

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Peterson-Loriks House

and/or common Loriks Heritage House

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication _____

city, town Oldham _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district first

state South Dakota code 46 county Kingsbury code 077

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Oldham Library and Historical Association

street & number % Mrs. Joyce Becker, President

city, town Oldham _____ vicinity of _____ state South Dakota 57501

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kingsbury County Courthouse

street & number _____

city, town DeSmet _____ state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title South Dakota Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June, 1976 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Historical Preservation Center

city, town Vermillion _____ state South Dakota

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Peterson-Loriks House combines common commercial products and unusual personal details into a pleasant, yet conventional, picturesque period house. Although basically a rectangular block form, the overhanging roof of the second and third stories creates a cross plan appearance. The asbestos shingle tile on the upper stories is an inexpensive commercial product used to create a shingle style effect. In contrast to these suggestions of irregularity are the details of the first floor, which include cement urns and exceptionally fine cement cast columns, featuring a delicate Greek anthemian leaf motif, and which are basically Colonial Revival in spirit. The four gables on each facade, which form the entire roof, are covered in crimped copper alloy material.

Center passage in plan, the rectangle is broken by two semi-octagonal projecting bays on the front and northeast facades. The interior door is fitted with an elliptical window in the Queen Anne tradition, while the side and rear windows are double-hung. Aside from the addition of an entrance on the facade, the house has undergone only slight cosmetic changes. The rooms have been renovated to the 1900 period, as the house is now a museum and archives for the Emil Loriks private papers.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Prominent Citizen
<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

Specific dates 1909 **Builder/Architect** Builder - Pete Peterson

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The significance of this site lies in its architecture and its association with pioneer Peter Peterson and state politician, Emil Loriks. Sometimes referred to as Neo-Dutch Colonial in style, this house was owned and built by Peterson, and features the rusticated cement blocks and cement columns he molded for its construction in 1909.

Peterson was an early pioneer of Oldham community, who worked as a public school teacher, merchant and contractor-builder of houses. After the death of Peterson's widow, the house passed to Emil Loriks, whose intent it was to create an Oldham County Heritage Center. Loriks' name is closely linked to many important political issues concerning farmers in the 1930's. In 1937 he launched the Grain Terminal Association. Other efforts included work with the Farm Security Administration and serving as president of the South Dakota Farmers Union. Purchased by Loriks in 1976, the house was donated to the Oldham Library and Historical Association for use as a museum and archives of Loriks' papers. The preservation of this site is assured by this civic-minded association.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Madison Daily Leader, Nov. 2, 1977, "Loriks Heritage House Established in Oldham."
 Huron Daily Plainsman, July 31, 1977, "Oldham Home to House Papers of Emil Loriks."

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property less than one acre

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Quadrangle name Oldham Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property is located in Block 17, Lots 10 and 11 of Oldham (see attached map).

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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date 1979

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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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

John J. Fittle

title Director, Historical Preservation Center

date 3/11/80

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

Carol D. Skell

date 6-19-80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *William H. Brannan*

date 6-19-80

Chief of Registration