

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

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historic name Yusten House

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 30831 SD Highway 19 [] not for publication

city or town Vermillion vicinity [x] vicinity

state South Dakota code SD county Clay code 015 zip code 57069

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this
[X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
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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.)

Signature of certifying official Jay D. Voigt Title State Historic Preservation Officer Date 12-18-2006

South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

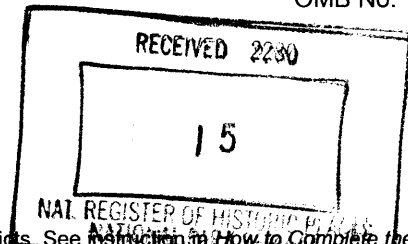
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[] removed from the National Register
[] See continuation sheet.
[] other, explain
[] See continuation sheet.

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Signature of the Keeper: [Signature] Date of Action: 1/23/07

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Yusten Home
Name of Property

Clay County, South Dakota
County/State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not count previously listed resources.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

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

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

N/A

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Function
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic Single Dwelling

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7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

Prairie Box or American Foursquare

foundation field stone and mortar

walls clapboard and shingles

roof asphalt

other Wood floors, Oak cabinets, Wooden bookshelves, French doors

Narrative Description

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

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Clay County, South Dakota

Name of Property

County/State

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

1922

Significant Dates

1922

Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above).

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

Yusten House

Clay County, South Dakota

Name of Property

County/State

10. Geographical DataAcreage of Property less than one acre**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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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 Byname/title Mike Vogel, Historic Preservation Specialistorganization SD SHPOdate September 01, 2006street & number 900 Governors Drivetelephone 605-773-6056city or town Pierrestate SDzip 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)

Property Owner

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

name Patricia Dimond and Joseph Cookstreet & number 30831 South Dakota Highway 19telephone 605-624-9328city or town Vermillionstate SDzip code 57069**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including 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 Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Clay County, South DakotaSection number 7 Page 1**Architectural Description**

The Yusten House is located on South Dakota Highway 19 some 7 miles north of Vermillion. The house is a Prairie Box or American Foursquare and was constructed in 1922.

The façade faces east. The house has a hipped asphalt shingled roof with exposed rafters, clapboard and wood shingle siding, a field stone and mortar foundation and a central brick chimney.

The east elevation from left to right on the first floor features an eight over one picture window, a small one story gabled central entrance and another eight over one picture window on the north side of the entrance. The two picture windows on this elevation feature federal style trim. The front entrance is an extension of some three feet and is elevated to the top of the foundation. A small wooden porch with wooden supports precedes the front entrance door. A beveled glass front door with beveled glass sidelights adorn the entrance. On the second floor are two more eight over one pictures windows located directly above the first floor windows. Between these two windows is a decorative oval glass window. A hipped dormer centered on the east roof features three one over one smaller double hung windows. The dormer has clapboard and shingle siding.

The south elevation first floor from left to right includes a small upright rectangular window on the southwest porch with a centrally located porch doorway. Next is a hipped roof bay window with exposed rafters and three large six over one double hung windows. On the east end is a picture window identical to the ones on the façade. The second floor of this elevation features two evenly spaced six over one double hung windows.

The west elevation features a four foot wide side bay with hipped roof on the northern half of the house that engulfs both the first and second floor. The first floor from left to right includes two smaller six over one double hung windows. A porch with seven small window openings and a house door entrance toward the south end exists. The bottom of the porch is open and is held up with wide wooden supports some three feet high. The porch walls below the windows and above the open area below the porch consist of narrow wooden vertical boards. A new wooden stairway and landing with wooden railings has been constructed to emulate what the porch looked like originally. On the second floor in the side bay is a six over one double hung window centered on the north half of this elevation. The south half of this elevation features a landing or porch that is located directly above the porch on the first floor. A balustrade railing with wood spindles encompasses the perimeter of the porch on the south, west and north sides. On the east end of the porch on the second story there is a six over one double hung window with a door entrance to the south of it and another six over one double hung window to the south of the door. The first story of this elevation has clapboard siding and the second story wood shingle siding.

The north elevation from left to right includes a six over one double hung window, a shed roof door entrance at the foundation level and a smaller six over one double hung window toward the west end. Centered above the shed roof entrance and between the first and second floors is an eight over one double hung window that is located on the landing of one of the stairways on the interior of the home. The second story has two six over one double hung windows on the east and west ends. This elevation has clapboard siding on the first level and shingle siding on the second level.

The interior of the home has impressive oak wood cabinetry with oak wood book cases that divide the dining room and living room. Original French wooden doors divide the living room and the den. Both the living room and the den have wooden doors with beveled glass that open to the foyer of the front

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door. All of the floors with the exception of the kitchen and bathrooms are original hardwood with oak baseboard. The original woodwork for the staircase, with its oak spindled railing, and the walkup attic still adorn the house.

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Statement of Significance

The Yusten house is eligible for the national Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as it is an elegant example of a Prairie Box or American Foursquare. This sub-type of the Prairie Style of architecture has a simple square or rectangular plan, low pitched hip roof, and symmetrical facade.¹

Clay County is situated on the Missouri River near the southeast corner of South Dakota. It has the smallest area of any county in the state.² Agriculture is the largest industry in this county and some of the most fertile land in the state exists in this region.

The Yankton Sioux occupied the lower James and Vermillion river valleys during the early eighteenth century and carried on their hunting and trading activities in this general area.³ Spirit Mound, which is a sacred site of Native American people, is only a few miles south of the Yusten house.

The Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804-1806, following the acquisition of the region through the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, provided Clay County's first recorded contact with the outside world.⁴ Until this expedition, and later developments such as the Homestead Act, the local Indian people generally exercised territorial reign in this area and moved about as the buffalo migrated.

On March 02, 1861, President Buchanon signed the bill creating the Territory of Dakota. Shortly after his inauguration on March 04, of that same year, President Lincoln appointed the first territorial officials. For the governorship he chose Dr. William Jayne, his personal physician at Springfield Illinois.⁵

In early 1862, Clay County was officially created by the Territorial legislature. By July 1862 the Vermillion land office was opened and one of the nation's first homestead entries was filed shortly after midnight on January 2, 1863.⁶

Following the early homestead claims in 1863, Indian uprisings kept settlers uneasy. Population growth was at a standstill until 1864 when a group of homesteaders, some fifty families, moved in the area from Marshalltown, Iowa where they had migrated from Syracuse, New York earlier.

In 1889 South Dakota was granted statehood by the United States Congress.

Historically, the Yusten house was owned by Ed Yusten who bought the land in 1918 and built the house shortly after that between 1918 and 1922. By profession, Mr. Yusten was a car salesman and had his own dealership in Vermillion. Ed and his wife lived in the house together until 1955 and then a

¹ Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses*, (Alfred Knopf, Inc., New York, 1984 p.439

² Donald Dean Parker, *History of our County and State, (Clay County)* South Dakota State College, 1961

³ Herbert S. Schell, *History of Clay County*, Clay County Historical Society Inc., Vermillion, South Dakota 1976

⁴ Ibid

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Ibid

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son, Howard, lived there until 1972.

The foursquare house-type was designed as a plan with maximum space for little cost.⁷ The Foursquare architectural type can be defined as a two to two-and-one half story building with nearly square floor plan, cubic form, often leading up to a front porch. These porches generally have three to four posts supporting the porch roof and vary between full length porches and small stoops. Another commonly found characteristic among foursquare houses is rectangular double hung windows with multi-panes in the upper sash. The foursquare house-type maintained popularity for the first quarter of the 20th century.⁸

The Yusten House remains an example embodying this popular style. It is a two-story building with a cubic form, being two rooms wide and two rooms deep with the exception of the rear wing. The Yusten house also has the common central dormer, nearly pyramidal roof, raised basement, upward leading from steps, four post full length porch and a rear stoop. Other elements making it representative of the foursquare architectural type include double hung windows, entry to two large front rooms, pocket doors, rear kitchen, four upstairs bedrooms and bath, and finally closets for each bedroom. The house retains its original features with the exception of the porch enclosure.

The Yusten House is eligible under Criterion C as it embodies distinctive architectural characteristics of a type and period. The main house has had very few changes since its construction. It maintains characteristics representing the American Foursquare house type incorporated into the rural landscape.

⁷ Davis, Michael W.R. and Robert Schweitzer. *America's Favorite Homes: Mail order Catalogues as a Guide to Popular Early 20th Century Houses*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1990.

⁸ Stephen Rogers and Lynda Schwan, *Architectural History in South Dakota*. South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, Pierre South Dakota, 2000

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The boundary is an imaginary line encompassing the house. It begins at a point six feet northwest of the northwest corner and runs east to a point six feet northeast of the northeast corner. It then runs south to a point Six feet southeast of the southeast corner. It then runs west to a point Six feet southwest of the southwest corner. It then runs north to the original starting point.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes only the house. Only one other building on the farmstead remains and it does not contain historical integrity.