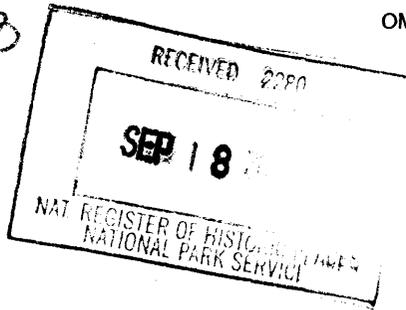


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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 Graf, Stephen and Maria, House
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 1233 Main St not for publication N/A
city or town Sturgis vicinity N/A
state South Dakota code SD county Meade code 093 zip code 57785

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Voigt
Signature of certifying official

09-16-2002
Date

South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer
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: Robert A. Beall
Date of Action: 10/31/02

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 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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

1929-1930

Graf, Stephen and Maria, House
Name of Property

Meade County, South Dakota
County and State

Significant Dates 1929
 1930

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
 N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

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: _____

Graf, Stephen and Maria, House
Name of Property

Meade County, South Dakota
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1 Acre

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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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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Chris Nelson, Intern

organization SD SHPO date July 2, 2002
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city or town Pierre state SD zip code 57501

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)

Graf, Stephen and Maria, House
Name of Property

Meade County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

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

name Frances Graf
street & number 1233 Main Street telephone _____
city or town Sturgis state SD zip code 57785

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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The Stephen and Maria Graf House is located in Sturgis, Meade County. It is located in a commercial neighborhood. The multi-colored brick house was constructed from 1929 to 1930 in the Prairie style.

The façade faces south ont Main Street. The hipped roof building has asphalt shingles that were made to mimic tile. The south elevation has a hipped porch and a hipped dormer. The house rests on a concrete foundation. A common element on each elevation is that every opening on the brick portion of the house has a row of header brick surrounding the opening.

The façade (south elevation) has a full-width hipped roof porch. The porch roof is supported by four columns. A brick knee wall is located between each column except where the central stairs lead to the central entry. The knee wall is capped with cast concrete. The central entry has a rectangular transom. On either side of the door is a cottage window. The top sash of the cottage window has five panes. The second floor has a small one-over-one double hung window located in the center. Identical cottage windows are located directly above the first floor windows. A hipped roof, wood clapboard dormer is located in the center of the roof. The dormer has two fixed pane windows. Located at the corners of the façade is decorative brick that extends from the basement level to the eaves.

The east elevation has three evenly spaced windows on both the first and second floor. Each is a double hung four-over-one window. The top sash of the window has vertical panes. The first and second floors are divided by a brick stretcher belt course.

The rear (north elevation) has a historic shed roof wood clapboard addition at the northwest corner. The addition has a door and a two six pane fixed sash windows at the northwest corner. The first and second floors of the main house are divided by a brick stretcher belt course. The second floor has a central entry door. A wood deck was added to the second floor. Located at the corners of the rear elevation is decorative brick that extends from the basement level to the eaves.

The west elevation has five windows on the first floor. Each is a four-over-one double hung window with the top sash having vertical panes. The sequence of the windows from north to south is: one large window, a smaller window, two large windows and one large window. The first and second floors are divided by a brick stretcher belt course. The second floor has three evenly spaced four-over-one double hung windows. The top sashes have vertical panes. A brick chimney extends through the roof of this elevation.

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Interior:

Interior features include an elaborate pressed metal ceiling in the kitchen and dining room of the first floor, a picture rail in the dining room, hard wood floors throughout the house and decorative wood trim. An interior staircase is aligned with the front door.

Statement of Significance

The Stephen and Maria Graf House is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as it is an excellent example of the Prairie style of architecture in South Dakota. It exhibits many distinctive characteristics of the Prairie style. The Stephen and Maria Graf House continues to provide a sense of architectural appeals that made it noteworthy in 1930.

Nestled on the eastern edge of the Black Hills of South Dakota is the town of Sturgis. Once a bustling town of gold miners, cattlemen, and scoopers (those who made money from soldiers stationed at nearby Fort Meade), present day Sturgis relies considerably on the tourism industry. Although all these industries still contribute to the local economy, vacationers touring the scenic Black Hills and patrons of the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally ensure the economic survival of the town.

Sturgis was a boomtown born out of the financial prowess of the times. Banks, liveries, saloons, and dry goods stores sprang up along what would become Main Street following the town's establishment in 1877. The combination of mining, Fort Meade, and the surrounding livestock production all contributed to the growth of the community.

Stephen and Maria Graf homesteaded and ranched northeast of Sturgis near the town of Hoover. In 1929 they built a house on Main Street in Sturgis. The brick building is one of the few non-commercial buildings in the area, but nevertheless representative of a new development taking place in western towns at the time. Ranchers in rural areas were no longer required to remain in such a close proximity to their land, allowing them to establish part time residences in town. Stephen and Maria used the house mainly in the winter months, but it was also a central gathering point for friends and relatives during other times of the year.

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The Graf House is significant for its Prairie style of architecture. The Prairie style is identified as having a low-pitched hip roof, two stories, square porch supports and details emphasizing the horizontal lines. The Graf House exhibits all of these characteristics. It is also a subtype of the Prairie style called hipped roof, symmetrical, with front entry also termed American Foursquare. The details of this subtype include a simple square plan, a subordinate porch and a central entrance which is a conspicuous focal point of the façade.

The Prairie style originated in Chicago and is concentrated throughout the United States in early 20th century suburbs. Vernacular examples were spread widely through pattern books. Most were constructed between 1905 and 1915. It quickly faded after World War I. The Graf House is the except to the common trends. The house was constructed well outside its period of 1905-1915. Also, the style was more typical of suburban developments. The Graf House was constructed on Main Street with commercial properties on either side of it.

The Stephen and Maria Graf House is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for the architectural style of Prairie. It exhibits many of the characteristics of the Prairie style. It is also the only residential building on Main Street in the commercial area of Sturgis.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 8, 9 & 10 of Block 17, City of Sturgis, SD.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary all the property associated with the building.