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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 * * Henry-Martinson House
AND/OR COMMON
Martinson Tea Room

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 405 Kasan Avenue
CITY, TOWN Volga VICINITY OF 1st
STATE South Dakota CODE 046 COUNTY Brookings CODE 011

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 Mark and Kathy Norgaard
STREET & NUMBER 405 Kasan Avenue
CITY, TOWN Volga VICINITY OF South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Brookings County Courthouse-Register of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Brookings STATE South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE South Dakota Historic Site Survey
DATE August 1976
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 Henry-Martinson house is a large twenty-two room house built between 1912 and 1914. The major alterations on the house occurred in 1945 when the porch was enclosed (a portion was screened) and 1976 when shutters were added. Other than these changes the house has retained its original appearance.

It has a rectangular plan with a small wing that projects out at the northwest corner. The front porch wraps all the way around to this wing. A rear enclosed two story entry is also enclosed but this was original.

The roof is gable of medium pitch with gable dormer on the south side and two single stack chimneys. A smooth faced concrete block material serves as the buildings foundation. The front facade displays a pedimented gable end.

Most of the house's seventy-eight windows are coupled, double hung with modillion division. They utilize lintel and slipsill surrounds and are one over one sash.

Portions of the interior are being restored by the present owners while others are being rehabilitated. The house has Douglas Fir floors and trim throughout.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<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 1912-1914, 1945

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Henry-Martinson house, built 1914, is significant for two reasons. First it is important because it displays a vernacular form of architecture somewhat common for large houses in South Dakota. Second, it was from 1945 to 1975, the Martinson Tea House was one of the areas most important social gathering points and an economic asset to Volga.

Robert Henry and family were the first occupants of the house in 1914; he was a prominent banker for the First State Bank of Volga. He also served as director of the local hospital for fifty years. Henry came from near Oakwood, Wisconsin in 1878 at age 13. He lived in the large twenty-two room house on Kason street until 1945 when the Henry's exchanged houses with George and Hope Martinson.

They turned this house into the Martinson Tea room with the two large rooms on the first floor and the enclosed porch serving as dining rooms. Not only was this a vital business to Volga but it also served as an important social gathering place. It served over three hundred people in one day on several occasions and was the meeting place for many clubs and organizations from around the area. This is rather amazing when you consider the population of Volga was 780 in 1960.

The Martinson's actually began their tea room in the back of their grocery store in 1940. The grocery business had been begun by two older Martinson brothers in 1890; George became the owner in 1932 although he worked there since 1911. The Volga Tribune announced the move of the tea room from downtown Volga to the former Henry house in its August 2, 1945 issue. The main reason for the move was expanded business.

Hope Martinson was a renowned cook and especially famous for her strawberry pies and made over 1000 of these one year. Up until 1970 breakfast, lunch, and dinner were served, at that time the tea room was open from 2 to 5 and for special groups. Most of the state's prominent politicians ate there at one time or another and the place was especially busy during hunting season.

The Martinson's lived on the second floor of the house until 1975 when George died at age 81. At that time Mark and Kathy Norgaard purchased the house. Mrs. Hope Martinson, age 83, is still alive. The importance of this site to the local area cannot be underestimated.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Norgaard, Mark and Kathy, "The Martinson Tea Room, 1945-1975; George and Hope Martinson, prop." Unpublished collection, Volga, South Dakota.

Norgaard, Mark, oral interview, Volga, South Dakota, 25 August 1976 with Scott Gerloff.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Scott Gerloff, Survey Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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

John J. Fittle

TITLE Director/Historical Preservation Center

DATE 6/23/77

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

Don [Signature]
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 12/20/77

ATTEST: *Charles [Signature]*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12.15.77