

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic St. Vincent's Hotel
and/or common St. Vincent's Hotel

2. Location

street & number 100 North Wind NA not for publication
city, town Flandreau NA vicinity of
state South Dakota code 46 county Moody code 101

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name William J. and Janna M. Ellingson
street & number 106 West Pipestone Avenue
city, town Flandreau NA vicinity of state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds
street & number Moody County Courthouse, Pipestone Avenue
city, town Flandreau state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Preliminary Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1981 federal state county local
depository for survey records Historical Preservation Center
city, town Vermillion state South Dakota

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The St. Vincent Hotel is a U-shape structure, which is two stories in height, built of frame and resting on a cut stone foundation. Located one block to the south of the commercial district, the hotel is situated to the northwest of the courthouse square. It is a striking 19th century building on Pipestone Avenue.

The original unit is an L-shape building, two stories is height. A smaller, two-story three bay unit, resembling a house, was appended to the north wall. This unit, which has stylistic details of the same period may have been an original unit. Covered in narrow, horizontal board siding, the building is nine bays along the Pipestone Avenue facade and five along the Wind Street facade, both of which are formal facades. The entrance is placed in a diagonal corner bay. The cornice is missing today, but an historic photograph shows that it was a wooden structure with an overhang supported by wooden brackets. The entrance bay was topped with a small pediment and two finials. The pediment carried the painted sign "Saint Vincent, 1897." A stained glass window decorates the upper light of the corner, second-story window. Also missing from the early photograph is the metal balustrade which surrounded the second-story balcony. The porch beneath, which wrapped around two sides, remains intact.

Although the interior has been converted to apartments, the lobby area, which forms one apartment is intact, complete with registration desk, stuffed buffalo heads and antler racks.

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 type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) social history
Specific dates	1897	Builder/Architect	NA	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The St. Vincent Hotel is an unusual, surviving example of a 19th century frame hotel. A landmark in the town of Flandreau, the hotel is significant as period architecture and tangible evidence of the town's railroad related history.

In 1857 Flandreau was established as trading post. Not until 1873, however, was the town platted and officially named Flandreau. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis Railroad entered the town in 1880. Several early hotels were built to serve the railroad clientele. One, the Central House, "was later replaced by the St. Vincent, named for the late Vincent Powers by his mother, Mrs. Mary Akam."

Built in 1897 by Edward Powers, the father of Vincent, the St. Vincent quickly became a social and business center for the town. Powers ran a horse drawn coach, shown in an historic photograph, to and from the railroad depot. Traveling businessmen were given one room in which to display their wares. Local people, as well as guests, patronized the dining room, which was also the scene of the local events, such as the high school prom banquet and dance.

The hotel changed hands several times, but in 1917 the Hale family assumed ownership and ran the business for the next fifty-two years. In the late 1930s the dining room closed and the building was converted to apartments.

Today, the St. Vincent is a rare frame building in a town where the business district is dominated by Sioux Quartzite. While many extant hotels date from the automobile era, the St. Vincent is an unusual, although not unique, survivor of the railroad traveler era.

9. Major Bibliographical References

oral interviews, Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Pete) Hales

Blilie, Katherine. "Some Recollections of Moody County History." The Enterprise Publishing Company: Flandreau, SD. The 20th Century Club.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property one

Quadrangle name Flandreau, S. Dak.

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The lot lines of the property form the boundaries of the site which lies in Lot 18 and the South half of Lot 17, except the West 14 feet of said Lots, all in Block 9 of the Original Plat of the City of Flandreau, Moody County, So. Dakota.

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

state NA code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title William J. Ellingson technical editing: Carolyn Torma

organization Historical Preservation Center date 2 November 82

street & number 216 East Clark Street telephone 605-677-5313

city or town Vermillion 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *James R. Furbush*

title Director, Office of Cultural Preservation date 12/13/82

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 1/27/83

Delores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration