

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

**** HISTORIC**
The William Ernest Lown House
AND/OR COMMON
The Platt Home

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 745 5th Street
CITY, TOWN: Spearfish VICINITY OF: _____
STATE: South Dakota CODE: 046 COUNTY: Lawrence CODE: 081
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2nd

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Lawrence Larive
STREET & NUMBER: 745 5th Street
CITY, TOWN: Spearfish VICINITY OF: _____ STATE: South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Lawrence County Courthouse--Assessor
STREET & NUMBER: _____
CITY, TOWN: Deadwood STATE: South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: South Dakota Historic Sites Survey
DATE: April, 1974
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historical Preservation Center
CITY, TOWN: Vermillion STATE: South Dakota

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

The Lown Home, built in 1893, is a good example of a late Queen Anne style house. It is two stories high with the levels being divided by a small pent roof. This element features diamond designs with two different colored shingles. The main facing material is clapboard and the foundation is cut stone. A combination of gable and hip roof, which is truncated and has a wrought iron balustrade, tops the house. Its front facade is three bays wide with the right portion featuring a conical tower, which displays dormers and a finial.

The right side of the house displays a two-story bay window and an equally high chimney. The left facade is unadorned. The rear features a gabled roof with an enclosed entry. The only major changes in the house have been the removal of part of the front porch and the enclosure of the rest. A wrought iron fence surrounds the home.

The windows are flat-topped with lintel and slipsill surrounds. These openings are double hung and either two sash or four over four sash. The front door has a nine sash window with a pointed, round arched transom and a high pitched gabled roof.

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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William Ernest Lown Home, built in 1893, is one of the best examples of the late Queen Anne style of architecture in Lawrence County. Because of its period appearance and craftsmanship, it is one of the more significant homes in Spearfish. The Lown family who lived in this home for a long time was involved in the mercantile business.

William Ernest Lown, and his brother, Charles, owned one of the best general stores in the Black Hills. The store is one block north-east of the home. They built in this location because the railroad tracks were just behind the store. The Lown family is significant to the commercial history of Spearfish and Lawrence County. The reflection of William Lown's success is seen through his attractive home.

For the last few years, this house has been under the ownership of another prominent Spearfish family, the Platts. Their contribution to the commercial and social development of Spearfish is equal to that of the Lowns.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Szalay, Reverand Eugene. Personal interview, April, 1974
 With Scott Gerloff

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,3 | 5,9,0 | 6,1,0 | 4,9 | 2,6 | 7,9,0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B [] | [] | [] | [] | [] | []
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Scott Gerloff, Contractor

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

DATE

May, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

USD-Alumni House

TELEPHONE

605-677-5315

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

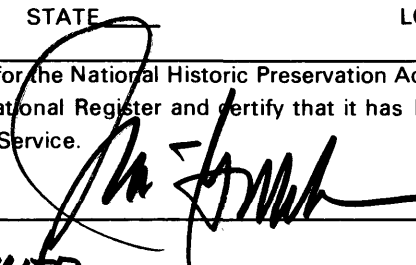
NATIONAL

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



1-7-76

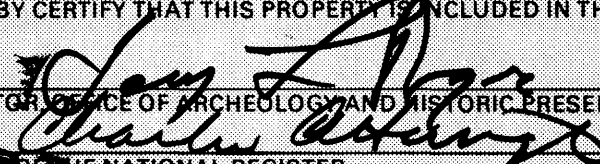
TITLE

Cult Pres Director

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Active
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: 
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5/28/76

DATE

5-24-76