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### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION  
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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: The Waddel Mansion

Other names/site number: N/A

#### 2. Location

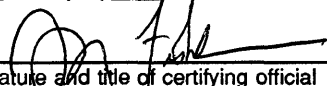
Street & number: 605 West 5th St  not for publication

City or town: Webster  vicinity

State: South Dakota Code: SD County: Day Code: 037 Zip code: 57069

#### 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.)

 SD SHPO 4/20/94  
Signature and title of certifying official Date

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.)

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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

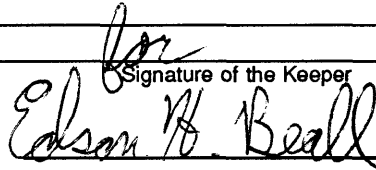
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#### 4. National Park Service Certification

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:)

**Entered in the  
National Register**

 6/3/94  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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The Waddel Mansion  
Name of Property

Day, 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**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC:single dwelling  
DOMESTIC:secondary structure,  
garage

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC:multiple dwelling  
DOMESTIC:secondary structure,  
garage

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

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

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation Brick  
walls Wood-clapboard  
roof Wood-shingle  
other \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

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

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**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.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1920

**Significant Dates**

1920

1940

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Name of repository:

State Hist. Pres. Center

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreege of Property** 1 acre

**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: Betty LaBarr w/ tech assistance by Melissa Dirr, shpo staff  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: February, 1994  
Street & Number: RR 1, Box 39 Telephone: (605) 947-4710  
City or Town: Ortley State: SD Zip code: 57256

**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: John and Betty LaBarr  
Street & Number: RR 1, Box 39 Telephone: (605) 947-4710  
City or Town: Ortley State: SD Zip code: 57256

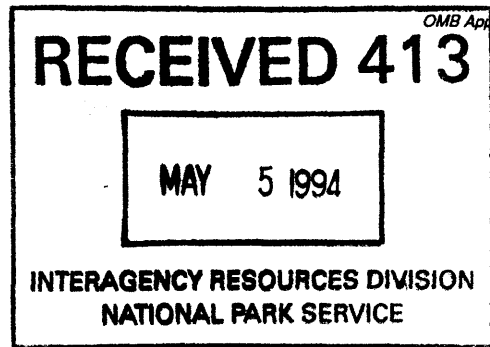
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**Narrative Description:**

Resting atop the highest elevation in small Webster, South Dakota, the Waddel Mansion remains a bastion of the stately residences of times gone by. Resting on a geometrically patterned brick foundation, the irregular plan building has a symmetrical facade with clapboard siding and wood shingle roof. The house retains its original fenestration of three over one sashes throughout. Since its construction in 1920, it has been in continuous use as a single family dwelling by the Waddel family until its change of hands in 1990. Built by William Garner Waddel, a local lawyer, for his family the building was considered a mansion for the town and is today one of the largest homes in Webster. In 1919 the carriage house was begun and its design was to facilitate housing carriages, but as the automobile came into popular use its function changed to a garage. Except for a modernization in 1940, which saw the addition of clapboards over the original stucco facade and modernization of plumbing facilities, the house retains its historic appearance and continues its architectural dominance in Webster.

The house has an irregular floor plan consisting of a symmetrical central block with recessed wings on either side and irregular projections in the rear. The entrance is capped with an arched ornamental door hood that is characteristic of features found in the Colonial Revival style. Directly above the door is a large gabled dormer window also with ornamental brackets. The foundation consists of red pressed brick laid out in a diamond shaped geometrical pattern. The wood-frame building was originally covered in stucco containing washed pebbles and seashells. In 1940, the deteriorating stucco was covered with narrow clapboards. During this same year the original red composition roof shingles were replaced with wood shingles. The gable roof is supported by ornamental soffited brackets with large curved brackets under the dormer as well as the gable ends at the rear of the building.

The interior of the building reveals many unique features added by the Waddel family. The house was heated by coal, and William Garner Waddel (the builder of the house) devised an operation whereby an electrical circuit automatically adjusted the stoker flu. A sort of modern day thermostat. There was also a central vacuum system installed at the time of construction that operated on a compressor

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system. This was somewhat experimental and not often used because of wood floors throughout and the lack of carpets. Other interior features include oak woodwork and doors, brick fireplaces, window seats, clothes chute, and open arches connecting rooms.

The carriage house is a rectangular gable-roofed building with brackets along the soffit. Three large carriage doors, two on the gable end, one on the long end serve as entrance along with a small door directly off a walk connecting the house and the garage.

The setting of the house today remains the same in the quiet small town of Webster. The area surrounding the house is heavily wooded as it was historically. During the 1950's the house was converted to six apartments with care taken to preserve the integrity of the original features. There was little or no damage to the woodwork, doors, and other distinctive features including preservation of the original kitchen cupboards.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance:**

The Waddel Mansion is architecturally significant as an excellent example of an upscale Craftsman Style house built in 1920. Since its construction the building remains a key home in Webster and typifies the Craftsman building style of this period. The building relates to the context V. Depression and Rebuilding, 1. Changing Urban Patterns of the South Dakota State Historical Preservation Plan.

Located in northeast South Dakota, Webster is a small community of approximately two thousand people. Primarily agricultural the area boasts many glacial lakes with prosperous hunting and fishing areas. The city of Webster was incorporated in 1885 and soon after became the County seat of Day County. Growth of the town was facilitated through the Milwaukee Railroad Company who extended their line through the town in 1883. A continuous influx of European immigrants and other families seeking a new start headed to the area. Mostly agricultural, grain was and is the predominant industry in Day County.

William Garner Waddel was born June 29, 1870, and came to Webster, South Dakota in the early 1900s. He established a prosperous law practice at this time. The success of his practice allowed him to buy a lot and build the most impressive house in Webster. The house is significant as a representative type of the Craftsman style of construction. The house features a door hood taken from the Colonial Revival style, therefore is not truly craftsman, but the overhanging eaves with exposed brackets, three-over-one windows and simple facade place it in the Craftsman category.

The Craftsman style can be credited to two California brothers Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene who practiced together from 1893 to 1914 in California. Springing up from the desire for affordable, smaller yet stylish houses the Bungalow style was created. The popularity of this design quickly spread into pattern book plans and rapidly spread through the rest of the country. Packages were sold that included all the lumber and decorative features to complete a Craftsman style house independently. The Waddel House is not typical because it has side gables as opposed to front gables and because it reveals elements of the Colonial Revival style as well. However, the

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features most closely associated with Craftsman style, the overhanging eaves with exposed brackets, dormers, and window arrangement are present. Originally with its stucco facade the house would have been a more typical example. Moreover, today it remains significant under criterion C as an example of a type of construction popular during the 1920s.



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**Bibliography:**

*History of Day County*, Centennial Book.

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Oral interview with James Clayton Waddel by Larry Zeller, 1992.

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**Verbal Boundary Description:**

Block 1, Alley Addition, Webster, South Dakota

**Boundary Justification:**

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the house