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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: McDonald, Henry M., House other name/ site number: The Cedars

2. Location

street & number: 1906 East Erskine /NA/ not for publication city, town: Pierre /NA/ vicinity state: SOUTH DAKOTA code: SD county: Hughes code: SD 065 zip code: 57501

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property (Contributing, Noncontributing). Includes rows for private/public, buildings/sites/structures/objects, and Total. Also includes a row for 'Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register'.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title: Dayton Canaday, owner; w/techn. assistance by Rolene Jungemenn, SHPO Contr. organization: date: June 22, 1989 street & number: 1906 East Erskine telephone: 605-224-7802 city or town: Pierre state: SOUTH DAKOTA zip code: 57501

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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.

*JP Fisher* Signature of certifying official      9/18/89 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

4 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) \_\_\_\_\_

*Alvora Byers* Signature of the Keeper      10/19/89 Date

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**6. Function or Use** (enter categories from instructions)

Historic functions:

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions:

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification:

(enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

Materials:

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Brick

Wood

roof Wood Shingle

other Wood

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Describe present and historic physical appearance:

/XX/ see continuation sheet

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**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 / /B /XX/C / /D

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

Areas of Significance (enter from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1885

Significant Dates

1885

Significant Person

NA

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations,  
and periods of significance noted above /XX/ see continuation sheet

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Surrounded by approximately forty cedar and elm trees, the Henry M. McDonald House is located on the corner of Erskine Street and Taylor Avenue in the city of Pierre, South Dakota. It is a two-and-one-half story brick and wood frame Queen Anne style dwelling with some decorative features from the Eastlake and Classical Revival traditions. Red brick masonry walls rise from a rough cut stone foundation. Wood frame gabled wall dormers project from the second story of the south (front), west, and east facades. These gables are highly decorated with fishscale shingles, undulated siding, a series of Eastlake stylized patera, and Classical dentils. Original clapboard siding below the gables has been replaced with asbestos shakes. The house is capped by a T-shaped intersecting gable roof covered with wood shingles. A massive brick chimney rises from the center of the roof line. Located on the southeast corner of the front facade is a small open shed-roofed porch with an Eastlake style balustrade. In recent years, a concrete block garage with modern features has been attached to the northeast (rear) corner of the house.

Fenestration is generally irregular consisting mostly of elongated double-hung windows. For some unknown reason, a window on the west facade was replaced with an ornate wooden panel that features Queen Anne and Eastlake stylistic elements. Located near the entrance on the front facade is a stained and leaded glass multiple-light window typical of Queen Anne styling.

Interior space is divided on a two-room-wide triple pile plan. Outstanding features of the interior decor include built-in bookcases, well preserved hardwood paneling, floors, and woodwork, horizontally opposed fireplaces, pocket doors, and an ornate staircase and newel post. A carved lion's head decorates the birch panels of the library fireplace mantle. Original brass hardware adorns the doors and windows throughout the house. The kitchen was remodeled for modern use, and a half bath was installed on the first floor.

In 1968, the current owner's wife laid out flower beds and an herb garden to the west of the house along Taylor Street. An old carriage path leading in from the street is still visible in the yard.

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Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the Henry M. McDonald House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is a good local example of the Queen Anne style popular for domestic housing throughout the state and nation in the latter part of the 19th Century. The house has continuously served as a single-family dwelling since its construction in 1885 and retains much of its original historical character. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the property relates to the historic context labeled: IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement, D.2. Urban Development/Residences.

Emanating from the work of English architect Richard Norman Shaw, the Queen Anne style met both high praise and harsh criticism from architects and scholars; however, the public generally embraced it for its picturesque qualities and easy adaptability to comfort and domesticity. At the high point of the movement between 1880 and 1900, Queen Anne stylistic elements most often included irregular floor plans, roof lines, and spatial massing, multiplicity of siding materials especially the use of fishscale shingles, stained and leaded glass multiple-light windows, and unique decorative treatments to gables, porches, projecting bays, and chimneys. Overall the exterior of a Queen Anne style house is highly decorated, displaying a carnival of textures and colors. Richness and comfort are emphasized in interior spaces. The McDonald house illustrates these typical features in one of the oldest extant dwellings in Pierre.

Hughes County and the city of Pierre lie on the east bank of the Missouri River just across from the site of early fur trade and military post Fort Pierre Chouteau, the oldest continuous settlement in South Dakota. Named for territorial legislator Alexander Hughes, the county was organized in 1880 in response to the land rush of the Great Dakota Boom. In the spring of that same year, eight people filed for ownership to the land that was to become Pierre. On November 3, 1880, the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad began service to the fledgling townsite making it a vital commercial and transportation hub for the surrounding region. The town was formally organized in 1883. Because of its rail connections, it soon overshadowed its older sister community of Ft. Pierre. When South Dakota achieved statehood in 1889, Pierre became the state capital and managed to retain that status throughout three successive election campaigns to move it to another city. Although it no longer functions as a transportation center, Pierre continues to serve as the state capital and county seat as well a major retail and tourist stop.

Henry M. McDonald was a pioneer businessman and president of the Trader's Bank in Pierre. In 1884, he began planning the construction of his house at the corner of Taylor and Erskine in what was then referred to as East Pierre.

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Located near the site of the short-lived Pierre University, it was one of the first buildings in that part of the community. It was patterned after the Wisconsin home his father-in-law. According to "The City" column of the June 9, 1885, issue of the Pierre Evening Free Press, "a car load of lumber has been received for H. M. McDonald's new brick dwelling, the foundation of which is now being constructed." The house was completed that same year.

During the early 1890s, the Honorable James Ward leased the property from McDonald. Ward was a delegate to the 1885 state constitutional convention, former territorial auditor, and 1894 Democratic candidate for Governor of South Dakota. In addition, Ward was a lawyer who held interests in the Merchants Transportation Company, which operated bull trains and stages between Ft. Pierre and Deadwood. Other residents of the property were Willard W. McDonald, a banker; Dudley F. Eakin, a pressman and printer; and Dayton W. Canaday, the present owner and former State Historian for South Dakota. Ed Eakin, who owned the property in 1906, named it "The Cedars" in honor of the cedar hedge along the west edge of the yard.

The period of significance of the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in 1885.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**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

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property: Less than one acre

**UTM References:**

A = /14/	/394-420/	/4912-860/	B = / /	/ /	/ /
C = / /	/ /	/ /	D = / /	/ /	/ /
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Quad: Pierre

Scale: 1:24000

**/ / see continuation sheet**

**Verbal Boundary Description:**

The nominated property is bounded by the legal description as recorded in the Hughes County Register of Deeds Office: Lots 15 through 20, Block 38, Wells Second Addition, City of Pierre, Hughes County, South Dakota.

**/ / see continuation sheet**

**Boundary Justification:**

The boundaries of the nominated property are contained within the legally recorded lot descriptions of the parcel historically associated with the property.

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

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Henry M. McDonald House  
Pierre, Hughes County, South Dakota  
Taken by: Todd Kapler  
May 1989  
Neg: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
South (front) facade, camera facing north  
Photograph #1

2.  
Henry M. McDonald House  
Pierre, Hughes County, South Dakota  
Taken by: Todd Kapler  
May 1989  
Neg: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
East and north facades, camera facing southwest  
Photograph #2

3.  
Henry M. McDonald House  
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Taken by: Todd Kapler  
May 1989  
Neg: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
Exterior detail, east facade, camera facing west  
Photograph #3

4.  
Henry M. McDonald House  
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Taken by: Todd Kapler  
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Neg: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
Interior, camera facing northeast  
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Interior, camera facing southeast  
Photograph #5

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Taken by: Todd Kapler  
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Neg: South Dvation Center  
Interior, camera facing southeast  
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Neg: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
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