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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 Cook, Fayette, House
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 840 Eighth Avenue N/A not for publication
city, town Spearfish N/A vicinity
state South Dakota code SD county Lawrence code 081 zip code 57783

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
	<u> </u> sites
	<u> </u> structures
	<u> </u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/ANumber 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 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.

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 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)

Queen Anne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood

roof Asphalt

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Built in 1900, the Cook House was designed in the Queen Anne style popular in the United States from 1880-1910. The house sits on the corner of Eighth Avenue and Kansas Street, facing Eighth Avenue, in a residential neighborhood with newer houses to the south. The main facade is flanked by two fir trees. There are various deciduous and evergreen shrubbery around the house and some deciduous trees at the rear. A decorative finial pipe railing fence, with decorative wire, runs along Eighth Avenue and across the property to the south.

Rising from a stone foundation with cement pargeting, the house is a two-and-one-half story wood frame building clad with clapboard siding. It is capped by a steeply-pitched cross-gable roof, covered with asphalt shingles. The main (west) facade and side (south) facade have the most decorative ornamentation. There is a porch running across half of the main facade with a triangular pediment entrance. The roof is supported by delicate turned supports with a spindle ballustrade and brackets. To the right of the porch is a two-story projecting bay with decorative spindlework in the gable end (a sunburst pattern) and under the roof overhang left by cut-away bay windows. There is fish-scale siding in the gable end. The south side is similar, except the bay window occurs only on the first floor. There are wood double-hung 1/1 windows with 2/2 wood storms. The large window by the entrance has a large pane of glass bordered by smaller panes. The north facade has no decorative elements, but the materials are similar to the other facades. The rear facade has a porch across the first floor with square columns and decorative spindlework. The second floor extends out over the porch on half of the facade and there is a balcony with delicate turned porch supports and spindlework ballustrade and brackets. The gable end has decorative spindlework and fish-scale siding.

The interior has also retained much of its architectural integrity. An entrance vestibule has two heavy wood paneled doors with lights. The entrance area has an oak ballustrade to the second floor and a conversation nook with oak fretwork.

The front and back parlors (living and dining rooms) have plaster walls and oak trim. The front parlor has a brick fireplace. The upstairs bedrooms are plaster walls with simple oak trim and wood paneled doors.

The structure is in good to excellent condition.

There are two outbuildings on the rear of the property. One of them, a carriage house contemporary with the house (contributing), has been converted for use as an apartment. This one-and-one-half story structure has shiplap siding and an enclosed porch on the north side. It is compatible with the main house. The other structure (non-contributing) to the rear of the house is a board and batten, newer storage shed.

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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

1900

Significant Dates

1900

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Muir and Phillips, Contractors

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

Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the Fayette Cook House at 840 Eighth Avenue is significant in the area of architecture because it is a good example of the Queen Anne style as built by a few prominent Spearfish residents at the turn of the 20th Century. The house retains all its original architectural integrity. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the property relates to the historic context labeled: IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement, D.2. Urban Development and Residential Living.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Cook House was built by Fayette L. Cook, the first president of the Normal School from 1885-1919. Mr. Cook arrived in Spearfish in 1885, a year after the construction of the first building at the Normal School. Mr. Cook was principal, the only teacher, and janitor in the first year, but the school continued to grow as a teachers' college. It is known today as Black Hills State College.

Fayette Cook was instrumental in constructing several new buildings on campus. A main school building was built in 1887, a Women's Dormitory in 1900, the Schience Hall in 1904, and an addition to the main school building in 1908. The new gymnasium was built in 1919 and dedicated in his name upon his retirement. He stayed at the school until his death in 1922. The Women's Dormitory was named after his wife, Wenona Cook, upon her death in 1913. His second wife, Emma Cook, lived in the house until she sold it in 1940.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Cook property is a good example of the Queen Anne style of architecture popular in the United States from 1880-1910. The structure has retained the steeply-pitched roof of irregular shape and the dominant front-facing gables with the decorative spindlework. There are cut-away bay windows and an asymmetrical facade with a partial porch with its decorative spindlework. These items are all associated with the Queen Anne style. The material and architectural integrity has been retained.

The period of significance of the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in 1900.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Lawrence County Historical Society. SOME HISTORY OF LAWRENCE COUNTY. Pierre, SD: The State Publishing Co., 1981.

Robinson, Doane. DOANE ROBINSON'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SOUTH DAKOTA. Sioux Falls, SD: Will A. Beach Printing Co., 1925.

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository:

South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A

1	3	5	9	0	9	9	0	4	9	2	7	0	0	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

C

Zone		Easting						Northing						

B

Zone		Easting						Northing						

D

Zone		Easting						Northing						

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Verbal Boundary Description

This property is bounded by Lot 5B and 6, Block 40, Uhlig Addition, City of Spearfish, South Dakota.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary is based on legally recorded property lines, historically associated with the property.

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