Structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0  
 Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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### 6. Function or Use

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#### Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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### 7. Description

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#### Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other/ Folk Victorian  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Stone  
Roof Asphalt Shingles  
Walls Stone  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

**8. Statement of Significance**

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant Contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a Significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance**

1907  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Significant Dates**    1907  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**    N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**    N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Architect/Builder**    N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 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

Name of repository:    South Dakota State Historical Society

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property** Less than 1

### UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 11-14 in Block 6 of the Wells 1<sup>st</sup> Addition in Pierre, SD

### 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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name/title Matthew Reitzel/ Intern  
organization SD State Historic Preservation Office date 8/21/00  
street & number 900 Governors Dr telephone 605-773-3458  
city or town Pierre state SD zip code 57501

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## Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state SD zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rowe House**  
**Hughes County, SD**

## Narrative Description:

The Rowe House at 1118 East Capitol Avenue in Pierre, SD, built in 1907, is located in a residential neighborhood. It is one of the earliest built houses in the surrounding neighborhood, which consequently are mostly one-story ranch style houses. The structural design of the house makes it stand out as an architecturally significant building within the city of Pierre.

There are two windows along each wall on the first floor. The side and back windows are double hung with a deep casement. This set up allows for two windows to each room on the first floor of the house. Stone lentils are also placed above the window with an additional stone sill below.

An overview of the front exterior of the house reveals a full width porch with four stone cut piers, two extending from the front corner of the house and the others positioned near the steps of the porch. The piers extend halfway up to the porch ceiling and wooden supports then continue from the top of the piers to the porch ceiling. The oak front door has two vertical panels that cover one-quarter of the bottom of the door and the rest of the space is open to a large windowpane. There are also two cottage style lead-glazed windows facing the front of the house on the first floor. The cottage style windows are fixed with crosshatched lead glaze on the top portion of the windows. Above the front entrance is a variation to the second floor, that of an oak door exit that leads to the roof of the front porch. On either side of this door are also the double hung windows that are present throughout the house.

The west wall exterior has a similar design to the front exterior with the double hung, deep casement windows, set two to a level. The east wall also has double hung, deep casement windows, set two to a level with an additional narrower, double hung window, which gives light to the second floor bathroom. On the rear of the building there are also the double hung windows, two to a level along with a hopper window, located on the second floor allowing extra illumination onto the stairwell. The rear of the building has another exit located at the center of the back wall and a chimney addition installed in July 1977 by Gary Kulm, the owner of the house at the time of renovation. An enclosed side porch along the east exit of the house was once adjoining the house and has since been removed.



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**Rowe House**  
**Hughes County, SD**

## Description (continued)

The interior, starting at the entrance to the foyer, leads to a front hall with two adjacent, equally sized rooms. The woodwork within the room on the west side of the foyer is maple, while the woodwork on the east room is oak. Sets of pocket doors separate the two rooms from the front hallway, subsequently closing off each room from the front door and hallway. The quality craftsmanship and attention to detail is evident on the pocket doors with each side being lined with maple or oak, to match the room it faces. Each room has a beautiful front window and side window, placed symmetrically in the center of each wall. Again, the two front windows have a panel of leaded glass at the top with the windows in the room being sunken into the wall adding space and depth to the individual rooms. The two rooms in the back of the house, like the front rooms, also have the two, recessed windows, each evenly placed in the center of each wall. The sheer size and depth of the windows provides plenty of light inside each room of the first floor. A staircase with entry from either of the back rooms leads down to the basement. The stone walls are exposed showing the original foundation. Also the initial windows of the basement were filled in, the outline of the windows is still present on the walls of the basement.

The front hall continues to a staircase leading up to the second floor of the Rowe house. The stairs lead to a landing, which has the back window that looks out over the back yard. The stairway then takes a sharp 180-degree turn to continue up onto the second floor. The woodwork in the second floor of the house is all polished oak and railing posts which have intricate designs carved onto them. The walls of the staircase are enclosed on the lower portion, but open with a banister on the landing in which railing and balustrade continues on from the stairwell.

The second floor has four rooms placed in each corner, similar to the first floor with a bathroom between the two rooms on the east side of the house. The bathroom is a narrow rectangular room with the narrower double hung window, which was observed from the exterior description of the east wall. Each large room has two double hung windows, with the same placement and proportions as those on the first floor. The master bedroom has been enlarged to incorporate the small upstairs hallway that leads to the door onto the front porch roof. All of the woodwork in the upstairs rooms has been painted over and the floors have been carpeted. The door to the porch roof is the original oak door, but it is badly weathered and needs some rehabilitation. All the doors to the rooms have the original transoms, but have been painted shut over the years. Also on the second floor is the door leading up to the attic, which is completely unfinished.

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Rowe House  
Hughes County, SD

## Description (continued)

The roof is a hip roof with a tin eave overhang with brackets. A brick chimney also protrudes from the top of the house and through the attic. The chimney is not visible within the first or second floor and has been replaced by a 1977 addition chimney on the back of the house.

Although there have been no major changes to the design of the house, remodeling has been done to the building during the past 93 years. In 1977 Gary Kulm, the owner of the house, put in a new basement floor and also installed new ceiling in particular areas of the house. The renovations also included a fireplace in the back of the house. In 1999 Randy Hilding also did some work on the front porch of the building. The front porch however is still in need of some work to improve its appearance. The porch still retains its stone columns but has lost most of its original decorative features.

## Statement of Significance:

The Rowe house is locally significant under criterion C, embodying a distinctive quality of type, period, or method of construction. The house portrays an excellent example of Folk Victorian style of architecture, prevalent in South Dakota between the period of 1890 and 1910, setting it apart from the adjacent buildings in the neighborhood.

Folk Victorian architecture is inspired by Italianate and Queen Anne designs with the main area of focus drawn from the porch or cornice line which accents the exterior portions of the building. The 'Victorian' style of architecture is based on elaborate designs and complex shapes that were typically reserved for higher class buildings, which now could be built for the common man.

Walter Rowe as head of the Capital City Telephone Co. was influential in bringing telephone and telegraph operations to Fort Pierre. He later connected the two cities of Pierre and Fort Pierre by sending telephone wire across the Missouri River. Telephone poles were strategically placed from the banks of the Missouri, to sandbars that were present across the river and LaFramboise Island to allow for the telephone lines to cross the Missouri, above water. Soon after Rowe made it possible for telephone service to be carried out from Pierre to other cities such as Rapid City and Wolsey. These connections allowed, centrally located Pierre, contact to the western and northeastern parts of the

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**Rowe House**  
**Hughes County, SD**

## Statement of Significance (continued)

state. In 1905 the Dakota Central Telephone Company purchased Rowe's Capital City Telephone Company and allowed Rowe to stay aboard as manager.

Walter Rowe purchased lots 11-14 in Block 6 of the Wells 1<sup>st</sup> Addition in Pierre, SD in November 1904. The lot sat vacant for a few years, before construction started in 1907 for a new house. Work was completed on the house that same year on the corner of then Decatur and 4<sup>th</sup> street, which presently is East Capitol and North Madison.

The building suffers from an altered front porch, but the current owners are in the process of restoring the appearance of the porch. The houses major features have not suffered form the altered front porch. The building retains its major character defining features of a Folk Victorian House, a symmetrical façade with porch and side gabled, two-storied roof. The Rowe house is significant under the National Register of Historic Places under criteria C for its architectural style, that of Folk Victorian and to the architecture in Pierre, South Dakota.

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