#### United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 07000530

Property Name: Glud Theater

County: Turner State: South Dakota

Multiple Name: N/A

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.

June 8, 2007 Date of Action Signature of the Keeper

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 6: Function/Use

"1916" is, hereby, dropped from the Date of Significance, and the Period of Significance is, hereby, modified to read only "1956" to correspond to the significance of the theater based on the architectural remodeling in an Art Deco-influenced style that occurred in 1956.

The South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION: National Register property file Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment) NPS Form 10-900

## 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.

OMB No. 10024-0018

[ ] vicinity

code 125 zip code 57070

Date

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## 1. Name of Property

historic name Glud Theatre

other names/site number Lund Theatre

2. Location

street & number 119 North Main Street [ ] not for publication

city or town Viborg

state South Dakota code SD county Turner

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

Jay D. Vout	State Historic Preservation Officer	04-17-2007
Signature of certifying official/Title		Date
South Dakota State Historic Preservation Offic	e	
State or Federal agency and bureau		

In my opinion, the property is meets in does not meet the National Register criteria. (is See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

State or Federal agency and bureau

## 4. National Park Service Certification

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determined eligible for the National Register	<i>J</i>	
determined not eligible for the		
National Register. Temoved from the National Register See continuation sheet.		
other, explain See continuation sheet.		

# Glud Theatre Name of Property

## 5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) [ x] private [ ] public-local [ ] public-State [ ] public-Federal	Category of Property (Check only one box) [ x] building(s) [ ] district [ ] site [ ] structure [ ] object	Number of Resour (Do not count previously list Contributing 1 0 0	rces within Property ted resources.) Noncontributing 0 0 0 0	buildings sites structures objects
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6. Function or Use				
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Recreation and Culture Theatre		Recreation a	and Culture Th	leatre
7. Description		·		
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		roof other	tar	

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

Name of Property

### 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.
- [x] 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.)

#### 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

#### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

#### **Periods of Significance** 1916 - 1956

## **Significant Dates**

1916, 1956

#### Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above).

#### **Cultural Affiliation**

#### Architect/Builder

Unknown

### Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

Name of Property

#### 10. Geographical Data

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#### **UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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(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, Historic Preservation Sp	oecialist		
organization_SHPO		date 1/12/07	
street & number 900 Governors Drive		telephone_605-773-6056	
city or town Pierre	state_SD	zip code_ <u>57501</u>	
Additional Documentation			
Submit the following items with the completed for	orm:		
Continuation Sheets		Photographs	
Maps		presentative <b>black and white photographs</b> of the operty.	
A <b>USGS map</b> (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location. A <b>Sketch map</b> for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.	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 Kenny and Susan Kessler			
street & number 45551 291 <sup>st</sup> Street		telephone_605-766-5529	
city or town Viborg	state_SD	zip code_ <u>57070</u>	
Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for appli determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Res Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.			
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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 Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503. 1

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#### DESCRIPTION

The Glud theatre building is located at 119 North Main Street in Viborg South Dakota. This two story brick building, on a concrete foundation, was constructed by Eskild and Magda Lund in 1916 and the current façade was added in 1956.

The façade, east elevation, has the Art Deco material attached to the brick wall. The material is constructed in tiles that are made of steel with enamel coating. The first story of the building reflects four rows of lighter color horizontal tiles. From left to right there are four glass poster cases, two sets of double entrance doors and another poster case on the north end. The middle of the first story features two darker horizontal lines the length of the building broken up by the poster cases and the main entrance to the theatre. A horizontal line of darker tiles also exists along the foundation. Each of the four main entry doors features a three pane semi-circle window. The second story of the building, which covers the north two/thirds of the structure, includes the marquee on the facade. The V-shaped marquee extends outward nearly to the curbside. The upper section of the marquee displays the tile running vertically. At the center of the upper marquee the color scheme highlights triangles matching the color of the horizontal lines on the first story.

Both the north and south elevations of the theater abut other buildings on this block. The upper half of the south side exposes the brick exterior of the building. A portion of the theatre's exterior on the northeast side is also exposed and reflects a stucco type coating. The west end of the building (an addition built in the 1930's) has one large window opening on the south end and one central door opening. The parapet roof slants from east to west.

Other than a remodeling of the entrance in 1956 (which included the addition of a popcorn machine which is still in use today) and the replacement of the theatre seats in 1988, the interior of the theatre has remained the same since it's construction in 1916. In the 1930's a back room was added behind the stage that was supposedly used as a party room during prohibition times.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Kenny and Susan Kessler, *Personal Correspondence*, 2006

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#### SIGNIFICANCE

The Glud theatre in Viborg, Turner County, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C for architecture. Although the Art Deco style was most popular in South Dakota through the 1940's, elements of the style continued to influence building design into the 1950's. With small buildings in particular, the façade is often designed as a prominent display unto itself, with brightly colored surfaces, bold graphics and, in the case of retail stores, intricate arrangements of recessed display windows.<sup>2</sup> In particular, downtown theatres throughout the state in both large and small towns adorned their facades with this architecture. The Glud Theatre is a good representation of the small town theatre mimicking the Art Deco style in South Dakota during the mid-twentieth century.

The initial phase of Art Deco design, popular during the late 1920's and the 1930's, is characterized by a sculptural use of rectilinear geometric forms, dramatizing more than actually reflecting the structure beneath.<sup>3</sup> The second, or streamlined, phase of Art Deco design was introduced during the 1930's and 1940's. It's slick, machine inspired imagery became a popular means to create a new appearance for businesses during and after the depression.<sup>4</sup> The Glud Theatre is a good example of this imagery.

The theatre mimics the Art Deco style with its hard edged geometrical designs, low ornamentation, streamlined look, use of enameled plates, and embellished entrances. Art Deco was popular in South Dakota in the late 1920's-1940. The style was popular in public construction projects including schools and courthouses. Nationwide, the Art Deco was a popular style used in theater construction. Because the façade on the Glud Theater was added in the 1950's it is not a true Art Deco building but includes the stylistic features of that style.

In the 1940's and 1950's modern architecture was trying to keep pace with the technological innovations and the progress of new building materials and designs. Synthetic materials such as polychromatic terra cotta tiles, formed concrete, porcelain enamel, and stainless steel became popular. These materials were used in new construction in the Art Deco, Moderne, and International styles but were also adopted on pre-existing buildings on Main Street. Many Main Street facades originally built with in "old-fashioned" Victorian revival styles were modernized through the use of these new building materials.

Although not a true Art Deco style, the Glud Theater has several features that mimic the style. Most prominent is the large marquee projecting from the façade. Other features simulating the Art Deco style include the use of enameled metal panels and decorative geometrical designs. Also on the marquee are a neon sign and decorative neon accents. Neon was used during this period on Art Deco and Moderne buildings as a key means of advertising and

<sup>4</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Richard Longstreth, *The Buildings of Mainstreet, A Guide to American Commercial Architecture:* Preservation Press, National Trust For Historic Preservation, 1987 p.47

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communication to consumers. Increased automobile ownership as well as increased automobile speeds necessitated the development of bright signage on commercial buildings that could attract a passing motorist's attention day or night.

During the ninth session of the Territorial Legislature at Yankton, the Capital in the winter of 1870-1871, a bill was introduced to form a new county by taking eight townships off the east of Hutchinson and ten off the west of Lincoln and name the new county Turner in honor of their colleague John W. Turner, (since known as Father Turner) who was at that time a member of the council or senate from Clay county. This bill met with some opposition especially from Lincoln county members but was finally passed and therefore it goes down in History that Turner County, South Dakota was born, named, organized, and its dimensions fixed by an act of the ninth session of the Territorial Legislature on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1871, and that Father (John W.) Turner was appointed Godfather of the infant and at once accepted the responsibility.<sup>5</sup>

In 1872 Mads Rasmussen began operating a store on his homestead claim, which was located one half mile south of the present-day site of Viborg. After the establishment of a post office in conjunction with the store, this small business became known as Daneville. Soon other businesses, such as a creamery and a blacksmith shop, began to arise around Mads Rasmussen's store. Daneville quickly became a thriving little village. The success of this Danish hamlet, however, would not be long-lived.<sup>6</sup>

A desire for many of these early settlers was the establishment of a railroad line within their community. In 1893 the Sioux Falls, Yankton, and Southwestern Railroad, which later became the Great Northern Railroad, completed a rail line between the cities of Sioux Falls and Yankton. Thus, this new railroad went right through the Danish settlement in Turner County. Unfortunately, the railway missed the village of Daneville by one half mile. A group of individuals then decided to build a new town along the railroad tracks north of Daneville. On a recommendation of Ole Sorensen, who was one of the land owners on which the new village was founded, the town was named Viborg after an ancient city in Denmark.<sup>7</sup>

As the town of Viborg grew, more businesses opened their doors on main street. The Glud Theatre, built in 1916 became one of the more popular gathering places for Viborg residents. In the early days, silent movies were accompanied by a piano below the stage, played by Eskild Lunds's sister-in-law, Abbie Lund. Movies ran twice nightly, seven days a week with admission ten cents.<sup>8</sup>

Before the school gym was built, Viborg High School gave their plays on the theatre stage,

<sup>6</sup> Viborg History Book Committee, Viborg, South Dakota 1893-1993 p 9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> W.H. Stoddard, *Turner County Pioneer History*, Turner County Historical Society, Brown and Saenger Publishing, Sioux Falls, SD 1931 p. 13-14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Kenny and Susan Kessler, *Personal Correspondence*, 2006

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and Bank Nights were a feature of the early 1940's, as were uniformed ushers.<sup>9</sup>

Characteristics of the Art Deco style found in the Glud Theatre include the geometric forms, brightly colored surface, and it's slick machine inspired imagery. Thus, the Glud Theatre in Viborg, Turner County is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for architecture.

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#### **GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION** 

North Half of Lot 12, and All of Lot 13 in Block Six in the original city of Viborg

#### **BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The boundary includes all the property associated with the Glud or Lund Theatre.

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