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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: Knight, Webb S., House
other name/ site number: LA-SP-SP-OT-5

2. Location

street & number: 514 Seventh Street /NA/ not for publication
city, town: Spearfish /NA/ vicinity
state: SOUTH DAKOTA code: SD county: Lawrence code: SD 081 zip code: 57783

3. Classification

| Ownership of Property: | Category of Property | Number of Resources within Property: | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | Contributing | Noncontributing | |
| /XX/ private | /XX/ building(s) | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | buildings |
| / / pubic-local | / / district | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | sites |
| / / public-state | / / site | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | structures |
| / / public-federal | / / structure | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | objects |
| | / / object | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing: NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

11. Form Prepared by

name/title: James R. McDonald, consultant
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city or town: Missoula

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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.

DR Fisher
Signature of certifying official

4/6/89
Date

SHPO South Dakota
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

____ 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) _____

Sharon Byers Entered in the
National Register 7/13/89

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)

Queen Anne

Materials:

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood

roof Wood, Asphalt

other NA

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 / /B /XX/C / /D

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

Areas of Significance (enter from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1892

Significant Dates

1892

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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Situated on a narrow lot in the south-central part of the city of Spearfish, the Webb S. Knight House is a very simple version of Queen Anne domestic housing. Rising from a stone foundation, the L-shaped wood frame dwelling is clad with clapboard siding. It is capped by a steeply pitched cross gable roof covered with wood and asphalt shingles. Two brick chimneys rise from the center of the roof. A small open porch with delicate turned posts and brackets is located on the southwest corner of the west (front) facade. Fenestration is asymmetrical. Most windows are long rectangular units surrounded by contemporary wooden non-functional shutters and original heavy architraves. Multiple-pane picture windows are located on the west and north facades. Except for remodeling of the kitchen, the interior remains much as it was originally built, including plaster walls and ceilings and simple woodwork.

A modern one-story wood frame garage (noncontributing) with clapboard siding and an asphalt shingled gable roof is located a few yards east of the house.

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Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the Webb S. Knight House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is a good example of a simplified vernacular version of Queen Anne styling as executed in Spearfish, South Dakota, during the late 19th Century. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the nominated property relates to the following historic context: IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement, D.2. Urban Development/Residential living.

During the last two decades of the 19th Century Queen Anne styling dominated domestic building throughout South Dakota. Influenced by the work of English architect Richard Norman Shaw, Queen Anne houses provided increased comfort and domesticity for single-family households. Prominent aesthetic features of the style include irregularity and asymmetry of facade, irregular rooflines, multiplicity of siding materials especially the use of fishscale shingles, and decorative treatments to gable ends, porches, and projecting bays. The front facade is usually divided into uneven squares or planes. Fenestration is always asymmetrical, often consisting of a number of shapes and sizes of windows. Frequently a tower is incorporated into the design. Many smaller, less expensive dwellings were also constructed using these prevailing design influences. While the simpler versions typically omitted the use of a tower or of the large rambling plans, they usually featured the characteristic asymmetrical and irregular facade and roofline treatments. Window, door, or porch trim frequently displayed the fancy work of late-Victorian traditions. The Knight House illustrates some of these design features.

Spearfish, located on the eastern rim of the Black Hills, was founded in 1876 in response to the emerging gold rush. It quickly grew into a vital service community for area miners and ranchers. In the mid-1880s, the city became the home of Black Hills Normal School, now known as Black Hill State College.

Webb S. Knight was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1869. He came to the Black Hills in 1890 and for a short time managed a privately-owned electric power plant in Spearfish Canyon. He later invested in area minerals milling businesses. Mr. Knight played an active role in civic affairs and served many years as Spearfish city treasurer, councilman, and assessor. He also promoted development of the city park. In 1892, Knight built this simple late-Victorian house at 514 Seventh. He died in 1940.

The period of significance of the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in 1892.

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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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: Less than one acre

UTM References:

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|-----------|------------|---------|---------|----------|---|---|
| A = /13/ | /590-950/ | /4926-560/ | B = / / | / | / | / | / |
| C = / / | / | / | D = / / | / | / | / | / |
| ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | |

Quad: Spearfish

Scale: 1:24000

/ / see continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description:

The property is bounded by Lot 8, Block 40, Original Townsite of Spearfish, City of Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota.

/ / see continuation sheet

Boundary Justification:

The boundary is based on legally recorded property lines historically associated with the property.

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Deed Records. Lawrence County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

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