



United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instruction 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 an 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 Quinn Methodist Church

other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number SW Corner Elm Street and Main Street [] not for publication

city or town Quinn [] vicinity

state South Dakota code SD county Pennington code 103 zip code 57775

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 State Historic Preservation Officer 12-11-2006
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office
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 certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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
 - See continuation sheet.
- other, explain
 - See continuation sheet.

Sandra McClelland Signature of the Keeper 1/23/07 Date of Action

Quinn Methodist Church
Name of Property

Pennington County, South Dakota
County/State

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
(Do not count previously listed resources.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

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

N/A

**Number of contributing resources
previously listed in the National Register.**

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

(Enter categories from instructions)

Religion/Religious Facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Social/Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular: Gothic Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	<u>Concrete</u>
walls	<u>Wood</u>
roof	<u>Asphalt Shingle</u>
other	_____

Narrative Description

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

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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.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or 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.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Periods of Significance

1908

Significant Dates

1908

Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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2. Zone Easting Northing

3. Zone Easting Northing

4. Zone Easting Northing

[] See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization SD SHPO

date 16 October 2006

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state SD

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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)

Property Owner

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

name City of Quinn c/o Theodore Kjerstad

street & number 23501 Quinn Road

telephone 605-386-2131

city or town Quinn

state SD

zip code 57775

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DESCRIPTION

The church is located in the town of Quinn, Pennington County, South Dakota. The church is a gabled rectangular building with a concrete foundation, wood clapboard siding, and asphalt shingles. The church is the only building on the lot and faces east.

The façade (east elevation) has concrete steps that lead up to wood double doors. Above the doors is a large tri-part gothic window with tracery. Flanking the doors are two lantern shaped lights; there is a small vent in the gable.

The north and south elevations are identical. Each elevation has four symmetrical gothic arch windows with tracery. All windows have wood surrounds.

The west elevation has no openings. There is an external chimney stack centered on this elevation.

The interior of the church has a central aisle flanked by pews. The pulpit and altar are located at the west end of the church. At the east end just inside the entrance is a small kitchen area.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Quinn Methodist Church is a small, gabled front rectangular building without ornamentation built in 1908. The most prominent architectural features are the gothic arch windows and the steeply pitched roof, which identify it as a vernacular interpretation of the Gothic Revival style. The Quinn Methodist Church is eligible under Criterion C as a vernacular example of the Gothic Revival style in small town South Dakota.

Quinn is located in Eastern Pennington County, South Dakota. Quinn was founded in 1906 and named for Mike Quinn, upon whose land the town was platted. The railroad made it to Quinn in 1907 and the town became a livestock shipping point. Livestock production continues to be the main economic activity of the area.

The Gothic Revival Style was popular between 1840-1870 nationwide. In South Dakota, the style was most typically used for churches. A vast number of South Dakota churches would best be classified as vernacular architecture.¹ Rectangular shaped, nave-plan buildings that utilized weatherboard cladding, incorporate gothic arches in the windows and doors, and sometimes used carved vergeboards but are otherwise devoid of architectural ornamentation are vernacular adaptations of the Gothic Revival style. The church exhibits these simple elements of the vernacular style.

Vernacular churches in South Dakota are simple structures built with the available material and may or may not be an interpretation of an architectural style. Early churches were predominately gabled-roofed structures built in a folk tradition or from a pattern book designs.² Some were simple buildings with dirt floors while others were conventional, unadorned frame buildings that usually included a central bell tower on the façade.³ The denomination and ethnic background of the congregation would also influence the style of the building.⁴ According to the monograph *Building South Dakota: A Historical Survey of the State's Architecture to 1945*, an archetypal church features simple detailing, plain siding, and a central tower.⁵

Quinn was founded in 1906 with the anticipation of the arrival of the railroad which followed in 1907. The church was built during the Second Dakota Boom 1900-1917 during a time of rapid settlement and

¹ Megan Eades. *Churches in South Dakota*. (Pierre: SD, South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, 2002), 22.

² David Erpestad and David Wood. *Building South Dakota*. (Pierre: SD, South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 1997), 60.

³ Ibid, 60.

⁴ Ibid, 65.

⁵ Ibid, 69.

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expansion. During this period, many second generation churches were built in the eastern half of the state which was settled beginning in the 1860s. During this time in western South Dakota, several of the churches built were first generation and used materials made available by the railroad.

The church retains an excellent degree of integrity both on the exterior and interior. The only change to the exterior of the church was the addition of a metal railing. The interior has not been changed with the exception of regular maintenance.

The Quinn Methodist Church was started in the fall of 1908 and finished the following year. The first minister was Rev. Eisenbraun. He also taught the younger children of the town. Quinn's first high school was held in the Methodist Church with Mrs. Hattie Dwight as the one and only teacher. This was in 1910 and 1911. The pupils in the ninth grade were Helen Johnston, Merle Hailey, Robert Miller, Nettie Van Dyke, Ruth Parsons, Berneta Balch. In 2000 Saturday evening services were held at the Quinn Methodist Church until the summer of 2006 when no minister could be found to preach on Saturday nights. Today the church is owned by the city of Quinn and is used for family and school gatherings. It is also used for primary and general election voting.

The Quinn Methodist Church is eligible under Criterion C as a vernacular example of the Gothic Revival style in small town South Dakota. It is one of the few remaining buildings in Quinn of an identifiable architectural style that retains integrity.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The boundary is an imaginary line that starts at a point three feet northwest of the northwest corner and runs east to a point three feet northeast of the northeast corner. The line then runs south to a point three feet southeast of the southeast corner and then runs west to point three feet southwest of the southwest corner. The line then runs north to the original starting point three feet northwest of the northwest corner.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The Boundary is the area historically associated with the church.