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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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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 the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" 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 Davis, Amy A., House
other names/site number CD-WT-N-86

2. Location

street & number 20 Fourth Avenue Northwest
city, town Watertown
state South Dakota code SD county Codington code SD 029 zip code 57201

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: [x] private, [] public-local, [] public-State, [] public-Federal
Category of Property: [x] building(s), [] district, [] site, [] structure, [] object
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 1 buildings, 1 sites, 1 structures, 1 objects, Total 1
Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of the North End Neighborhood, Watertown, SD
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. [] See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: [Signature]
Date: 11/18/88
State or Federal agency and bureau: [Signature] SHB

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 and bureau:

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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.
[] other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper: Beth Boland
Date of Action: 1/3/89

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
walls Wood

roof Asphalt
other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Situated on a shaded corner lot, the Amy A. Davis House is a vernacular adaptation of the Queen Anne style of architecture. The two-and-one-half story wood frame dwelling rests on a stone foundation. It is sheathed with shake shingles and clapboard siding and is capped with a gable asphalt shingle roof. A small dormer projects from the roof line on the front facade. A tower with a conical roof rises from the northeast corner (front) of the house. Rising from near the center of the roof is a tall, thin brick chimney.

Floor divisions are marked with slight flairs supported by brackets. Fenestration is irregular and asymmetrical. On most facades, multi-paned, double sash windows with plain wood surrounds are set into slightly-recessed Gothic arches. A large rectangular window with a Gothic arch transom is located in the center of the west (side) facade. Some of the windows include leaded-glass panes. Brick steps lead to the front entrance, which is recessed within a Gothic arch.

On the southeast corner (rear) is a small modern wood frame addition with a shed roof.

A modern two-car garage (non-contributing) is located to the south of the dwelling.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1901

Significant Dates

1901

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository:

Codington County Historical Society

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A

1	4	6	4	8	7	9	0	4	9	7	4	0	0	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

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D

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the property are contained within the legal description: The West 80.5 feet of Outlot 4, City Lands Addition (Section 30-117-52), City of Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the parcel that has historically been associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the Amy A. Davis House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is a relatively unaltered example of the late Queen Anne style as was popular in Watertown, South Dakota, at the turn of the century. Built for early city resident Amy Davis, it exemplifies Queen Anne stylistic dispositions with its asymmetry of facade and roof line, its tower, irregular fenestration, and multiplicity of siding material. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the property relates to the following historic context: IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement, D. Urban Settlement, 2. Residential living.

The Davis property was part of an unplatted piece of property in Section 30-117-52 until 1900 when Frank L. Bramble, County Auditor, filed the Auditor's Plat. According to deed records, Amy A. (Mrs. Roy A.) Davis purchased the property in 1901. The Davis family constructed the home that year. Eventually, O. M. Kirlin purchased the property. Kirlin, along with W. J. Gray, was granted an electric franchise by the City of Watertown in 1898. He later became a bookkeeper for the Hess and Rau Heating and Plumbing firm in Watertown.

The period of significance for the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in 1901.

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

1.

Amy A. Davis House

(Historic Resources of the North End Neighborhood, Watertown, SD)

20 Fourth Ave., N.W., Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

by Rolene Schliesman

August 1987

Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

North facade, camera facing south

Photo No. 1

2.

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West facade, camera facing east/southeast (non-contributing garage in background)

Photo No. 2

3.

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Detail of tower, camera facing southwest

Photo No. 3