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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACE REGISTRATION FORM

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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 any 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 (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name	C.B. Ke	ennedy Mansion	
other names/site	number	Amundson Family House	

# 2. Location

street	& numb	er <u>903</u>	North I	Dakota	St		r	not for p	ublication _	
city or	town	Canton		<u> </u>					vicinity	<u>N/A</u>
state	South	Dakota	code	SD	county	Lincoln	code	083	zip code	57013

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this <u>x</u> 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 \_\_x\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_\_ statewide <u>x</u> locally. ( \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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01-09-2001 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.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

Name of Property

4. National Park Service Certification	
I hereby certify that the property is:	But Signature of the Keeper Date of Action Date of Action Date of Action 2/9/81
other,	
(explain:)	<b>-</b> .
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5. Classification	
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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/AName of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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6. Function or Use

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7. Desc	ription			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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	oundation		block, d	nstructions) concrete & brick	
	walls	Brick			
	other		- <u></u>		

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

See 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.
- x 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.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- **B** removed from its original location.
- **C** a birthplace or a 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)

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Period of Sig	gnificance				
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C.B. Kennedy Mansion		Lincoln County, South Dakota
Name of Property		County and State
Significant Dates	1917	
Significant Person	(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)	
Significant r erson	N/A	
Cultural Affiliation	N/A	
Architect/Builder	unknown	<u> </u>

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## 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**

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

Name of repository:

C.B. Kennedy Mansion

Name of Property

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# 10. Geographical Data

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## **11. Form Prepared By**

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organization SD SHPO	date _September 15, 2000
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city or town Pierre	state SD zip code 57501

## **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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name _l	Dave Amundson						
street & nu	903 N Dakota St, PO Box 284		telephone		605-987-2747		
city or town	n Ca	nton	state	SD	zip code	57013	

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## NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The C. B. Kennedy Mansion is located on North Dakota Street in the City of Canton, South Dakota. The house is located in a thriving community, just blocks from the commercial core. The house is surrounded by late 20<sup>th</sup> century structures. The house is an excellent example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Colonial Revival.

#### **Architectural Description**

The Kennedy Mansion, built in 1917 is a two story, light colored brick, hipped roof house with a full width porch on the front which wraps around two sides. The house exhibits characteristics of the Colonial Revival design which include: two stories; a porch roof supported by slender columns to form an entry porch; a facade that shows symmetrically balanced windows and center door; low-pitched roof with wide overhanging eaves having decorative brackets beneath; windows with double hung sashes frequently in adjacent pairs. This was a dominant style for domestic building throughout the country during the first half of the 20th century.

The façade of the Kennedy Mansion reflects the Colonial Revival style. The foundation of the porch is brick laid in the common bond pattern. There are five fixed pane windows at the basement level. On either side of the central stairs leading to the front door is a pair of columns supporting the flat porch roof. There are a total of fourteen columns that support the entire porch roof structure. At the eave of the porch roof are dentil details. The first floor has a two story bow window at the southwest corner which has three one-over-one curved glass windows on each floor. Each window in the house has a limestone sill. Slightly off-center is a recessed entry door with one-over-one double hung windows on either side of the entry. To the east of the entry is cottage window. The southeast corner of the house has a darker brick quoin capped with limestone. The second floor has the continuation of the bow window at the southwest corner. Located in the center of the façade is a three-sided oriel window. Each side has a one-over-one double hung window. To the east of the oriel window is a pair of one-over-one double hung windows.

Located at the center of the roof line of each elevation is a broken pediment dormer. The windows are a large pane window topped with a narrow diamond pane window. On either side of this window are narrow one-over-one double hung windows with a narrow diamond pane window in the top sash.

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Located in the center below the broken pediment is an oval divided light glass window. The dormers are clapboard sided. The dormer on the façade has a three sided balustrade which follows the line of the oriel window on the second floor.

The east elevation of the Kennedy Mansion features a porte-cochere located in the center of the elevation. There is a half brick wall covered with a flat roof supported by two thin columns. The porte-cochere is a continuation of the wrap-around porch from the façade. From the porte-cochere, there is a short flight of steps leading to the east entry into the house. Above the door is a transom window. To the south of the entry is a cottage window. Adjacent to the entry, on the north side is a narrow, one-over-one double hung window still under the porte-cochere. Beyond the porte-cochere is a pair of one-over-one double hung windows, a fixed diamond pane window and a one-over-one double hung window. The second floor has a bow window slightly off-center. There are three, one-over-one double hung curved glass windows in the bow. To the north of the bow window, are four one-over-one double hung windows. The dormer on this elevation has a curved balustrade, which follows the shape of the bow window on the second floor. The northeast corner also has dark brick quoins.

The north elevation has a single car garage in the basement at the northwest corner. Between the garage door and the steps leading to the north entry is a retaining wall that allows for plantings. There is a flat roof porch over the entry into the north elevation. Two slender columns support it with balustrades on either side of the columns. The roof also has a balustrade on three sides. To the east of the entry are a pair of one-over-one double hung windows. To the west of the entry, above the garage door, a band of four one-over-one double hung windows. The second floor has two one-over-one double hung windows on the northeast side of the entry. The second floor also has a band of four one-over-one double hung windows. The second floor also has a band of four one-over-one double hung windows. The second floor also has a band of four one-over-one double hung windows. The second floor also has a band of four one-over-one double hung windows. The second floor also has a band of four one-over-one double hung windows. The second floor also has a band of four one-over-one double hung windows identical to the band on the first floor. The dormer at the roofline has no balustrade.

The west elevation has four twelve-over-one double hung windows at the basement level. Located in the center of the elevation is a flat roof bay window with dentils at the roofline. To the south of the bay is cottage window. Also to the south of the bay is a flight of steps leading to the wrap-around porch. The steps are hidden behind a brick half-wall topped with concrete. To the north of the bay window is a band of four one-over-one double hung windows. The second floor has an identical

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band of four one-over-one windows at the northwest corner. A large cottage window is located above the bay window. To the south of that window are two small square fixed diamond pane windows directly below the roofline. The dormer on this elevation has no balustrade.

Interior:

The interior of the Kennedy Mansion has many fine decorative elements. Upon entering through the south façade, a guest enters an octagonal foyer with recessed panel wainscoting on the walls of the foyer and also wainscoting leading up the staircase. The flooring is quarter-sawn oak. The foyer also has exposed beams in the ceiling from the Arts and Crafts style. Original light fixtures are found throughout the house.

The northwest corner of the house features a sunroom. Glass French doors lead into the sunroom. Fixed diamond pane windows flank the French doors. Near the sunroom is the butler's pantry, which has built-in oak cabinets including an original ice box.

The second floor has a division of bedrooms and servant quarters. Where bow windows are present on the second floor, bench seats can be found. There is also a flight of stairs to a finished attic. The attic currently is not used. Finally, the house also has a finished basement including space under the wrap-around porch.

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# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The C. B. Kennedy Mansion is significant under criterion C for the distinctive architectural style of Colonial Revival. The Kennedy Mansion, constructed in 1917, was not ordinary for the town of Canton, as many buildings with a similar date of construction were much smaller in design. The house gains significance as it is surrounded by newly constructed homes.

A farming region characterizes the surrounding area of downtown Canton. Canton is the county seat of Lincoln County. Settlement in the City of Canton began in 1861 with a small log-front trade dugout. Permanent settlement did not commence until 1866 with immigrants from Missouri. In 1867 the Territorial Legislature organized Lincoln County with Canton as the county seat. Soon after this, the population doubled when, in June of 1868, twenty-three Norwegian immigrant families camped in the Center Square of town until they could build sod or log houses on their homesteads. These families provided the ethnic base for the city, which retains that strong tie today. The railroad came through Lincoln County in 1880 and went directly through the City of Canton. By this time, the government opened approximately 24,000,000 acres of land to homesteaders.

In 1880-81, C. B. Kennedy and his brother, Benjamin, established Kennedy Brothers Law Office in Canton. The brothers and Ben's brother-in-law, purchased a great deal of land in Canton, increasing their individual fortunes. In 1886, C. B. with the assistance of his partners established the Bank of Canton where he served as president. C. B. became a well-known banker in the town of Canton as well as a well-known lawyer in Canton, Madison and the Supreme Court of the Dakota Territory in Yankton. Through his success, he was able to build and manage the telephone and electric companies in Canton, continue his interest in real estate and build the Canton Opera House, which was razed in 1983.

Six weeks before C. B. Kennedy's death on September 29, 1917, the home at 903 North Dakota Street was completed at an approximate cost of \$40,000. C. B. Kennedy chose the design for the house and his sons assisted in its construction. Kennedy chose the Colonial Revival style, one popularized in South Dakota from 1890 to 1925.

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The house is eligible under Criterion C as it typifies the Colonial Revival Style, one that is not commonly found in the city of Canton or the surrounding communities. It maintains a high degree of integrity, as the only restoration that has been completed on the house includes tuck pointing of the house, new storm windows, reconstruction of the porch with the original bricks and accurate replacement of the brackets located under the roofline. The house exhibits the common elements found on the Colonial Revival styles including: brackets under the roofline, broken pedimented dormers, slender columns, hipped roof, full-width porch, and predominately masonry construction.

The Kennedy Mansion, constructed in 1917, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its significance as a Colonial Revival house in the City of Canton. The Colonial Revival Style of architecture is not traditionally found in Canton and the surrounding communities.

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# **Bibliography**

- The Lincoln Country History Committee. *The History of Lincoln County South Dakota*. Freeman, South Dakota: Pinehill Press 1985.
- *The Sioux Valley News*, 213 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Canton, South Dakota 57013, 605-764-2000. 1876 and 1891.

# **Verbal Boundary Description**

Lot 3, except west 73' thereof and except north 233' thereof Vern Kennedy addition to City of Canton, Lincoln County South Dakota according to the recorded plat.

#### **Boundary Justification**

All the land that has historically been associated with the house.