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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 * * Gaylord Sumner House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Corner of Second and Wandel

CITY, TOWN
Fort Pierre

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
No. 2

STATE
South Dakota

VICINITY OF
CODE
046

COUNTY
Stanley

CODE
117

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
William Fischer

STREET & NUMBER
Corner of Second and Wandel

CITY, TOWN
Fort Pierre

STATE
South Dakota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER
Stanley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN
Fort Pierre

STATE
South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE
1977

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 original portion of the Gaylord Sumner house was a small one and one-half story cottage constructed in 1889. Between 1896 and 1898 this original cottage was raised to the second floor level and the remainder of the present house was built beneath it. The materials were brought from New York and Pennsylvania. Even today it is possible to see the differences between the dark oak woodwork on the main floor and the lighter woodwork on the second floor due to the two different stages in which the house was constructed.

The Gaylord Sumner house is constructed on a poured concrete and cement block foundation. The cement blocks as well as the chimney brick were said to have been manufactured by the Fort Pierre Block and Brick Works. The house itself is of frame construction, two and one-half stories high. The first floor ceilings are nine feet high and the second floor ceilings eight feet. The exterior has narrow clapboard siding. The roof was originally covered with wooden shingles, but these were replaced during the 1960's. The house has one red brick chimney that was originally corbeled. Aside from the Palladian window in the facade, all other windows in the house are double hung with rectangular sash. Several windows have beveled plate glass panes set in lead. The main door is of oak and has an oval window with a beveled glass pane. Throughout the interior of the Sumner house fine oak woodwork was used in the construction. All of this woodwork has been carefully preserved. The fireplace is of arched brick and has an ornate brick mantle.

Architecturally, the Sumner house is a combination of Queen Anne and Georgian Revival elements. The somewhat irregular plan and massing of the house, the high multiple roofs with their ridges meeting at right angles, prominent gables and the large porch all suggest Queen Anne stylistic characteristics; while the classical detailing of the eaves and front gable and the Palladian window used as a focal point of the facade are Georgian Revival influences.

In 1967 the Sumner house was purchased by William Fischer and his wife. While modernizing essential mechanical systems, they have carefully preserved the appearance and character of both the interior and exterior. The exterior has been painted yellow instead of the original white.

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 1889; modified 1896-1898 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

late 1960's

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gaylord Sumner house is significant both architecturally and historically. Architecturally, the house is one of the most important landmark structures in Fort Pierre. It represents an important local adaptation of the Queen Anne style of architecture. It is also one of the few pre-1900 buildings in Fort Pierre that has not been substantially altered.

Historically, the house was built by one of Fort Pierre's most important historical figures. Gaylord Sumner, in association with C. L. Millet, organized the Stockgrowers' Bank in 1890. Sumner also operated the Stanley County Abstract Company and had interests in associated banks at Midland, Philip, Kadoka, and Milesville. Sumner came to Fort Pierre from Belfast, New York, at the time he helped organize the bank. He lived there until his death in 1967. Sumner married Ida Ricketts, whose mother operated a hotel and boarding house that was located at the corner of Main and Deadwood Streets. Throughout his life Sumner was a prominent supporter of the Congregational Church. Like many local families they suffered business losses during the Great Depression of the 1930's. They were known around Fort Pierre as frugal people who even kept chickens in the backyard as long as they lived in the house.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Fischer, Jeanell, "The Sumner House, Fort Pierre, South Dakota," unpublished m.s., 1971, 22 pp.

PRAIRIE PROGRESS IN WEST CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA, Historical Society of Stanley County, 1968.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.0 acres

UTM REFERENCES None Available

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude $44^{\circ} 20' 52''$
Longitude $100^{\circ} 22' 25''$

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 Lawrence J. Sommer, Assoc. AIP

ORGANIZATION Planning and Historic Preservation Consultant to the City of Fort Pierre, Community Development Department DATE 1977

STREET & NUMBER 407A Alworth Building TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Duluth STATE Minnesota

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 [Signature] DATE Sept. 21/77

TITLE Acting Director/Historical Preservation Center DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ATTEST: <u>[Signature]</u> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>12/21/77</u> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE <u>12.6.77</u>
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