

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Name

historic Turner, Frank and Clara, House

and/or common Turner House (Eyler House)

2. Location

street & number 1006 Main

NA not for publication

city, town Faulkton

NA vicinity of

state South Dakota

code 46

county Faulk

code 049

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	NA 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 Norma E. Turner and Beverly J. Brummond, Joint Tennants

street & number 1006 Main Street

city, town Faulkton

NA vicinity of

state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds, Faulk County Courthouse

street & number Court Street

city, town Faulkton

state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date NA NA federal state county local

depository for survey records NA

city, town NA

state NA

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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 Turner House is located on a double lot and faces south onto the Main Street of the town of Faulkton. The basic shape of the house is rectangular, but with an irregular outline. Built of frame and resting on a stone and concrete foundation, the house is decorated with modest Queen Anne details.

Built prior to 1889, the residence was radically remodeled three times, first in 1897 and later, in 1905-6 and 1934. A final remodeling turned the single family dwelling into four apartments. While the final reworking was internal, the original two rebuildings changed the entire exterior appearance of the house, yet both of these resulted in a harmonious and architecturally balanced whole.

The original house was an L-shaped, one-story cottage with a jerkin-head on each of the gable ends of the intersecting gable roofs. A porch with decorative brackets covered the inner facade of the L. The front, gable-end wall had a projecting bay, with four, double-hung sash windows and a mansard roof topped with metal cresting.

In 1899, when the house was enlarged a larger, rectangular, two-story unit was appended to the east, covering a portion of the L. This unit repeated the jerkin-head motif and the projecting window bay. On the east wall was added a two-story window bay. This decorative bay had a mansard roof at the first floor and a bellcast roof at the second. The four-window motif was repeated. Swags decorated the cornice of the bay, while decorative bargeboard filled in beneath the jerkin-head gable. A front porch extended along most of the front facade. An updated and flat, or two-dimensional design motif was used for brackets and railings.

The second remodeling occurred in 1905-6 when a second story and an attic were built over the entire house. This large gable roof gives the house a more horizontal and massive appearance. The front facade was decorated with Queen Anne details including the contrast of various cut shingles and horizontal boarding, a palladian motif window in the attic and an arcade above the porch and along the second floor. The original front window bay was remodeled with one large, front window and a colored pane transom. Presently, the house has an orderly overall design with some surprising and delightful details, which enliven the three main facade. The rear facade is quite plain. Evidence of the gable-roof L house is visible and a stair and rear double-story, covered porches have been added for extra access to the second floor.

The floor plan of the house, prior to the 1934 apartment remodeling, consisted of three rooms along the front. These included a large, double-pile living room, a wide hallway with stair and, on the west, a dining room. To the rear of the hall was a back entry and to the rear of the dining room, and in the old L, was the kitchen.

While the remodeling has seriously altered the interior, the exterior of the residence has undergone two major rebuildings, which reveal a slow and compatible evolution of architectural design and detail.

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
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	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

pre- 1889, 1897,

Specific dates 1905-6, 1934 **Builder/Architect** Forest Jones and William Dodds, Builders

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Frank and Mary Turner House is significant as a vernacular Queen Anne style house which evolved out of a Victorian cottage. It is also significant as the home of pioneer settlers of the town of Faulkton. In addition, Frank Turner achieved local fame as a state legislator, as mayor and states and district attorney. The site is therefore significant in the areas of vernacular architecture and community settlement.

Three years prior to the founding of the town of Faulkton, Frank Turner arrived in Faulk County as a recently certified lawyer from Illinois. He worked as a farm laborer and in a print shop until he established his law practice. From the first, he was politically popular and in that first year of 1883, he was elected Justice of the Peace. In 1886 he was elected District Attorney and then served as States Attorney from 1898 to 1903. And finally, in 1894, and 1905 he was elected to the state legislature. In the meantime he also served as Mayor, member of the school board and during World War I, as a member of the draft board. No doubt his popularity was aided by public speaking, as Turner was a popular ceremonial speech maker and Chautauqua performer.

Mary Slattery Turner was likewise a talented woman. She had trained in her native Oconto, Wisconsin as a cartographer. She met Frank Turner on a visit and in 1890, she married him. As an early resident of Faulkton, she drew the first map of Faulk County. The Turners had five children. Frank died in 1919 and Mary survived him until 1941.

Among the children was Hamlin, born in 1899. Hamlin Turner trained as an electrical engineer and ran a contracting business in the town. A veteran of World War I, Hamlin married Norma Olson in 1929 and soon thereafter moved into this house. In 1934 they undertook the final remodeling. Like his father, Hamlin Turner also served in public office, as Mayor of Faulkton. He died in 1982.

The house derives its interest from the three distinct "builds" of the structure. Each was a stylish and attractive house and the two major remodelings managed to blend the most striking features of earlier "build" into an updated and ultimately successful design. The final external remodeling used Queen Anne details and the choice was appropriate as irregular massing, large volumes and contrasting surface treatments are all hallmarks of the style. Although the house is a vernacular structure, it lends architectural distinction to the Main Street of town. To quote the February 2, 1905 Faulkton Advocate, Frank Turner "has won a place at the top of his profession and built up a lucrative practice and a home that is among the best in the city".

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Faulkton West

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References/ Latitude: 45 02'08" Longitude: 99 08'00" North Zone

A
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification The boundaries of the property are contained within the legal description: the East 40 feet of Lot 8 and all of Lot 9 in Block 18 in the City of Faulkton, Faulk County, 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 Norma E. Turner (Technical assistance: Carolyn Torma, State Historical Preservation Center, Vermillion, SD 57069)

organization NA date November 13, 1985

street & number 1006 Main Street telephone 605-598-4375

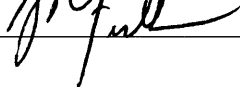
city or town Faulkton state South Dakota

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 

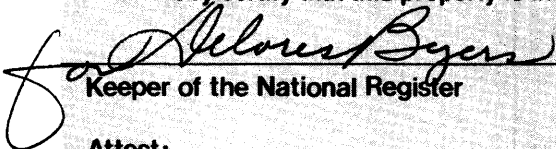
title Director, Office of History date 1/10/86

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

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date 2-13-86


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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The Faulkton Advocate 1887-1931.

Faulk County Democrat 1887-1931.

Faulk County Times 1887-1931.

The History of Faulk County, South Dakota, C.H. Ellis, 1909.

Republican Record 1887-1931.

Mrs. Lorraine Thompson, Faulk County Record Office, Faulkton, South Dakota.

Mrs. Irene Cordts, Faulk County Courthouse, Faulkton, South Dakota.

Mrs. Beverly Brummond, Havanna, North Dakota.

Clara Turner Whitcomb, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Mrs. Norma E. Turner, Faulkton, South Dakota, owner of Turner House for 52 years.