

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic William G. Kenaston House

and/or common William G. Kenaston House

2. Location

street & number 301 Dartmouth

N/A not for publication

city, town Newell

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

code 046

county Butte County

code 019

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Margaret F. Rich

street & number 301 Dartmouth

city, town Newell

vicinity of Butte Co.

state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse, Register of Deeds

street & number 839 5th Street

city, town Belle Fourche

state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA

has this property been determined eligible? NA yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated at the southeast corner of Fourth and Dartmouth, one of the major intersections of Newell, the large two-and-a-half story rectangular brick house has a hip roof and a wood porch. Extending from the south (rear) side of the house is a one-story frame addition with a shed roof. The detached frame two-car garage is modern.

Supported by slender Roman Doric columns, the porch wraps around the building on the north and east facades. Wood cresting crowns a portion of the porch. Above the two-story bay windows located on both the north and east facades are a pedimented gable roof with fish scale shingles and a small square window. The original rectangular windows are 1/1 sash and have red granite lintels and sills.

The central-plan interior displays oak trim, floors and columns dividing some of the lower level rooms. Interior features also include oak pocket doors, the original lighting fixtures, beams, panelling, shutters, and kitchen appliances (stoves, etc.) The front door has an oval beveled glass panel. The current owner has thoughtfully restored and decorated the interior (including the selection of wall and floor coverings) to compliment the historic decor.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1906-1911

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Kenaston House is significant in the areas of architecture and for its association with an important Newell merchant.

The house was built by William G. Kenaston between 1906-1911.¹ During this time, the town of Newell was in its infancy, yet growing steadily due to the influx of settlers into Butte County as well as the impact of the extension of the railroad line.² The Kenaston family was one of the town's earliest and most prominent citizens. Owning one of the first general stores and operating the Kenaston Bank, their financial success was reflected in their house. Today, the building, which is one of the largest in town, is still known by many as the "Kenaston House," an indication of the family's importance in the town's history.

Over the years, the past and present owners have restored and maintained the house so many of its original features have survived. These include the original lighting fixtures, pocket doors, shutters, beams and oak floors, panelling, and columns. Furthermore, the original Franklin stove, an appliance rarely saved over the years - is still intact in the kitchen.

FOOTNOTES

¹Mrs. Margaret F. Rich, current owner.

²Pioneer Footprints. Black Hills Half Century of Belle Fourche, South Dakota. North Plains, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1973, p 284.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Newell City Library, Newell, South Dakota, 57760
Keith Milburg, Insurance, Newell, South Dakota, 57760
Charles Turbiville, Realtor, Newell, South Dakota, 57760
Vernon Hoilt, Historian, Newell, South Dakota, 57760
W.E. Karien, Historian, Newell, South Dakota, 57760

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Newell

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References UTM References not given on quadrangle map (See continuation sheet)

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The lot line of the property forms the boundary of the site which is located in Lot 1, Block 17 of the Plat of the City of Newell.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	NA	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Margaret F. Rich, member; and technical assistance from Melanie Betz

organization Butte County Historical Society date October 28, 1983

street & number 301 Dartmouth telephone (605)456-2474

city or town Newell 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 *M. Milburg*

title Director of the Office of Cultural Preservation

date 11/16/84

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

2/23/84

Shelores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet Geographical Data

Item number 9

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Longitude: 103°25'31"

Latitude: 44°42'54"