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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES -- REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering "NA" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Drake, Hattie O. and Henry, Octoagon House  
other name/ site number: NA

2. Location

street & number: 605 Third Street Street, S.W. /NA/ not for publication  
city, town: Huron /NA/ vicinity  
state: SOUTH DAKOTA code: SD county: Beadle code: SD 005 zip code: 57350

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property:		
		Contributing	Noncontributing	
/XX/ private	/XX/ building(s)	___1___	___1___	buildings
/ / public-local	/ / district	_____	_____	sites
/ / public-state	/ / site	_____	_____	structures
/ / public-federal	/ / structure	_____	_____	objects
	/ / object	___1___	___1___	Total
Name of related multiple property listing: NA		Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: ___0___		

11. Form Prepared by

name/title: Tamra Misner, with technical assistance by John Rau, SHPO staff  
organization: date: October 28, 1991  
street & number: P. O. Box 731 telephone: 605-886-4065  
city or town: Watertown state: SOUTH DAKOTA zip code: 57201

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property name county state

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this / / 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 / / meets / / does not meet the National Register criteria. / / See continuation sheet.

[Signature] 12/24/91  
Signature of certifying official Date

South Dakota SHPO  
State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property / /meets / / does not meet the National Register Criteria. / / See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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) \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

[Signature] 1/30/92

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date

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6. **Function or Use** (enter categories from instructions)  
Historic functions: DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling Current Functions: DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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7. **Description**  
Architectural Classification: (enter categories from instructions) Octagon Mode  
Materials: (enter categories from instructions)  
foundation Concrete  
walls Concrete  
Stucco  
roof Asphalt  
other NA

Describe present and historic physical appearance: /XX/ see continuation sheet

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8. **Significance**  
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in  
relation to other properties: / / /XX/ / /  
nationally statewide locally  
Applicable National Register Criteria / / A / /B /XX/C / /D  
Criteria Considerations / /A / /B / /C / /D / /E / /F / /G  
Areas of Significance (enter from instructions)  
Architecture

Period of Significance circa 1893 Significant Dates circa 1893

Significant Person NA Cultural Affiliation NA  
Architect/Builder Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations,  
and periods of significance noted above /XX/ see continuation sheet

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Situated on a corner lot near the State Fair Grounds in Huron, South Dakota, the Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House is a two-story eight-sided poured concrete masonry dwelling built about 1893. The exterior is covered with a stucco veneer scored to resemble brick construction. Rising from a poured concrete basement, the building is capped by a mansard roof that is covered with asphalt shingles. Four shallow shed-roofed dormers project from the mansard roof to light the upper story rooms. A square brick chimney rises from near the center of the roof. Fenestration is balanced consisting mostly of elongated one-over-one double hung sash windows with two-over-two storm windows.

The floor plan generally resembles that of a vernacular foursquare with the outside corners truncated due to the multi-sided configuration creating a less conventional format. In addition, the plan is interrupted by a multi-sided entrance foyer that causes irregular shapes and sizes of the adjoining rooms. A central stairway provides access to the upper level. (See floor plan sketch on continuation sheet 7.2.) Interior details are well executed with period authentic features including an entry door with a large oval beveled-glass light, hardwood pocket doors, a staircase with an ornate balustrade, and historic lighting fixtures and steam heat radiators. The kitchen was remodeled in the 1950s.

A few yards north of the house is a small square wood frame garage (noncontributing) that was built after 1916. It is capped by a pyramidal roof covered with tar paper.



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Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is one of only two or three known octagon mode dwellings extant in South Dakota. Built in circa 1893, the house has been a longtime landmark to local residents. Under the South Dakota State Historical Preservation Plan the property relates to the historic context labeled: IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement, D.2. Urban Development/Residential Living.

The construction of octagonal or other multi-sided<sup>1</sup> houses is generally an anomaly in American building design of the mid-to-late 19th Century. Yet thousands of examples of such dwellings, most of them unique designs, were erected by would-be residents seeking a comfortable, efficient home. Although the use of multi-sided buildings in America dates back to Colonial times, it was not until the middle of the last century that the idea was popularized. At that time, theologian, phrenologist, lecturer, and publisher Orson Squire Fowler wrote a treatise in which he advocated the concept. First published in 1848, his work entitled A Home For All; or The Gravel Wall and Octagon Mode of Building argued that square or rectangular houses were inadequate for successful domesticity. As the title suggests, Fowler also encouraged the use of what he called "gravel" construction, which is actually primitive poured concrete masonry construction. Concrete had been known to the ancient Romans, but it was at that time very rare in America. Using his concepts, Fowler built his own home in Fishkill, New York, a massive four-story building equipped with the latest conveniences. Eventually, several other individuals built grand designs. However, with continued publication of Fowler's work meaner classes were also attracted to his concepts, and smaller, more modest eight-sided houses were built throughout the country. In many of these later examples, wood construction was substituted for masonry. By the end of the 19th Century, interest in the idea of multi-sided houses waned, in large part due to the complicated room arrangements often necessary in the smaller houses. Although round and multi-sided barns continued to enjoy limited popularity after the turn of the century, the notion of building multi-sided houses is for the most part confined to the last half of the 19th Century.

Built in circa 1893, the Drake house is a late example of an octagon house. It features poured concrete walls, just as Fowler had advocated, and a plethora of fine period appointments including an entry door with a large oval beveled-glass light, hardwood pocket doors, a staircase with an ornate balustrade, and historic lighting fixtures and steam heat radiators. Only one or two other octagon houses are believed to exist in the state.

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1. with more than four sides.

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Beadle County, lying in the flat plain of the James River valley, was created in 1879 and officially organized a year later. Huron, the county seat, was established by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad in 1879 and 1880 to serve as a hub for its expansive network in Dakota Territory. The city, which is located on the west bank of the James River, was incorporated in 1883. It quickly grew to be a major commercial and transportation center for the surrounding farming community. Huron was also a formidable candidate for state capital and became embroiled in several costly campaigns for that position, which eventually left the community financially hardshipped but without the desired prize. Nevertheless, the city persevered. One of its greatest attractions has been the annual State Fair that brings in thousands of vendors and patrons from across South Dakota.

It is in this community that Hattie O. and Henry Drake purchased a parcel of land in 1893. It is believed that they constructed their octagon house in about the same year. After 1914, ownership of the house passed through several hands until it was acquired by John and Elizabeth Eid in the 1940s. The current owner, Tamra Misner, a granddaughter of Elizabeth Eid, is in the process of restoring the house.

The period of significance of the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in circa 1893.

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property name county state

9. Major Bibliographical References /XX/ see continuation sheet

Previous documentation by 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:

- /XX/ State historic preservation office
- / / Other State agency
- / / Federal agency
- / / Local government
- / / University
- / / Other

Specify repository:

South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: Less than one acre

UTM References:

A = /14/	/561-850/	/4912-340/	B = / /	/ /	/ /
C = / /	/ /	/ /	D = / /	/ /	/ /
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Quad: Huron

Scale: 1:24000

/ / see continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property is bounded by the legal description as recorded in the Beadle County Register of Deeds Office: South 95 feet of Lots 9 and 10, and South 95 feet of the East 5 feet of Lot 11, Block 52, Fifth Railway Addition to the City of Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota.

/ / see continuation sheet

Boundary Justification: The boundaries of the nominated property are contained within the lot lines of the parcel historically associated with the property.

/ / see continuation sheet



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1.  
Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House  
Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by Tamra Misner  
May 1991  
Neg.: Tamra Misner, Watertown, SD  
South, east and northeast facades, camera facing northwest  
(noncontributing garage visible in right background)  
Photo No. 1
  
2.  
Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House  
Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by Tamra Misner  
May 1991  
Neg.: Tamra Misner, Watertown, SD  
West, southwest, and south facades, camera facing east-northeast  
Photo No. 2
  
3.  
Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House  
Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by Tamra Misner  
May 1991  
Neg.: Tamra Misner, Watertown, SD  
Interior, pocket doors  
Photo No. 3
  
4.  
Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House  
Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by Tamra Misner  
May 1991  
Neg.: Tamra Misner, Watertown, SD  
Interior, first floor room, southwest corner  
Photo No. 4
  
5.  
Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House  
Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by Tamra Misner  
May 1991  
Neg.: Tamra Misner, Watertown, SD  
Interior, second floor hallway  
Photo No. 5

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 05000034

Property Name: Drake, Hattie O. and Henry, Octagon (Additional Documentation)

County: Beadle State: South Dakota

Multiple Name: N/A

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

 February 10, 2005  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 1, Name of Property: The phrase "(Additional Documentation)" hereby replaces the phrase "(Garage Classification)" to indicate the action being requested.

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The South Dakota Historic Preservation Office provided the information for this amendment.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

**National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**

**United States Department of the Interior  
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**1. Name of Property**

historic name Drake, Hattie O. and Henry, Octagon House (Garage Reclassification)

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 605 Third Street SW not for publication N/A

city or town Huron Vicinity N/A

state SD Code SD county Beadle code 005 zip code 57350

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Voigt  
Signature of certifying official

11-03-2004  
Date

South Dakota 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 Ronda McAllister Date of Action 2/10/05

**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>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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 1

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

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Secondary Structure  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

### Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Secondary Structure  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

No Style  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Concrete  
Roof Asphalt  
Walls Concrete; stucco  
Other N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

See Continuation Sheets

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### 8. Statement of Significance

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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**

1893, 1916 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Drake Octagon House Garage  
Name of Property

Beadle County, South Dakota  
County and State

**Significant Dates**    1893; 1916  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**    N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**    N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**    Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(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: N/A





Drake Octagon House Garage  
Name of Property

Beadle County, South Dakota  
County and State

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## Property Owner

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

name Scott Dorwart  
street & number 813 North Prairie Avenue telephone 605-680-2828  
city or town Sioux Falls state SD zip code 57104

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**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 the 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 Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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## NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

### BUILDING PREVIOUSLY LISTED

Situated on a corner lot near the State Fair Grounds in Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota, the Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House is a two-story eight sided poured concrete masonry dwelling built about 1893. The exterior is covered with a stucco veneer scored to resemble brick construction. Rising from a poured concrete basement, the building is capped by a mansard roof that is covered with wood shingles.

The façade (southeast elevation) has a shallow shed dormer with two one-over-one double hung sash windows. On the main level is a single wood door with metal storm door on the exterior. This serves as the main entrance for the house. On each side of the door is an elongated two-over-two window and on either side of each window is a hexagonal wood pilaster. A concrete set of stairs with metal rails on each side runs up to the front entrance. The east elevation has a set of three adjacent elongated two-over-two windows that abut the eastern-most pilaster on the southeast elevation. To the north of these windows on the east elevation is a square window with two vertical panes.

The northeast elevation has a shallow shed dormer with three one-over-one double hung sash windows. Directly below the left-most of these windows is another one-over-one double hung sash window on the first story. Below the right-most window is a single wood door with a vinyl storm door on the exterior. The north side of the house has a small single-pane window in the center-top of the mansard roof. The main level of the north elevation has two one-over-one double hung sash windows. The northwest elevation has a shallow shed dormer with two one-over-one double hung sash windows. On the far left side of the first level is a one-over-one double hung sash window. There are two adjacent one-over-one double hung sash windows on the west elevation.

The southwest elevation also has a shallow shed dormer with two one-over-one double hung sash windows. On the left side of the main level is a four-pane casement window. On the right side of the elevation is a one-over-one double hung sash window. The south elevation has a square window with two vertical panes. To the east of this window is a set of three adjacent elongated two-over-two windows that abut the western-most pilaster on the southeast elevation.

The floor plan generally resembles that of a vernacular foursquare with the outside corners truncated due to the multi-sided configuration creating a less conventional format. In addition, the plan is interrupted by a multi-sided entrance foyer that causes irregular shapes and sizes of the adjoining rooms. A central stairway provides access to the upper level. Interior details are well executed with

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period authentic features including an entry door with a large oval beveled-glass light, hardwood pocket doors, a staircase with an ornate balustrade, and historic lighting fixtures and steam heat radiators. The kitchen was remodeled in the 1950s.

## BUILDING TO BE RECLASSIFIED AS CONTRIBUTING

A few yards north of the house is a small square wood frame garage that was built circa 1916. This garage was initially classified non-contributing. It is proposed that this garage be reclassified as a contributing resource.

The garage has a pyramidal roof with asphalt shingles. The north and the south elevations are clad with stucco while the east and the west elevations have wood shiplap siding. The east elevation has the original wood folding doors. Each door has three leaves and folds open to the sides of the garage. The south elevation has a single door on the far left side of the elevation. The north and west elevations each have a one-over-one double hung sash window in the center of the elevation.

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## **Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Octagon House garage is eligible under Criterion C and should be reclassified as a contributing building as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and period. The garage represents a common design of secondary structures in South Dakota during the early twentieth century. It does, however, contain distinct elements that make it unique. While most secondary structures were simple wood gabled buildings, the Octagon House garage features a pyramidal roof and two stucco walls. It also retains its original three-leaved folding doors. Like Octagon Houses, historic secondary structures are a rare and threatened resource in South Dakota. The garage retains its historic integrity and is significant under Criterion C.

Beadle County was created in 1879 and officially organized a year later. Huron, the county seat, was established by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad in 1879 and 1880 and incorporated in 1883. It quickly grew into a major commercial and transportation center for the surrounding farming community. Henry and Hattie O. Drake purchased a parcel of land in Huron in 1893 and shortly thereafter built the Octagon House.

The detached garage has been associated with the Octagon House and has undergone minimal alterations since it was constructed circa 1916. When automobiles first became popular in the 1910s and 1920s, they were housed in detached buildings, as had been done with horses and carriages. As the automobile gained importance in American society, garages were no longer constructed separately but instead designed as an extension of the house. (McAlester, 30) The Octagon House garage is thus eligible under Criterion C for its design and association with the Octagon House.

Drake Octagon House

Name of Property

Beadle County, South Dakota

County and State

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## **Bibliography**

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## **Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the property will remain the same as originally nominated. The property is bounded by the legal description as recorded in the Beadle County Register of Deeds Office: South 95 feet of Lots 9 and 10, and South 95 feet of the East 5 feet of lot 11, Block 52, Fifth Railway Addition to the City of Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota.

## **Boundary Justification**

The boundary will continue to contain the lot lines of the parcel historically associated with both the octagon house and the garage.

County, South Dakota

County and State

Name of Property

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