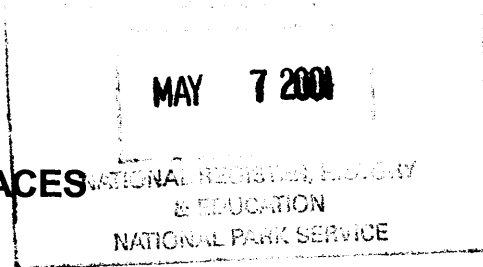


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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 Dunlap Methodist Episcopal Church
other names/site number Dunlap Methodist Church and Cemetery; Dunlap Church and Cemetery

2. Location

street & number Corner of 369th Avenue and 264th Street not for publication N/A
city or town Platte vicinity X
state South Dakota code SD county Brule code 015 zip code 57369

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. Vogt
Signature of certifying official

04-13-2001
Date

SD SHPO
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: Edson A. Beal Date of Action: 6/14/01

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>1</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Religion	Sub: Religious Facility
Funerary	Cemetery
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Religion	Sub: Religious Facility
Secondary Structure	Privy
Funerary	Cemetery
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals: Late
Gothic Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
roof Asphalt
walls Wood
other _____

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

See Continuation Sheets

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

1902

Dunlap Methodist Episcopal Church
Name of Property

Brule County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

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

name Dakota Conference of the United Methodist Church
street & number 1331 W University Ave telephone 605-996-6552
city or town Mitchell SD zip code 57301

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.).

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The Dunlap Methodist Episcopal Church is located in rural Brule County near the Missouri River in the southeastern section of South Dakota. The surrounding area is sloping farmland with limited trees and prairie land. The church and cemetery sit prominently beside a rural road located approximately 20 miles south of Kimball. The church was started in the spring of 1902 and completed in August of the same year.

The façade of the Dunlap Methodist Episcopal Church faces south on a country road in Brule County. The church has a stone foundation mortared with concrete. The church has a wood frame construction covered in wood clapboards. The church roof, as well as the steeple, has cedar shingles. Located approximately in the center of the roof is a chimney.

The façade of the church has a steeple located in the center. There are two doors opening in the center allowing access into the church. Above the doors is a two pane transom window. Located approximately two-thirds high on the steeple is a cedar shingled hipped roof. Resting atop the roof is a narrower extension of the steeple topped with a pyramidal roof. At the point of the pyramid is a metal decoration.

The east and west elevations are identical. There are three gothic, stained glass windows evenly spaced on each elevation. The rear elevation has no openings but does have a three-sided bump out in the center. The bump out has a pyramidal roof.

Interior:

Like many country churches, the interior of the Dunlap Methodist Episcopal Church is very simple. The altar is accessed by a central aisle. The pulpit is recessed in a small alcove. The walls have wainscoting extending four feet from the floor. The remainder of the walls and ceiling is plastered.

Privy:

Located off the northeast corner of the church, facing south, is a two-door gable front privy that was constructed in 1983. Located between the two doors at ground level are two square vents. There are also two additional square vents located in the gable peak. There are no other openings on the building.

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Cemetery:

To the east of the Church is the contributing Dunlap cemetery, which was established at the same time as the church. There are approximately 100 interments. The earliest stone dates to 1893 with the most recent stone dating to 2001.

Statement of Significance

The Dulap Methodist Episcopal Church is significant under criterion C as a well-preserved example of simplified vernacular gothic architectural style and represents the first generation church construction in the eastern portion of the state.

Brule County was established on 14 January 1875 by an act of the legislature. It received its name from the Brule (Burnt Thigh) band of Teton Sioux. The land was organized immediately but in May of the same year, the land was withdrawn from settlement by an executive order from President Grant and remained in that state until 1879. The first town established in Brule County was Brule City which is non-extant. It was the first county seat and remained as a town until 1890 when Chamberlain replaced it as the county seat. Chamberlain, Pukwana and Kimball are the only towns left in Brule County. The remainder of the county is primarily rural with many agricultural facilities.

The Dunlap Methodist Episcopal Church is significant under Criterion C as it typifies the "first generation" of church construction in eastern South Dakota. Scholars of church architecture in the Great Plains have divided the evolution of church buildings in the region into several distinct phases. These phases tend to happen in generational cycles and so they have been termed generations. Typically a parish or congregation would be established in a given area as soon as there was sufficient population. As its first order of business, a newly organized church body constructed a suitable church building. As a result, most of the initial or first generation churches were simple frame buildings constructed by local carpenters or builders. In eastern South Dakota, first generation churches tend to date from the late 19th century to early 20th century with most buildings constructed during the Great Dakota Boom, 1878-1887.

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The church retains a high degree of architectural integrity and has suffered few alterations. The property exhibits those common elements associated with rural churches: a building, privy and cemetery. Few examples of this building type with a high degree of integrity remain in South Dakota. Many have suffered alterations such as modern siding, new windows and removal of the steeple. The Dunlap Methodist Episcopal Church survives as an excellent example of this vernacular building type.

The Dunlap Methodist Episcopal Church is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as an excellent example of a first generation, vernacular gothic building.

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Verbal Boundary Description

SW corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 11-101-67

Verbal Boundary Justification

The property includes the parcel historically associated with the Dunlap Methodist Episcopal Church. The property remains as recorded on the Warranty Deed in the year 1902.