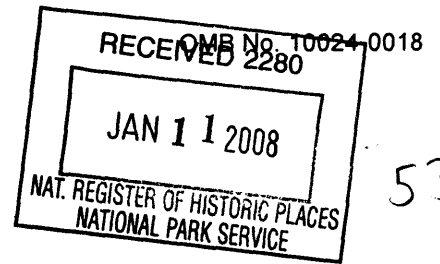


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for individual properties and districts. See instruction 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 an 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 Henry Kuhle House

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 321 East Washington [] not for publication

city or town Salem [] vicinity

state South Dakota code SD county McCook code 075-087 km zip code 57058

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 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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title: Jay D. Voigt, State Historic Preservation Officer, Date: 12-18-2007

South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office
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 certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- [x] 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 [] See continuation sheet.
[] other, explain [] See continuation sheet.

Signature of the Keeper: Edson H. Beall, Date of Action: 2.19.08

Kuhle House
Name of Property

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County/State

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

(Do not count previously listed resources.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing.

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic-Single Dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Folk Victorian

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Fieldstone

walls Wood Siding

roof Asphalt Shingles

other _____

Narrative Description

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

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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.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Periods of Significance

1897

Significant Dates

1897

Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Henry Kuhle

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

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

Kuhle House
Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1. 14 630077 4843025
Zone Easting Northing

2. Zone Easting Northing

3. Zone Easting Northing

4. 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 By

name/title Mike Vogel

organization South Dakota SHPO

date November 15, 2007

street & number 900 Governors Drive

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city or town Pierre

state SD

zip 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 Gerald Robinson

street & number 321 East Washington

telephone 605-425-2771

city or town Salem

state SD

zip code 57058

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DESCRIPTION

The Henry Kuhle House is located at 321 East Washington in Salem, South Dakota. The house is on a large lot, 115 feet wide and 120 feet deep.

The Henry Kuhle House is a side gabled and wing two-story Folk Victorian Style home with a concrete and fieldstone foundation and an asphalt shingle roof. The wing portion of the house contains a salt box roof makeup. Wood siding, decorative wood window pediments, impressive vergeboard and diamond shingles in the gables adorn the house.

The façade (north elevation) first floor, from left to right, includes a one-over-two large picture window, an enclosed gable entryway with a small fixed window on the north side and the main entry door with a transom light on the west side. A hipped roof open porch with two Romanesque columns and a spindled balustrade introduce the main entrance. The entrance onto the porch, from the west end, has two concrete steps. On the west end of the façade, first floor, is another picture window identical to the one on the east end. An abbreviated hipped roof with another Romanesque column is attached to the entrance porch and provides overhead coverage for the picture window. The second floor of the façade features a long, narrow one-over-one, double hung window on each side of the front entry.

The west elevation, first floor on the gable side, features a large picture window identical to those on the façade. The second story of this elevation has a pair of windows that are identical to the second story windows on the façade. On the south side of this gable, second story, is another identical long narrow window. The wing portion of the house, has an enclosed porch on the west side first floor that includes, left to right, three one-over-one windows, an entrance door and another five windows identical to the three on the north side of the entrance door. Two wider one-over-one windows are located on the south end of this elevation. The second story has three long narrow windows identical to the other second story windows.

The south elevation, first floor, contains the enclosed porch. From left to right there are six one-over-one windows, the south entry door opening with a one step concrete landing, and three more windows identical to those on the left side of the door opening. The second floor contains a pair of one-over-one double hung windows identical to the others on the second floor.

The east elevation first floor, from left to right, includes larger paired one-over-one windows in the porch, a smaller one-over-one kitchen window that has been downsized, two long narrow one-over-one double hung windows, a small awning window that has been downsized and a one-over-one double hung window. The second story, or east end of the gable, contains a pair of one-over-one double hung windows. The downsized windows, located on the side of the house, have little impact on the architectural or historic integrity of the house.

The Kuhle House is located on a very large residential lot, with a neat lawn on the north and east sides, evergreens on the south side of the back cement patio, a large elm tree on both the north and east sides and bushes scattered around the yard.

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The interior of the Kuhle House retains the original wood work surrounding the windows, the trim and moldings, the floor and beautiful wooden open staircase. Nearly seventy-five percent of the house still claims the original plaster walls and ceilings. A unique built in small pendulum clock with a clock face on both sides divides two of the main floor rooms.

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Statement of Significance

The Kuhle House is significant under Criteria C for the National Register of Historic Places as a fine example of the Folk Victorian style constructed in McCook County during the late nineteenth century.

Historical Background

The largest groups of American Indians present in South Dakota directly before white settlement were the Nakota, Dakota, and Lakota, known collectively as the Sioux. Anthropologists believe that the Sioux were pushed out of Minnesota onto the plains where they became the dominant group by the mid to late 1700's, although tribal creation stories tell of the Sioux inhabiting the area since time immemorial. The Dakota and Nakota lived primarily east of the Missouri River while the Lakota roamed the western half of the state. The Sioux were eventually forced onto reservations through a series of questionable treaties that opened up land for white settlement.

McCook County is located in the southeast part of the state. The county was named after Edwin S. McCook, a Civil War general and Secretary of Dakota Territory.¹ The surface of the county is comparatively level, with slight undulations. The soil is black loam uniformly distributed over the uplands and made up of vegetable deposits, from two to three feet deep.² Agriculture has always been the primary economic activity of the county.

The first white settlement in the area of McCook county was in 1870-71 principally along the Vermillion River. With the railroad moving into the vicinity in 1879, progress and development was very rapid.³

McCook County was organized on the first Monday in January, 1879. A deal of trouble and hard feeling was engendered in the strife over the county seat. At the election, held on the 2nd of November, 1879 it was given to Cameron. It was afterwards given to Bridgewater by a vote taken on the 2nd of November 1880; and again at an election held on the 7th of November, 1882, Salem was made the county seat.⁴ Salem remains the county seat today. There are varying accounts as to just how Salem became the county seat and the battle that took place between the town of Salem and Bridgewater. One source said that Bridgewater officials refused to accept the vote in November of 1882 and refused to give up the county records. As a result, some Salem men traveled to Bridgewater one night and stole the records.⁵

¹ Donald Dean Parker, *History of Our County and State*, History Department, South Dakota State University, 1961

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid

⁵ McCook County Centennial Committee, *McCook County South Dakota, Within These Borders*, 1976

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The city of Salem was surveyed and platted in July, 1880. The town was named by Oliver S. Pendar, the town's first Postmaster, for his home town of Salem, Massachusetts. Its location was determined by the railroad as it was one of the many townsites marked off at various intervals by the railway companies as they made their way west. The Chicago and Northwestern was the first railroad to come through Salem. It arrived in the fall of 1880. Salem grew rapidly for the first seven or eight years of its existence and it was officially incorporated as a town in 1865.⁶

History of Henry Kuhle House

The Henry Kuhle House was built in 1897. Kuhle was a prominent local businessman in the construction of homes and buildings and the buying and selling of properties. His entrepreneurship was instrumental in the early development of Salem. Among his more noted properties that he constructed included the DeGrand Opera House, Kuhle Grocery Store, and the Salem Opera House and Hotel. Following the original platting of Salem, Kuhle proceeded to purchase 20 residential lots that he eventually sold to private individuals for the construction of their own homes. Mr. Kuhle was also a property owner in the nearby town of Spencer as well as having ownership of 3 quarters of land in the Salem rural area.⁷

The Kuhle House is significant for being one of the oldest homes that still remain in the town of Salem. The Folk Victorian style home provides a good example of this type of house that was built in small towns in eastern South Dakota prompted by railroad development in the late nineteenth century.

Folk Victorian style is defined by the presence of Victorian decorative detailing on simple folk house forms, which are generally much less elaborated than the Victorian styles that they attempt to mimic. The details are usually of either Italianate or Queen Anne inspiration. The primary areas for the application of this detailing are the porch and cornice line. Porch supports are commonly either Queen Anne-type turned spindles, or square posts with the corner beveled (chamfered) as in many Italianate porches. In addition, lace-like spandrels are frequent and turned balusters may be used both in porch railings and in friezes suspended from the porch ceiling.⁸

The Kuhle house possesses several features that make it a good example of the Folk Victorian style. They include a side gable and wing, spindle work and supporting columns on the front entrance, vergeboard in the gables and decorative window pediments

⁶ Ibid

⁷ Gerald Robinson, *Personal Correspondence*, September, 2007

⁸ Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses*, Alfred Knopf Inc., New York, 1984, p.309

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The period of significance for the Kuhle House is 1897. The surround porch was enclosed in 1947. The enclosure provides minimal distraction being located near the back of the house and does not detract from the architectural integrity of the house. The Kuhle House retains a good amount of integrity regarding the retention of original materials, workmanship and design. Although the home, now surrounded by other homes built at a later date, still resides on the same large lot and retains its integrity in feeling and association. The Kuhle House looks a lot like it did when it was originally constructed.

Conclusion

The Kuhle House is significant under Criteria C for the National Register of Historic Places. With the side gable and wing, vergeboard in the gables, window pediments, and the porch with supporting columns and spindle work is a good example of Folk Victorian style evident in the late nineteenth century in eastern South Dakota.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The Kuhle House is located on the east 78 feet of lots 25, 26 and 27, except for the south 15 feet of lot 25, and the west 37.5 feet of lots 20 and 21 in the city limits of Salem, South Dakota.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary follows the tract of land historically associated with the house.

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McCook County, South DakotaSection number 10 Page 8**PHOTOGRAPH LOG**

The following information pertains to photograph numbers 1-4_ except as noted:

Name of Property: Kuhle House**County and State:** McCook County South Dakota**Photographer:** Mike Vogel**Date of Photographs:** September 26, 2007**Location of Originals:** South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, Pierre, SD

Negatives:

<u>Photo No.</u>	<u>Photographic Information</u>
1	Southwest Kuhle House (KuhleHouse_McCookCounty_SD1tiff
2	Northwest Kuhle House (KuhleHouse_McCookCounty_SD2tiff
3	Southeast Kuhle House (KuhleHouse_McCookCounty_SD3tiff
4	Northeast Kuhle House (KuhleHouse_McCookCounty_SD4tiff