



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 for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (Form 10-900-a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Crawford, Robert A., House

Other names/site number: Wehrung, H., House

2. Location

Street & number: 204 16th Avenue West not for publication

City or town: Chamberlain vicinity

State: South Dakota Code: SD County: Brule Code: 015 Zip code: 57325

3. 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] Signature and title of certifying official 12/17/94 Date
SHPD South Dakota State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:)

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Edson H. Beall 12.1.94

Entered in the
National Register

Crawford, Robert A. House
Name of Property

Brule, SD
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public - local
- public - State
- public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>2</u>		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY
AMERICAN MOVEMENTS: Bungalow/
Craftsman

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation Concrete
walls Concrete block
roof Slate
other stone-chimney

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1923

Significant Dates

1923

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Bulder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Crawford, Robert A. Home
Name of Property

Brule, SD
County and State

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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 See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared by

Name/Title: Joan & Howard Wehrung, w/ tech assistance by M.Dirr, shpo staff
Organization: _____ Date: September 1994
Street & Number: 204 W. 16th Avenue Telephone: (605) 734-6588
City or Town: Chamberlain State: South Dakota Zip code: 57325

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

Name: Joan and Howard Wehrung
Street & Number: 204 W. 16th Ave. Telephone: (605) 734-6588
City or Town: Chamberlain State: South Dakota Zip code: 57325

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Narrative Description:

The Dr. Robert A. Crawford House is a one-and-a-half story Craftsman house located at 204 W. 16th Avenue in Chamberlain, South Dakota. The front-gabled Craftsman bungalow has cement block foundation and walls, ornamental half-timbering gable-ends, and a slate roof. Cobblestone chimneys, partial-width screened in porch, and exposed rafters further reflect the Craftsman style. All four facades are permeated with large multi-paned windows. The interior of the house embodies the Craftsman style with built-in cupboards, icebox and dressing table, cobblestone fireplace, and column screen: all of Italian golden oak. The house is placed in the center of the property and is sheltered by a row of cedar trees to the west and hedges on the east and south. The garage and driveway are situated at the northeast corner of the property.

In the 1920's, the gable-end bungalow was constructed on an existing concrete foundation. The original house was believed to have belonged to the founder of the sanitarium that employed Dr. Crawford, Dr. Farnsworth. The house burned down at some date prior to 1920. The property was purchased by Dr. R. A. Crawford, who reused the foundation for his home. The main body of the house was constructed of rough-faced concrete blocks. While Dr. Crawford was in the service in France he saw many homes on which he wanted to base the design of his own. The basement of the house has been renovated into a one bedroom apartment with a fireplace. This roomy apartment was probably completed in the early 1930s, shortly after the death of Dr. Crawford in 1932 to provide his widow, Lydia with rental space for extra income. The laundry area retains the built-in tubs and cabinets used for storing canned foods. A large incinerator in the furnace room is still functional as well as a conveyor belt which brought coal to the main floor from the basement. There is a rumor that at one time there were tunnels leading from the basement to the hospital across the street. These have yet to be substantiated, but are common knowledge among the citizens of Chamberlain.

The main floor and living area of the house is quite spectacular and remains close to its original appearance. Woodwork throughout this area of the house is in good to excellent condition and is golden oak imported from Italy, except that dividing the coffered ceiling which is

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a darker wood. The focal point of the living room is the fireplace constructed of native rocks, fossils and petrified wood gathered by the Crawfords. The larger of two sunrooms is located off the living room. Two large Doric style columns frame the entrance into the dining room from the living room.

The dining room and kitchen have suffered no alterations since the construction of the house. The kitchen retains its original sink built-in refrigerator and large pass through cupboard into the dining room. A small breakfast nook with built-in benches and fold out table adjoin the two rooms. The remainder of the main floor is taken up with two bedrooms and a bathroom along with another smaller sunroom. The floral print wallpaper in the living and dining room is the original wallpaper.

Other significant interior features include the open stairway constructed of the same imported golden oak. It has simply turned balusters rising in groups of three and a panelled, angled ceiling underneath the stairs which extends to the wall and opens into the basement stairs. The upstairs has a similar layout as the downstairs. With a sitting room, two bedrooms, a large bath and small kitchen it is also functional as its own living space. The original pine panelling remains in the storage rooms on the second floor. The master bedroom boasts a built-in dressing area and side closets with hat stands and tie rack incorporated into each one.

A detached garage is also on the property and is built in the same style and appearance as the house itself. This 4000 square foot building is a good representative example of Craftsman style construction and retains a high degree of historic integrity.

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Narrative Statement of Significance:

Located in Chamberlain, South Dakota, the Richard A. Crawford House is an excellent example of Craftsman style construction and is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C for its architectural merit. This two story house illustrates typical Craftsman style elements like its exposed rafters under the overhanging eaves, simple, boxy, rectangular floorplan, the construction materials of concrete block and stucco, and the number, detail and quality of built-in features. The Crawford House is locally significant for its contributing features to the Craftsman style. Named for Dr. Crawford, a physician at the nearby sanitarium, the house remains virtually in its original historic condition.

The town of Chamberlain lies on the Missouri River at American Creek. Building along American Creek, the Milwaukee railroad used this location on the Missouri as a transfer site of supplies to steamers headed upriver to Ft. Pierre and beyond to the Black Hills. On October 27, 1880, the survey of the town of Chamberlain was completed. By the end of 1881, when the railroad was completed, the town had grown substantially. The town site included a hotel, bank, post office, saloon, hardware store, general store, and drug store. On April 17th 1882, the town of Chamberlain was incorporated. In order to traverse the Missouri to the country west of the river, a pontoon bridge was built between 1890 and 1900. At the turn of the century, the expansion of the railroad to Rapid City and the sale of Indian lands in the area set off a wave of heavy migration. The first public drawing for Indian lands sold in the region was held in Chamberlain in 1904. Increased settlement west of the Missouri caused the construction of an iron bridge around 1909.

The lack of sufficient local medical facilities resulted in the completion of a sanitarium in the fall of 1907. The facility cost \$170,000, boasted 55 private rooms, 125 patients and hot and cold running water. The establishment of this facility attracted many people to the area. Among the influx of medical staff and patients was Dr. Richard A. Crawford. Dr. Crawford was in the Medical Corps, served overseas and eventually became head physician and co-owner of the sanitarium. He died in 1932 while serving the hospital. Dr. Crawford built his home directly across the street from the hospital where it remains today. Presently the house is ideally located on

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approximately 1/4 of a square block and is surrounded by shrubs along the outer sidewalk.

The home Dr. Crawford and his wife, Lydia, built in 1923, illustrates many features of the Craftsman style. Dr. Crawford supposedly based construction of the house on ideas he gathered from other properties while serving in the Medical Corps in France. The house is two stories and made of concrete block with locally gathered cobble and field stones used in the chimneys. The gable ends are stuccoed with ornamental half-timbering. Exposed rafters under the overhanging eaves are one of the give away elements of the style.

Craftsman construction became popular during the late teens and early twenties in South Dakota and was a widely used and readily affordable style in the state. There are numerous extant examples throughout the state and some small scale vernacular properties in Chamberlain reflecting Craftsman influences. The Crawford House, however, is the best and most intact example in the city. Its picturesque location, high degree of integrity, and quality interior features set this building apart from the others in the area.

The imported Italian golden oak interior woodwork is not matched in the area and is in excellent condition. Built-in features like the dining room/kitchen pass through, ice box, upstairs dressing and closet area, and breakfast nook are also in excellent condition and the number and quality of these in one property is rarely seen. The symmetry of the building, a simple rectangular plan, is neatly arranged on the interior. Two sun-rooms and a separate centrally located main entrance are accented by an impressive staircase rising to the second floor. The house is deceptively spacious based on the exterior appearance. Over 4000 square feet of living area includes the completed basement, main floor and second story.

All of these features and the high degree of historic integrity of this property provide evidence of its local significance and its eligibility for listing under criterion "C" as an excellent example of a Craftsman style building. The gable front with half timbering in the ends and exposed rafters are typical of the period. The imported golden oak details make for a visually spectacular interior. The integrity and number of the built-in features offers a not so often seen glimpse into the past. Presently the house is occupied by a single family taking great care of preserving the historical property.

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Historical Society, Pukwana: Register Publishing Co., Inc.; 1980.

Obituary of Dr. R. A. Crawford.

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Republic, Friday, June 28, 1963.

Abstract of Title, Brule County Abstract Company, Inc., Chamberlain,
South Dakota.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The Dr. R. A. Crawford House resides on Lot J of the outlot Seven, of Government lot one of section 21, township 104 North, range 71, west of the 5th p.m., Brule County, South Dakota.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries of the nominated property include the house and the garage and the lot historical associated with the property.

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H. Wehrung, photographer
April 1994
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View of west/southwest, camera facing northeast
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Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
April 1994
State Historical Preservation Center
view of southwest, camera facing northeast
#2

3.
Crawford, Robert A. House
Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
April 1994
State Historical Preservation Center
view of southwest, camera facing northeast
#3

4.
Crawford, Robert A. House
Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
April 1994
State Historical Preservation Center
view of southwest, camera facing northeast
#4

5.
Crawford, Robert A. House
Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
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April 1994
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view of west, camera facing east
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7.
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Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
April 1994
State Historical Preservation Center
view of east camera facing west
#7

8.
Crawford, Robert A. House
Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
April 1994
State Historical Preservation Center
view of interior eating area built-in
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Crawford, Robert A. House
Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
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view of built-in ice box
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10.
Crawford, Robert A. House
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interior view of fireplace
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interior view of bedroom built-in dressing area
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12.

Crawford, Robert A. House
Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
April 1994
State Historical Preservation Center
interior view of multi-paned windows
#12

13.

Crawford, Robert A. House
Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
April 1994
State Historical Preservation Center
interior view of dining room built-in
#13

14.

Crawford, Robert A. House
Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
April 1994
State Historical Preservation Center
interior view of columns between dining and living rooms
#14

15.

Crawford, Robert A. House
Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
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State Historical Preservation Center
interior view of paneled ceiling
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Crawford, Robert A. House
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State Historical Preservation Center
interior view of stairway
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17.
Crawford, Robert A. House
Brule County, SD
H. Wehrung, photographer
April 1994
State Historical Preservation Center
interior view of kitchen
#17.