

YANKTON COUNTY SURVEY

NAME Van Osdel House

LOCATION Lot 17, Block 1 of Van Osdel's third addition of Mission Hill

OWNER Paul and Gertrude Nelson

ADDRESS P.O. Box 38
Mission Hill, South Dakota 57046

DESCRIPTION The Van Osdel House in Mission Hill is a large one and one-half story hipped roof residence constructed around 1912. It rests on an irregular stone foundation and is constructed of Yankton (orangish-red scored) brick. Four clapboard faced dormers and a single stack chimney appear on the roof. A large open classical porch with doric columns covers the front (east) facade and sweeps around to the south facade. All the openings utilize arched lintels and lugsills for surrounds. There are two original doors visible, containing elliptical windows. A large clapboarded addition was attached to the rear, further extending the large, rectangular plan.

STYLE Vernacular / Hip Cottage DATE 1912 (est)

SIGNIFICANCE The significance of the 1912 Van Osdel House is two-fold: architecture and government. The dwelling is an elaborate example of a vernacular type of construction, the hip cottage, and is architecturally one of the more important early 20th century homes in the resource area. It has governmental significance because it was the home of Abraham Van Osdel Jr. (1845-1936), one of Yankton County's leading politicians. He was in the state legislature for six terms and ran for lieutenant governor and governor in the late 19th century.

ACREAGE Less than 1

BOUNDARIES The nominated property is located 750 feet north of the Chicago and North Western Railroad line and 200 feet northwest of Lincoln Park in Mission Hill.

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