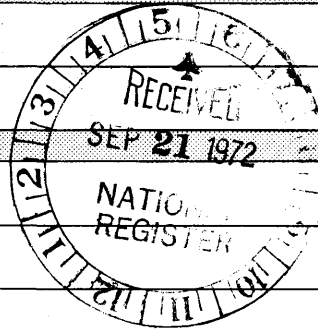


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>South Dakota</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Clay</b>	
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<b>OCT 18 1972</b>	



1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Austin-Whittemore Museum**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Austin-Whittemore House**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**15 Austin Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Vermillion**

STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40** COUNTY: **Clay** CODE: **027**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments under development

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Clay County Historical Society**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Box 160**

CITY OR TOWN: **Vermillion** STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Original townsite, January 23, 1869, by Ole Bottolfson**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Clay County Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN: **Vermillion** STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic Sites Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1968**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Historic Preservation program**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**W. H. Over Dakota Museum**

CITY OR TOWN: **Vermillion** STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40**

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

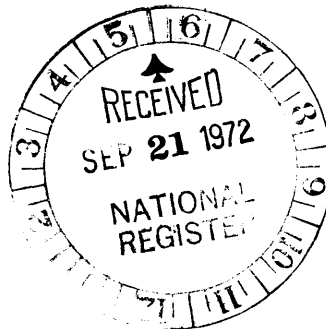
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Austin-Whittemore house is nearly in original physical appearance. The architectural plan and decor of the home itself is in the manner of a unique combination of Victorian and late-1800's modified regional architecture. The house is constructed of red brick supporting a shingled hipped roof. The brick bonds are of a common style.

The home is large and incorporates buggy and stable facilities with earthen basement plus three stories and a cupola. Modifications over the years tend to hide the Victorian effect particularly in regard to doors, windows, and walls.

Typical of early homes in this region, the Whittemore house proximates the Missouri River bluffs allowing for a magnificent view from the cupola.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1884**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

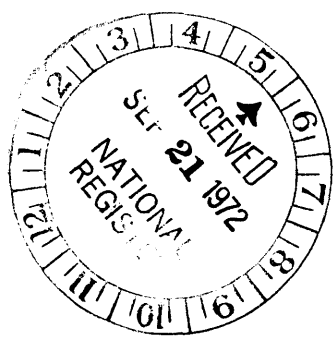
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1884, five years prior to South Dakota statehood, the Austin-Whittemore house is one of the few surviving structures of the 19th century in the vicinity of Vermillion. The architecture of the house is uniquely significant in that it reflects the influence of the American frontier on Victorian style. In addition, the Victorian style gives the home a stately permanence that merits preservation.

Historically, Horace J. Austin, builder of the house and its first occupant, was one of the original settlers in Dakota Territory. Arriving in 1859 with the first influx of settlement into Dakota, Mr. Austin served with the First Dakota Cavalry, until the close of the Civil War when he returned to southeastern South Dakota as a professional surveyor. Further testimony to Mr. Austin's fervor for public service is reflected in the several terms he served as a Dakota legislator and that he died in this capacity in 1891.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Register of Historic Sites in Clay County, South Dakota, 1972  
 Sterling, Everett W., Vermillion Story, 1959  
 Lathrop, A.H., Life in Vermillion Before the 1881 Flood and Shortly After, 1970  
Tour Guide, Historic Sites in Vermillion, 1970

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		42°	46'	44"
SW	° ' "	° ' "			96°	56' 5"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one (1) acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
not applicable			
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Mr. John Derby, Director**

ORGANIZATION: **South Dakota Historic Preservation Program** DATE: **August 11, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **W. H. Over Dakota Museum % University of South Dakota**

CITY OR TOWN: **Vermillion** STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: *James Smith*  
 Title: *State Liaison Officer*  
 Date: *Sept. 5, 1972*

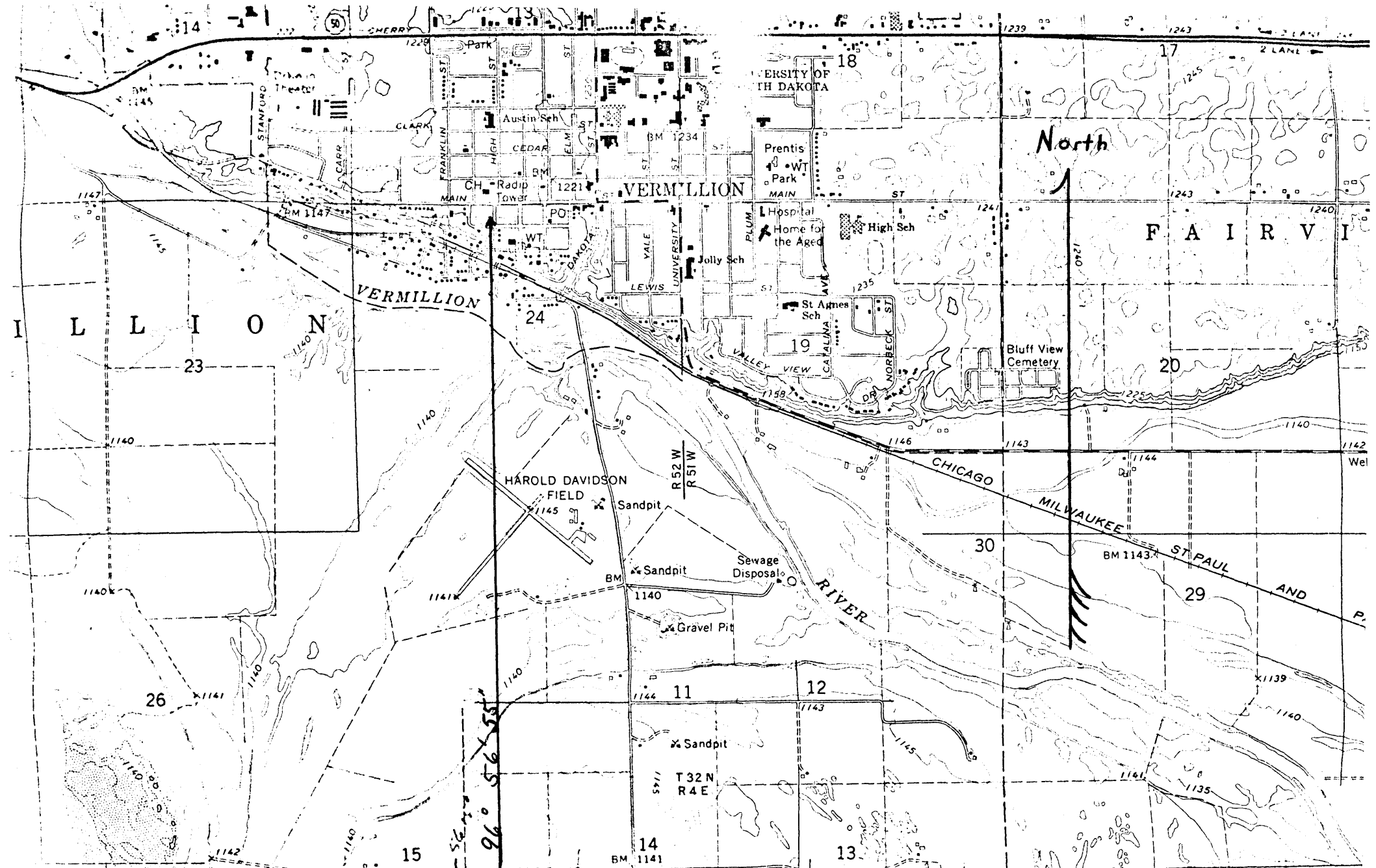
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Robert W. Utley*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *10/18/72*

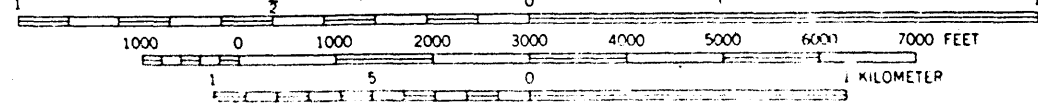
ATTEST:  
*William J. Phuntz*  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: *10-16-72*

NO  
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SCALE 1:24 000

*Austin-Whittemore Home*



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, all weather, Light-duty hard surface
- Secondary highway, all weather, Unimproved hard surface
- Light-duty improved
- Unimproved weather

○ State Route

INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASH DC 673000

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(July 1969)

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE South Dakota	
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<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: Austin-Whittemore Museum			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Austin-Whittemore House			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: 15 Austin			
CITY OR TOWN: Vermillion, South Dakota			
STATE: South Dakota	CODE 40	COUNTY: Clay	CODE 027
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: United States Geological Survey			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1969			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

