

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National 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 John Isakson House

and/or common Kroger House

2. Location

street & number 504 E. Third Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Canton

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

code 46

county Lincoln

code 083

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Gene and Barbara Kroger

street & number 504 E. Third Street

city, town Canton

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Lincoln County Courthouse

city, town Canton

state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The John Isakson house, located on a corner lot in a shaded residential area in Canton, is a large two-story wood frame house with an irregular roofline and a wraparound front porch (a small portion now enclosed). Crowned by a balustrade, the porch is supported by slender Ionic columns. The gable facing the street has a Palladian window which reflects the Classical Revival style of the early Twentieth Century. The long rectangular windows retain their original surrounds and one over one sash.

The interior is adorned with oak floors, columns and trim. Ceilings on the first floor are 10 feet high with an egg and dart molding frieze. The vestibule opens into a large foyer with beautiful wide charter oak open stairway. The landing has two cut glass windows. Throughout the first floor are unusual silver-plated lighting fixtures including sconces, ceiling fixtures and a stair landing lighting fixture. The kitchen has retained its original built-in wood icebox which has a rear door that opens to the back porch so that the ice could be delivered without disturbing the household. A back staircase is also located off the kitchen. The upstairs library as well as three of the four bedrooms have beautiful cut glass windows which run horizontally between the long rectangular windows.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				Association with
Specific dates	1905	Builder/Architect	John Millie	important local resident

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

As one of the finest homes in Canton that retains many of its original features, the John Isakson house is significant in the area of architecture. It is also important for its associations with an important local resident, John Isakson, who "allied with every activity of benefit to the community of Canton." (1)

John Isakson was born in Norway and came to Canton in 1870. He farmed for awhile in the area before purchasing a general mercantile store. Prominent in the local civic circle, Mr. Isakson supported the development of the community in many ways including his valuable contributions to Augustana College. He also helped to build the Canton Lutheran Church. (2) In 1905, Mr. Isakson hired John Millie to build a house for him at 504 E. Third Street. Millie, a local architect, also designed the Lincoln County Rural School #22 (1912) as well as other buildings in the area.

The house, which is one of the larger homes in Canton, reflects the prosperity of John Isakson. Rich oak trim, floors and columns and an egg and dart molding frieze adorn the first floor rooms. The reception foyer has an impressive charter oak open stairway. Throughout the first floor are unusual silver-plated lighting fixtures including sconces, ceiling fixtures and a stair landing lighting fixture. Elegant horizontal cut-glass windows are located in several of the upper level rooms as well as the staircase landing. Many other significant features have been retained. In the kitchen, the original built-in incebox is still intact. Other significant features on the exterior include the Palladian window on the attic level, the slender Ionic columns supporting the balastraded porch, and the original surrounds around the long rectangular one over one sash windows.

1
Obituary for John Isakson, Sioux Valley News, Aug. 20, 1936.

2
Ibid.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Sioux Valley News, April 14, 1905, copy on file at the Canton Library. 1905 and 1906 Property Books, Lincoln County Assessors Office. Oral interview, Carmen Lewis, Canton, SD, February 27, 1984. Obituary for John Isakson, Sioux Valley News, Aug. 20, 1936

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Canton

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 14 and 15, Block 6, Rudolphs Addition, Canton, South Dakota.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gene and Barbara Kroger with the assistance of Melanie Betz

organization N/A date March 28, 1984

street & number 504 E. Third telephone 605/987-2814

city or town Canton state South Dakota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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.

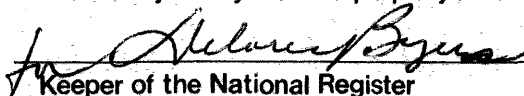
State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Director, Office of Cultural Preservation date 06/30/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

 Keeper of the National Register date 8/1/84

Attest: Chief of Registration date

Chief of Registration