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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 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: Byrne, Governor Frank M., House
other name/ site number: NA

2. Location

street & number: 1017 St. John Street /NA/ not for publication
city, town: Faulkton /NA/ vicinity
state: SOUTH DAKOTA code: SD county: Faulk code: SD 049 zip code: 57438

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property:		
		Contributing	Noncontributing	
/XX/ private	/XX/ building(s)	___1___	___2___	buildings
/ / public-local	/ / district	_____	_____	sites
/ / public-state	/ / site	_____	_____	structures
/ / public-federal	/ / structure	_____	_____	objects
	/ / object	___1___	___2___	Total
Name of related multiple property listing:		Number of contributing resources		
NA_____		previously listed in the National		
		Register: ___0___		

11. Form Prepared by

name/title: John E. Rau, National Register Coordinator
organization: State Historical Preservation Center date: October 31, 1991
street & number: 3 East Main, P. O. Box 417 telephone: 605-677-5314
city or town: Vermillion state: SOUTH DAKOTA zip code: 57069

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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 *[Signature]* 1/30/92
- 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] _____
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

7. **Description**

Architectural Classification:
(enter categories from instructions)
Stick Style
Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials:
(enter categories from instructions)
foundation Stone, Concrete
walls Wood

roof Asphalt
other Stone

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

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 /XX/B / /C / /D

Criteria Considerations / /A / /B / /C / /D / /E / /F / /G

Areas of Significance (enter from instructions)
Politics/Government

Period of Significance
circa 1901-1923

Significant Dates
circa 1901
1913-1917
1923

Significant Person
Byrne, Frank M.

Cultural Affiliation
NA

Architect/Builder
Dodds, William J.
Jones, W. Forest

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 shaded block in the center of Faulkton, a town in north-central South Dakota, the Governor Frank M. Byrne House is a two-story late Stick Style house with Craftsman additions. Rising from a stone and concrete foundation, the walls are clad with clapboard siding and two-dimensional trim characteristic of Stick Style architecture. The house is capped by a cross-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. Bargeboard and fishscale shingles decorate three tall gables on the north (front), east, and west. A Stick Style panel separates two sash windows on the upper level of the west gable end. Fenestration throughout the house is asymmetrical consisting of various shapes and sizes of windows. A bay window with a stained glass transom projects from the southwest corner. During remodeling projects in 1904 and 1917, Craftsman features were applied to the west wing. These items include a concrete capped rubblestone retaining wall around the enclosed front porch with a matching stoop and multiple-light windows with muntins arranged in a diamond pattern. Of the same vintage but of a Colonial Revival nature, modified Tuscan columns and an oval window appoint the enclosed porch. A more recent one-story kitchen addition projects to the south (rear) of the house.

The interior decor throughout the first floor displays a Craftsman influence including a brick fireplace, plain woodwork, and French doors. Much of the upper level remains unchanged from the late 19th Century. The kitchen has been remodeled in 1991.

Several yards south of the house is a square wood frame two-car garage (non-contributing) and a small wood frame pump house (noncontributing).

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Under Criterion B of the National Register Criteria, the Governor Frank M. Byrne House is significant in the area of Politics-Government for its association with the eighth governor of the State of South Dakota (1913-1917). Byrne was a longtime participant in the Republican Party in the state and as governor continued the cause of the Progressive movement begun by earlier administrations. Under the South Dakota State Historical Preservation Plan the property relates to the historic context labeled: IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement, E. Government and Education-Related Activities.

Born in Iowa, Frank M. Byrne migrated to Dakota territory in 1879 and secured a homestead in McCook County. In 1883, at the height of the Great Dakota Boom, he moved further west and north to Faulk County, where he engaged in the real estate and loan business. Named for Andrew J. Faulk, third governor of Dakota Territory, the county was organized that year and offered bountiful farm land for would-be settlers. The town of Faulkton, the county seat, was founded in 1886 by the Western Town Lot Company, a subsidiary of the Chicago North Western Railway.

By the time of statehood in 1889, Byrne had become active in regional politics serving on the Republican state central committee. The voters of Faulk County, elected him to the first session of the State Senate. He was again elected to the Senate in 1906. Among his legislative accomplishments are support for the establishment of a direct primary election, laws to restrict corrupt practices and corporate contributions to election campaigns, as well as meaningful railroad regulations. For his endorsement of Progressive reforms, the voters rewarded Byrne by electing him Lieutenant Governor in 1910, serving alongside Governor Robert Vessey.

In 1912, Frank Byrne was elected governor to succeed Vessey in a close split-ticket race revolving around the confused national election for president. For two terms beginning in 1913 and running until 1917, Byrne extended the reforms begun by his predecessors. His administration is known for the creation of a tax commission, the passage of an inheritance tax law and a bank guarantee law, and continued railroad rate controls.

Upon leaving office, Byrne and his family returned to live in their home in Faulkton fulltime. In 1923, he moved back to the state capital in Pierre to serve as Commissioner of Agriculture. After a conservative swing the election of 1924, he resigned, and the family moved to Oregon. They never returned to live in South Dakota. Frank M. Byrne is remembered as a perpetual proponent of Progressive reforms and a leader in the movement in South Dakota for increased popular government.

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The house at 1017 St. John in Faulkton was built in circa 1898 and is a late example of Stick Style domestic architecture. In about 1901, the Byrnes purchased the house as their private residence. In 1904 and 1917, they remodeled the house, which then took on some Craftsman flavor. The 1904 work was done by William J. Dodds and W. Forest Jones, local contractors and builders. They continued to maintain it as a residence during the four years that Governor Byrne was in office. Other than the construction of a modern kitchen and interior repainting, the house remains substantially unchanged from when the governor and his family lived there.

The period of significance of the nominated property extends from circa 1901, when Frank Byrne and his family moved into the house, to 1923, when the Byrnes moved from the house never to return for permanent occupancy. Byrne was active in state politics and government during this entire period.

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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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: Less than one acre

UTM References:

A = / / / / /	B = / / / / /
C = / / / / /	D = / / / / /
ZONE EASTING NORTHING	ZONE EASTING NORTHING

Quad: Faulkton West

Scale: 1:24000

/XX/ see continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property is bounded by the legal description as recorded in the Faulk County Register of Deeds Office: Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 31, City of Faulkton, Faulk 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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Faulkton, Faulk County, South Dakota
by John Rau
September 1991
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center
North (front) and west facades, camera facing southeast
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2.

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North facade, camera facing south-southwest
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3.

Governor Frank M. Byrne House
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by John Rau
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Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center
South facade, camera facing north
Photo No. 3

4.

Governor Frank M. Byrne House
Faulkton, Faulk County, South Dakota
by John Rau
September 1991
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center
Detail of west gable, camera facing east
Photo No. 4

5.

Governor Frank M. Byrne House
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by John Rau
September 1991
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Interior, southwest room-- first floor, camera facing southwest
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Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

Interior, northeast room-- first floor, camera facing northeast

Photo No. 6

7.

Governor Frank M. Byrne House

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by John Rau

September 1991

Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

Garage, north and east facades, camera facing south-southwest

Photo No. 7

8.

Governor Frank M. Byrne House

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September 1991

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Pump house, north and east facades, camera facing south-southwest

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UTM REFERENCES: Since the appropriate U.S.G.S. topographic map does not have UTM marks to calculate the UTM references of the nominated property, those references have been calculated in longitude and latitude.

References: 99 degrees 07 minutes 40 seconds longitude/
45 degrees 01 minute 58 seconds latitude.