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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 Old St. Mary's Catholic Parish House
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 5th Avenue and Underwood Street N/A not for publication
city, town Bryant N/A vicinity
state South Dakota code SD county Hamlin code SD 057 zip code 57221

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

Number 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 [Signature] Date 11/9/88
State or Federal agency and bureau South Dakota 51190

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. Beth Boland 12/27/88
 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)

RELIGION/Church-related residence

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: American Foursquare

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Wood

roof Asphalt

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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Surrounded by trees and shrubs on the corner of Fifth and Underwood in the city of Bryant, the Old St. Mary's Catholic Parish House is a large two-and-one-half story wood frame single family dwelling. Rising from a rusticated concrete block foundation, the cube-shaped house was designed in the vernacular American Foursquare style with some classical revival features. Exterior walls are clad with clapboard siding. The pyramidal roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A brick chimney rises from near the center of the roof. Wide overhanging eaves are supported by wooden modillion blocks. To provide light for the half-story attic, a hipped-roof dormer projects from the roof on the south (front) facade.

An open porch is located on the front facade. It is capped by a hipped roof supported by four smooth Doric columns. In the center of the front facade is an entrance door with a single side light on the right. To the west of the door is a large two-over-two window with sidelights. A side entrance door is located near the center of the east facade. No longer extant, a small open porch once projected from this door. Fenestration is generally balanced, consisting mostly of elongated rectangular double-hung windows. The upper sash of most windows feature a multipane configuration with mullions arranged in a diamond-shaped pattern. On the upper level, the centers of the east, west, and north facades are pierced by single small, fixed-sash windows, which provide light for bedroom closets.

Interior space is arranged on a modified central hall plan. A priest's study is entered through doors off the entrance foyer and off the main hall. The stairway to the upper floor is located in a hall near the east (side) entry door. Original interior features include hardwood floors, baseboards, window and door trim, pocket doors of various sizes, and a stairway balustrade. A butler's pantry with built-in cupboards separates the kitchen from the dining room.

Constructed about 1915, a small wood frame garage (contributing) is located a few yards northeast of the dwelling. Facing Underwood Street, it is a wood frame building rising from a poured concrete floor. Its gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Fenestration includes small fixed sash windows along axial walls, a small door off-center on the west gable end, and double swing-out doors on the east gable end. A sidewalk connects the garage with the rear of the house.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

 nationally statewide locallyApplicable National Register Criteria A B C DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1908 - c. 1915

Significant Dates

1908
c. 1915

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

 See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

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:

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

Specify repository:

South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Quad.: Bryant, Scale: 1:24000

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is bounded by the legal description as recorded in the Hamlin County Registers of Deeds Office: South one-half of lot 4, Lots 5 and 6; Block 7; Milwaukee Land Company's First Addition; City of Bryant, Hamlin County, South Dakota.

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the nominated property include the parcel historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Ann Wendling (w/technical assistance by John Rau, SHPO Staff)

organization _____ date August 12, 1988

street & number P O Box 242 telephone 605-628-2288

city or town Bryant state South Dakota zip code 57221

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Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the Old St. Mary's Catholic Parish House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is an excellent example of the popular vernacular style now commonly called American Foursquare. Constructed in 1908, it served as the parish house for St. Mary's Catholic Church until the mid-1960s, when it was sold to a private party. The house continues to be used for single-family domestic housing and retains its original historic character. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the property relates to the historic context labeled: V. Depression and Rebuilding, A. 3. Changing Urban Patterns, Residential Changes: Development of Suburbs, New Building Materials, and Pattern Book Architecture.

Promoted by pattern books and mail order houses, two-and-one-half story cubic dwellings commanded widespread popularity across the United States for at least the first three decades of the Twentieth Century. Now generally accepted by historians of vernacular architecture as the American Foursquare, this style is noted primarily by its large, massed cubic form. Facade treatments and floor plans vary considerably. Roof plans are either hipped or pyramidal (full or truncated). Open porches were incorporated into almost all designs. Like the older Queen Anne style, the Foursquare grew out of the enduring craftsman movement; however, many examples feature colonial revival and classical revival elements becoming popular again for domestic architecture at the turn of the century. Such treatments as classical columns, dentils, modillions, or brackets, and Palladian windows are quite common. Often elements of Prairie School styling will be included. Costs of houses span a wide range depending upon personal tastes, needs, and resources.

In keeping with these traditions, the St. Mary's Parish House features classical revival elements such as Doric columns, modillions, and a modified central hall plan. The house also includes some craftsman details like built-in cupboards in the butler's pantry and the fine multipane diamond configurations on the upper sash of most windows throughout the house.

Hamlin County was created in 1873 and formally organized in 1878. Named for an official of the Milwaukee Land Company, Bryant was platted in 1887. It quickly grew into a thriving but small support community for surrounding farms. Shortly after the town was founded, a group of area Catholics decided to form a parish. At first, they held services in private homes, but in 1890 and 1891, they constructed a wood frame, nave plan church. Non-resident priests said mass until the late-1890s. In 1908, the parish constructed a rectory to the west of the church. It served the parish, until 1964, when a new brick church and parish residence were built on the west edge of town. Shortly thereafter, the old church was demolished and the rectory was sold to Leon Manifield.

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It is currently owned by Dale and Mary Ann Wendling. The house is in an excellent state of repair, and except for removal of the east (side) porch, which the Wendlings intend to someday replace, it remains essentially unaltered. No visible evidence of the old church building survive.

From historic photographs reproduced in local history books, it is apparent that the garage was built very shortly, perhaps only a few years, after construction of the house. Its probable date of construction is 1915.

The period of significance of the nominated property extends from the date of construction of the house in 1908 to c. 1915, the date of construction of the garage.

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

1.

Old St. Mary's Catholic Parish House
Bryant, Hamlin County, South Dakota
by John Rau
May 1988
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center
East and south facades, camera facing northwest
Photo No. 1

2.

Old St. Mary's Catholic Parish House
Bryant, Hamlin County, South Dakota
by John Rau
May 1988
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center
West and south facades, camera facing northeast
Photo No. 2

3.

Old St. Mary's Catholic Parish House
Bryant, Hamlin County, South Dakota
by John Rau
May 1988
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center
East facade, camera facing west
Photo No. 3

4.

Old St. Mary's Catholic Parish House
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West and north facades, camera facing southeast
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5.

Old St. Mary's Catholic Parish House/Garage

Bryant, Hamlin County, South Dakota

by John Rau

May 1988

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Garage/ East and north facades, camera facing southwest

Photo No. 5