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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Thielman-Stoddard House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 132 First Street
CITY, TOWN Parker VICINITY OF No. 1
STATE South Dakota CODE 046 COUNTY Turner CODE 125

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Blanchard
STREET & NUMBER 112 East Cherry Street
CITY, TOWN Vermillion VICINITY OF STATE South Dakota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Turner County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Parker STATE South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE South Dakota Historic Sites Survey
DATE May, 1976
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Historical Preservation Center
CITY, TOWN Vermillion STATE South Dakota

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input 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

In 1880 Vale Thielman purchased three lots in what was already the town of Parker. It was on one of these lots that Mr. Thielman decided to build a brick home. Construction began on June 23, 1883.

The present two-story, truncated hip roof structure contains elements of several styles which were popular during the Victorian era in the late nineteenth century. Despite the later intrusion of a brick enclosed porch on the first story, the front facade was obviously a tree-bay design. Corbelled brick segmental caps and the regular rhythm of the three second-story front windows may be a late Italianate carry-over. Bracketing under the eaves and in the peak of the gable dormer covering the two-story bay projection on the west side are motifs common to Stick, Queen Anne, and Eastlake traditions. Metal finials at the corners of the roof deck may once have been connected by metal cresting.

To the rear, there is at least one addition, and possibly a second, to the original cubic design. Possibly an add-on, but certainly contemporary with the dormered bay on the side, the eaves of a 1 1/2 story gable-roof extension are fitted with ornamental braces. More obviously inconsistent with the house's overall design is a one-story pyramid-roof segment; its smaller door and flat-headed double sash window are unlike the corbelled-brick treatment of all other doors and windows. An inside chimney rises from the rear of the house's "cottage roof" over the rear facade.

Distinctive as the exterior of the Thielman-Stoddard house is, the ornamental fixtures within make the property still more significant. The glazed-and-panelled front door, screen door, and stair rails and newel were ordered from catalogs of late nineteenth-century architectural details; the ornate ceiling fixtures and globe lights may have come from a similar source. Other original elements have been retained in place or kept by the owners.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES June 23, 1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Dibble and Son

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Thielman-Stoddard House is primarily significant for its architectural qualities. The house and land also derive an additional degree of significance from association with early pioneers of Turner County and individuals important in the development of Parker.

Vale P. Thielman, along with several other families moved from Swan Lake to the newly established railroad town of Parker. Mr. Thielman purchased the land on which the house sits from G.W. Sanborn in January, 1880. Thielman and others like him moved to Parker to take advantage of the opportunities made available by the arrival of the railroad. Thielman operated the first abstract business in Turner County, he was mayor of Parker, served in the territorial legislature and was the first state senator from Turner County.

In December, 1881 Thielman opened a brickyard in Parker and he contracted with John Gehrig to make 600,000 brick. He hoped that the availability of this new building material would prompt the construction of new brick structures, both in Parker and other surrounding towns. He decided he would begin this building boom by constructing a large new palatial residence, built with brick from his own brickyard. The construction began on June 23, 1883 and Thielman contracted with Dibble and Son, a local builder to build his new home. The Thielman family moved into the home in December, 1883 and the property was appraised for \$4,200.00 for tax purposes, a considerable sum in 1883. The home is the first brick house in Turner County.

Willis R. Wood, Thielman's partner in the abstract business and C.W. Davis, another prominent Parker citizen, purchased the home in 1895. They also bought his abstract land and loan business in Parker. The house passed through several hands until it was sold to Mrs. Lillie L. Stoddard in 1904. Lillie Stoddard was the wife of K.B. Stoddard, one of the earliest pioneers in Turner County. K.B. Stoddard was the brother of W.H. Stoddard, a prominent figure in the County and three time state senator. Ownership passed to K.B. Stoddard's daughter in 1953 and the home was purchased by the present owners, the Cliff Blanchard's in 1966.

With its historic associations, early construction date and variety of nineteenth-century stylistic elements, the Thielman-Stoddard house is one of Parker's proudest cultural assets.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

W.H. Stoddard. Turner County Pioneer History. Pine Hill Press, Freeman, SD, 1975
 Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Blanchard, February 3, 1979
 New Era - 1881-1884
 Turner County Register of Deeds

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre
 UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The nominated property is located on Lot 107, Block 4 of the original plat of Parker. It is one and a half blocks north of the Chicago Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad line, one block east of Parker High School, and one block west of Main Street.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
 Historical Preservation Center Staff

ORGANIZATION
 Historical Preservation Center

DATE

STREET & NUMBER
 USD Alumni House

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CITY OR TOWN
 Vermillion

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

John J. Little

TITLE SHPO/ Director, Historical Preservation Center

DATE

19 June 79

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

8-3-79

ATTEST:

William A. Bradham

7.31.79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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