

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 of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Majerus, E. M., House
other names/site number CD-WT-N-19

2. Location

street & number 802 First Street Northwest not for publication
city, town Watertown vicinity
state South Dakota code SD county Codington code SD 029 zip code 57201

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic Resources of the North End
Neighborhood, Watertown, SD

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. 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. See continuation sheet.

[Signature] _____ Date 11/11/89

Signature of certifying official _____
State or Federal agency and bureau South Dakota 51400

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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] _____ 1/3/89

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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)

Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Stucco

roof Tile

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Situated on a corner lot with an abundance of trees, the E. M. Majerus House is a small, one-and-one-half-story, slightly L-shaped, masonry Mission Style residence. Its walls are covered with stucco and its intersecting gable and hipped roofs are sheathed with clay tiles, both characteristic of the style. Finials appoint each gable end. A chimney rises from the center of the south (side) facade.

Most windows are small slightly-rectangular units. The main entrance, an arched wooden door with a decorative window and capped by a semi-circular arch, is recessed into the center of the west (street) facade. Looking out from the living room, a large multi-paned picture window is located to the south of the main entrance. North of that entrance looking out from the dining room is a smaller picture window set in the center of a recessed (crenulated) portion of the facade. Wrought iron ballustrades project from the upper story window.

The floor plan is a small three-room scheme, two bays in width.

An attached two-stall garage projects on the east (rear) facade, with drive-in doors on the south.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1927

Significant Dates

1927

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Codington County Historical Society

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A

1	4	6	4	8	7	9	0	4	9	7	4	4	9	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the property are contained within the legal description: South one-half of Lot 8, and all of Lot 7, Block 9, Syndicate Addition, City of Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the parcel that has historically been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the E. M. Majerus House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is the best extant example of Mission Style houses in the North End Neighborhood, Watertown, South Dakota. Built in 1927 for the Majerus family this local landmark is best known by area residents as the "Doc" Harper House. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan the property relates to the following historic context: V. Depression and Rebuilding, A. Changing Urban Patterns, 3. Residential Changes.

Edward M. and Emil D. Majerus acquired this parcel of land in 1926, and constructed their house the following year. A city directory lists the Majerus Company business location in the Wiser Building in 1926 and on 5 1/2 South Broadway in 1929. In 1931, they sold the home to Helen and Harry Henningson. The Henningsons held the title until Edwin "Doc" Harper purchased it in 1939. Harper, a Dentist by profession, had a business location on Broadway Avenue. The home has local popular historical interest, because Clark Gable and Carole Lombard stayed at the house in 1941 during a pheasant hunting trip to South Dakota.

The house is a fine example of the Mission style with its tiled hipped and gable roofs and traditional stucco exterior. It displays other elements characteristic of the style such as its projecting gable portion, the use of semi-circular arched doorway, and wrought iron ballustrades.

The period of significance for the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in 1927.

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

1.

E. M. Majerus House

(Historic Resources of the North End Neighborhood, Watertown, SD)

802 First Street, N.W., Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

by Rolene Schliesman

August 1987

Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

South facade, camera facing north

Photo No. 1

2.

E. M. Majerus House

(Historic Resources of the North End Neighborhood, Watertown, SD)

802 First Street, N.W., Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

by Rolene Schliesman

August 1987

Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

East facade, camera facing west

Photo No. 2

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Majerus, E.M., House (North End Neighborhood MRA) Codington County, SOUTH DAKOTA

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL
(Name Change)

Keeper Beth Boland 7/27/89

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AMENDMENT TO NOMINATION: CHANGE OF NAME OF PROPERTY

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: (from original nomination document)
Majerus, E. M. House/ Historic Resources of the North End
Neighborhood, Watertown, South Dakota.

Reference No.: 88003036.

It has recently come to the attention of the South Dakota SHPO that an error was made in the naming of the house at 802 First Street N.W. in Watertown. The real original owner and occupant of the property in question was Dr. Harry Henningson, who was a pioneer physician in the city of Watertown. E. M. Majerus owned the parcel of land on which the house was constructed in 1927 and was most likely the contractor who built the house. Majerus was a local contractor and land speculator. Yet, no member of the Majerus family ever lived in this house. Its proper historic name should be as follows:

Henningson, Dr. Harry, House.

Except for one addition to the bibliography, all other items of the original nomination should remain unchanged.

2. LOCATION: 802 First Street, N.W., Watertown, Codington County (SD 029),
South Dakota (SD).
9. BIBLIOGRAPHY: Oviatt, Mrs. Ross H. Personal Correspondence with John
Rau, November 20, 1988.

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June 20, 1989.

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4. CERTIFICATION:

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Signature of certifying official

6/22/89

Date

South Dakota SHPO

State or Federal agency or bureau