

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic George McMillen House

and/or common Howard Trask Home

2. Location

street & number 111 ~~East~~ Broadway NA not for publication

city, town Pierre NA vicinity of congressional district First

state South Dakota code 046 county Hughes code 065

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Kenneth L. Grover or Pamela D. J. Grover

street & number 111 East Broadway

city, town Pierre NA vicinity of state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Hughes County Courthouse

city, town Pierre state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The George McMillen House is a frame residence built in two phases, 1883 and 1884-1892. The earlier house was a one-story, T-shape dwelling. Today the cap of the T remains visible, while the hipped-roofed stem was incorporated into the later, two-story, cube-shaped house. At the time of the remodeling, it appears that the two ends of the cap were remodeled, one with a hip roof; the other with a semi-octagonal bay. The entire structure rests on a brick foundation. In the 1884-1892 remodeling, the residence was reoriented from the southwest to the northeast, so that the front entrance opens onto Broadway. A hipped roof porch was built above the cap, and stick style details were added to the rear porch and front window bay.

The house has four stained glass windows and interior doors with colored and etched glass. One curious feature is a window which slides into the roof to allow access into the porch area. Decorative molding is used throughout. Alterations are minor and include the removal of two fireplaces in the original unit and gas lights in 1915. The rest of the house is in near original condition.

## 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1883; 1884-1892      **Builder/Architect** George McMillen, brick contractor, Pierre, SD

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

George McMillen, a brick contractor, both built and owned this house in 1883. The residence is significant in the areas of architecture and early settlement. Its unusual architectural design and early date of construction testify to its significance to historical development of Pierre.

Built only three years after the Chicago Northwestern Railroad established the town of Pierre, the McMillen House was erected the same year as the first county courthouse. On the tree barren hill above the courthouse, the house is clearly visible in historic photographs. McMillen lived in the house until his death in 1895. That year the dwelling was sold to John D. Hilger and Anthony D. Hengel; together these gentlemen ran J. D. Hilger and Company. Anthony Hengel emigrated from Luxembourg in 1874 and served as a councilman and mayor of Pierre.

Later owners included banker, W. H. Mateer, and Genevieve Trask. Mrs. Trask served as State Legislative Chairman and supplied the champagne for the christening of the U.S.S. South Dakota in 1941. Mrs. Trask occupied this house until the present owners assumed it in 1981.

Well made and illustrating an evolution in residential architectural style, the house is an excellent example of Nineteenth dwellings in Pierre.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Carla Sahr and Henrietta Roberts, Glimpses of Pierre, The State Publishing Company: Pierre, S.D., 1977:3, 6, 10.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Pierre

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 6, Block 6, and the east 20 feet of the rear 105 feet of Lot 7, Block 6, of the First Railway Addition, Pierre, South Dakota.

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

state NA code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth L. Grover

organization NA date February 11, 1983

street & number 111 East Broadway telephone 605/224-9373

city or town Pierre state South Dakota 57501

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *[Signature]*

title Director, Office of Cultural Preservation date 7/12/83

For HCRS use only

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

*[Signature]*  
Keeper of the National Register

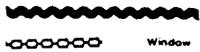
Entered in the National Register date 8/18/83

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Registration

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## KEY



Window



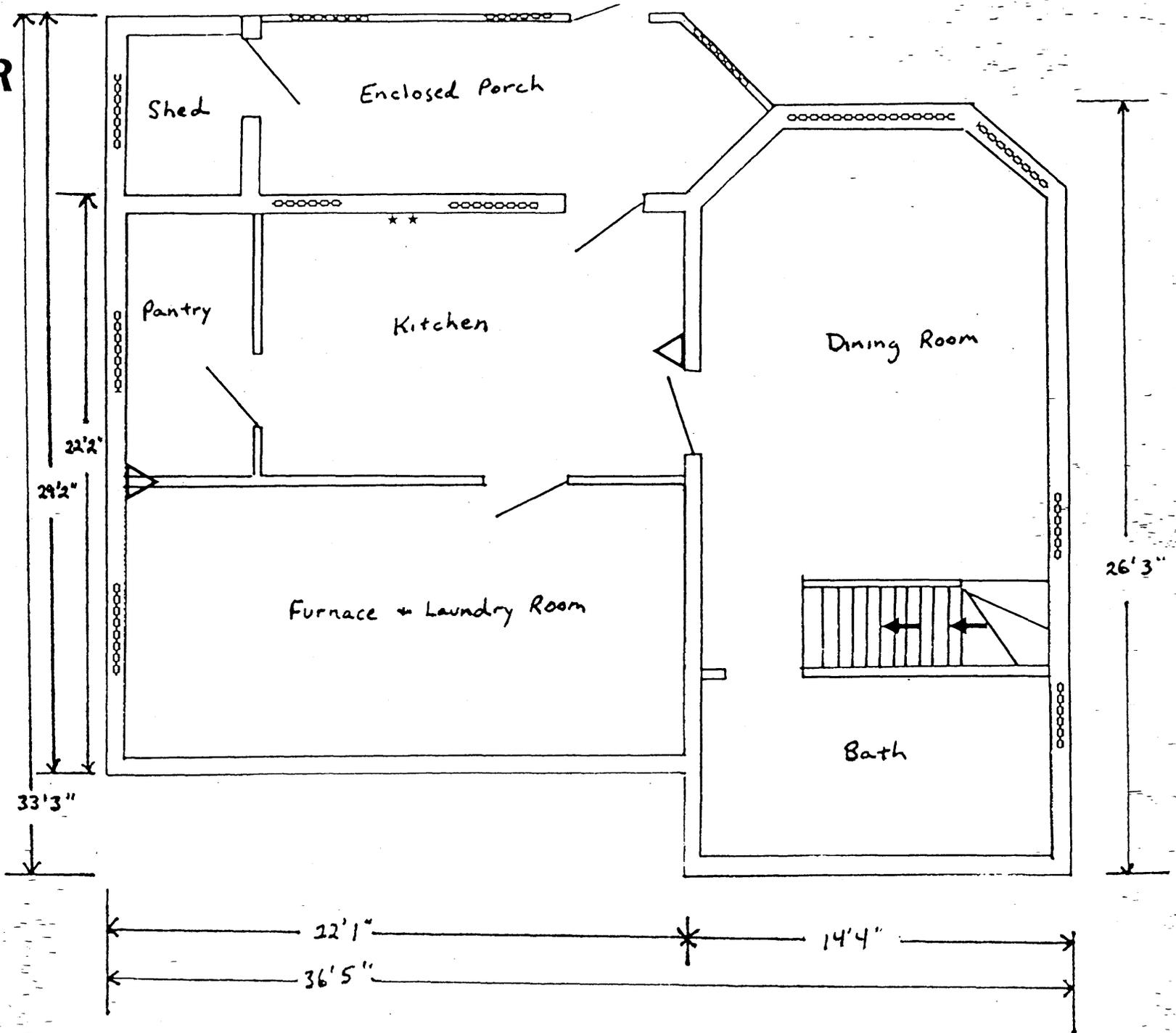
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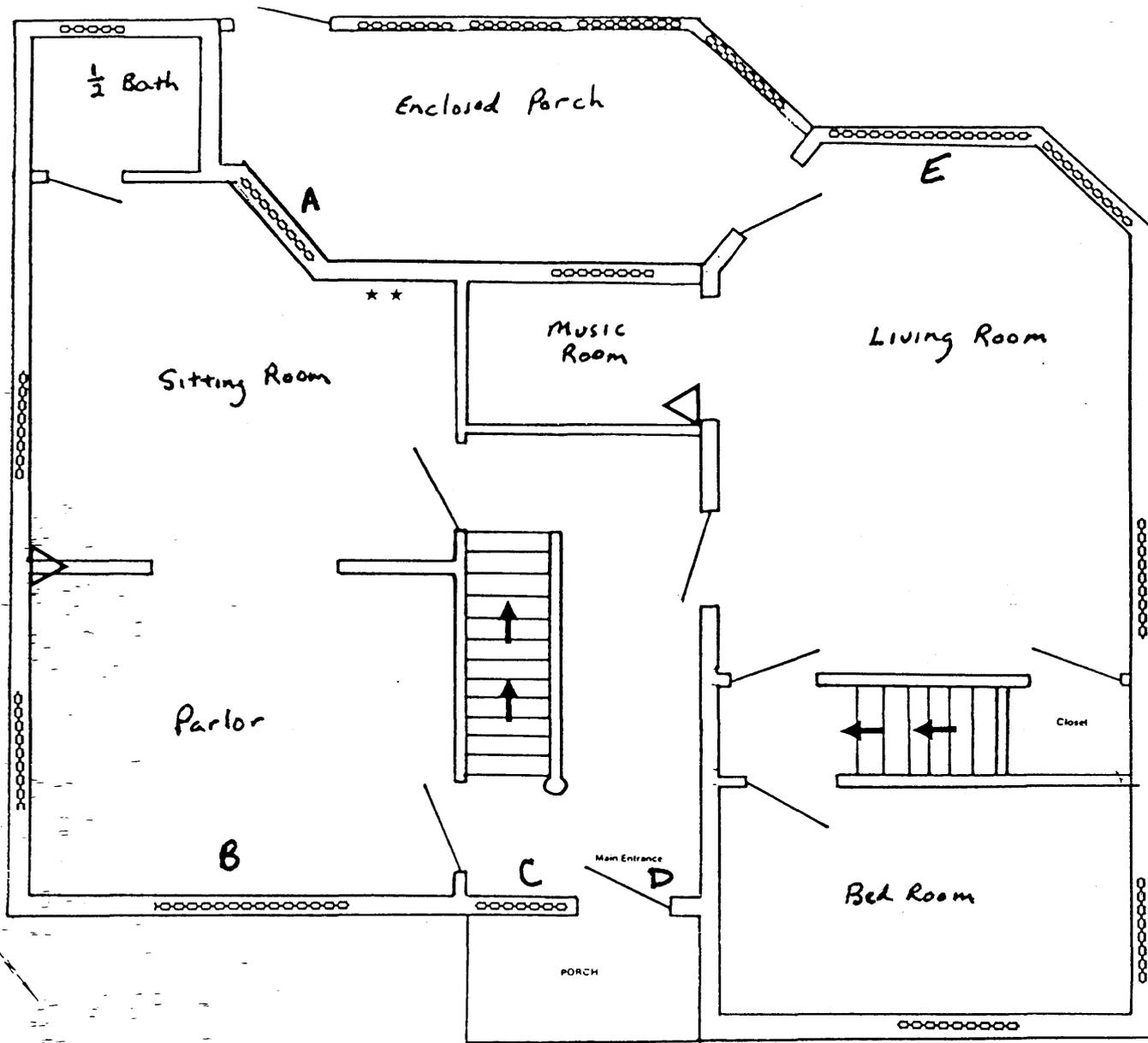


UNUSED FIREPLACE



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