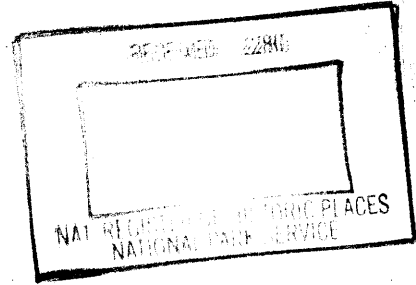


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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 Bartlett-Myers Building
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 506 1/2 2nd Avenue not for publication n/a
city or town Edgemont Vicinity n/a
state South Dakota Code SD county Fall River code 047 zip code 57735

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 04-06-2006
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 for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

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:)

Signature of the Keeper: Edson H. Beall
 Date of Action: 5-31-06

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>0</u>	Buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce/Trade Sub: Business

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Work In Progress Sub: _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American
Movements: Commercial Style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Cement
Roof Composite
Walls Brick

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 _____

Period of Significance

1908 _____

Bartlett-Myers Building
Name of Property

Fall River County, South Dakota
County and State

Significant Dates 1908

Significant Person N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

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

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(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: n/a _____

Bartlett-Myers Building
Name of Property

Fall River County, South Dakota
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1 acre

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

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)

Bartlett-Myers Building
Name of Property

Fall River County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

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

name Larry Job

street & number PO Box 389 telephone 605-722-2210

city or town Lead state SD zip code 57754

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The Bartlett-Myers Building is located in downtown Edgemont. It is a two-story building with a cement foundation, masonry walls, and a flat composite roof. The commercial space on the first floor has been altered and there is an historic addition on the rear of the building.

The façade (east elevation) is broken down into two bays on the first floor that are separated by a central entrance. The south bay has an entrance flanked by two fixed pane windows. The north bay has recessed entry flanked by fixed pane windows. The first floor has been veneered in wood. Separating the first and second floors is a band of brick course. The second floor from south to north has a one-over-one double hung window, a Chicago style window capped with fixed pane arched windows, a one-over-one window capped with a fixed pane arch window, a Chicago style window capped with fixed pane arched windows, and a one-over-one double hung window. All of the windows on the second floor have decorative brick window hoods. Directly above the windows are decorative corbelled bricks. Above the corbelled bricks is a cornice line with brackets and two (triangles). The southern (triangle) has the date 1908 Bartlett and Co. inscription; the northern (triangle) has 1908 E.O. Myers inscription.

The south elevation has no opening on the first floor and five two-over-two double hung windows on the second floor.

The north elevation shares a common wall with an adjacent building.

The west elevation has a two-story gabled addition centered on the rear of the building. The addition has a cement foundation, wood frame, and asphalt shingles. On the addition is a south and west entry; the remainder of the windows on the addition are one-over-one double hung windows.

The interior of the building is divided into two bays on the first floor. The second floor is a large open space. Both the first and second floors have tin ceilings.

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The Bartlett-Myers Building is located in Edgemont, Fall River County, South Dakota. It is eligible under Criterion C as an example of the commercial style architecture in small town South Dakota. It is also significant for being the only remaining commercial building in downtown Edgemont that is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Custer Expedition of 1874 confirmed the existence of gold in the Black Hills of South Dakota. This set off a subsequent rush of prospectors into western South Dakota, even though the land was part of the Great Sioux Reservation. The Sioux were soon forced to cede much of western South Dakota, allowing white settlement to begin.

Edgemont is located in Fall River County in southwestern South Dakota. In 1890, a line of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad reached the area and Edgemont was founded. It was later incorporated in 1895. Large ranch outfits ran cattle in the area, but the railroad was the main reason Edgemont prospered. Edgemont became a subdivision point on the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad that employed most men in town and some homesteaders.¹

The Bartlett-Myers Building was built in 1908 and was a hardware store and drug store. It operated in this capacity until 1923 when it became the Ford Garage. In 1939, the building became the Stockman's Bar. It has been operated in that capacity under different owners up until the 1990s. The bar served the railroad men, miners, cowboys, and workers from the Black Hills Ordinance Depot located south of town at Igloo.

Edgemont's decline is owed to a combination of factors. The decline of the prominence of the railroad in the second half of the 20th century affected many families who depended on the railroad's economic health. Alternative modes of transportation were cutting into the railroad's profits which resulted in fewer jobs. Along with this decline was new technology that made the work less labor intensive. Another contributing factor to the decline of Edgemont was the closing of the Black Hills Ordinance Depot located south of town at Igloo. The Depot opened in 1942 and operated until 1967, employing thousands of people with money to spend locally. With the Depot's closing, the area lost a significant amount of revenue.

As a result of this decline, many businesses closed and the buildings that once housed them deteriorated due to lack of maintenance. Over the years many of the early buildings have been razed or altered so significantly that they do not retain their integrity. The Bartlett-Myers Building is

¹Fall River County Historical Society. *Fall River County Pioneer Histories*. 1976, 327.

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one of the few remaining buildings that still conveys its historical appeal. The most prominent National Register Listed property building in Edgemont, the Edgemont Block, was razed in 2002.

The Commercial style in South Dakota is identified generally by multiple stories. Most are constructed of masonry and have multiple bays with large storefront windows and an entryway. Most Commercial style buildings have been altered, particularly the storefronts and interior areas. The Bartlett-Myers Building fits into the Commercial style trends of South Dakota. It is a two story building, constructed of masonry with multiple bays.

The Bartlett-Myers Building is what Richard Longstreth labeled the two-part commercial block. Two-part commercial blocks generally have two to four stories separated by a distinct horizontal division into two zones.² The lower zone at the street level served as a public space, frequently as retail or commercial space; the upper zone generally housed more private space such as offices and meeting rooms.³ The two-part commercial block was prevalent in small cities and towns nationwide from the 1850s through the 1950s.⁴

The Bartlett-Myers Building is eligible under Criterion C as an example of the commercial style in a small town South Dakota setting. It is also significant as being the only remaining commercial style building in Edgemont that retains enough integrity to be considered eligible for the National Register.

² Richard Longstreth. *The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture*. (Walnut Creek: CA, AltaMira Press, 2000), 24.

³ Ibid, 24.

⁴ Ibid, 24.

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Fall River County Historical Society. *Fall River County Pioneer Histories*. 1976.

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is an imaginary line that encompasses the building. It begins three feet to the southeast of the northeast corner and runs south to a point three feet off the southeast corner. The line then runs west to a point three feet off the southwest corner. The line then runs north to a point three feet off the northwest corner. The line then runs east to connect with the starting point off the northeast corner.

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the area historically associated with the Bartlett-Myers Building.