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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC ~~*/~~

Edgar Vernon House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Presho

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

South Dakota

VICINITY OF

CODE

046

COUNTY

Lyman

CODE

085

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Hans Rasmaasen

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Presho

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lyman County Courthouse - Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Kennebec

STATE

South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

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 one and a half story Edgar Vernon House displays elements of Victorian architecture. This is especially true of the east facade which shows a highly irregular roof, a rectangular oriel window, a polygonal entry and variety of window sizes. The roof consists of both gable and hip sections, plus the multiside entry roof.

The other sides are for the most part devoid of ornamentation and are simple in appearance. The only unusual element on the west facade is an eyebrow window, most of the other openings are flat topped, double hung with slipsill surrounds. Some windows on the west side show signs of alteration. The house sets on a large corner lot and is isolated from other structures.

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
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<input 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Builder: Emery Fry

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Edgar Vernon House is significant to the city of Presho because it is one of the few buildings that displays a Victorian type of construction. There are few other examples in the area; this is because Presho was not founded until 1905 which is well after the boom period of Queen Annes. Another important facet of the house is that twice it has been utilized for medical purposes.

The Edgar Vernon family came to Lyman County in 1907 from Wilmington, Delaware; the following year they constructed one of the finest homes in Presho. The carpenters engaged to erect the building were Emery Fry (who was in charge), David Holmes and Bill Nelson. The Vernons along with their black maid, Lizzie Carson, resided in the house until 1918 when adverse conditions caused them to return to Delaware.

During World War I there was a large flu epidemic and the house became a hospital which it remained for many years. Dr. Fred Newman was in charge and his wife acted as the head nurse. Newman came from Clarkville, Iowa and had degrees from Cornell College in Iowa, University of Iowa and Northwestern University Medical School. He practiced medicine in Presho from 1905 to 1950 when he died at age seventy-seven.

Next to occupy the dwelling was H.F. Blecker who used it as a residence. In the 1950's Miss Edith Logon had an outpatient clinic located there. The next owner was Hans Rasmussen and he still lives there.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rasmussen, Hans, oral interview, November 1976, with Lyman County Historical Society.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES None Available

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Longitude 100° 3' 2"
Latitude 43° 54' 29"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lyman County Historical Society

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Presho

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

TITLE

Director/Historical Preservation Center

DATE

10/19/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: Rasmussen, H. Cole

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE 3-30-78

DATE 3-10-78