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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 Whitney, Mary; House
other names/site number LA-SP-OT-51

2. Location

street & number 704 Eighth Street
city, town Spearfish
state South Dakota code SD county Lawrence code SD 081 zip code 57783
[N/A]not for publication
[N/A]vicinity

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
1	0 buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

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

9/22/90
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.

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/Multiple Dwelling

7. DescriptionArchitectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
walls Woodroof Asphalt
other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Situated on a corner lot near the original commercial core of Spearfish, the Mary Whitney house is a one-and-one-half story Italianate dwelling with a historic one-story extension on the east side. Rising from a stone foundation, the T-shaped, wood frame building is clad with clapboard siding. It is capped by a pyramidal hip roof with asphalt shingles. The one-story extension is capped by a hipped roof that intersects with the main roof. Other additions have gable roofs and shed roofs. Shed roof dormers project from the west and south facades. Two brick chimneys rise from the roof line. The eaves are supported by paired brackets situated at the corners and at intervals along each facade. An open porch sprawls across the front facade. The porch is capped by a hipped roof supported by six square wood columns. Each column is solid on the bottom half, with a center void in each side of the upper portion. It appears that at one time there was a wood balustrade around the porch. There are several additions to the building. On the south facade is a wood frame addition with clapboard siding and a shed roof. On the north side there are two additional wood frame sections with wide board siding and a concrete block section both covered with shed roofs. On the east side is a one-story brick structure covered with stucco and an asphalt-shingled gable roof. This appendage appears to be part of the original building; and is shown as a brick cellar on the 1903 Sanborn map. A bay window projects from the south facade. The bay window on the north has been removed to create an entrance for apartments. Fenestration is generally symmetrical, consisting of one-over-one, double hung units. The front entrance door features paired, tall arched lights and a rectangular transom.

The interior consists of a central hallway with rooms on each side. Some of these rooms have been closed off for use as apartments. Ceilings have been lowered. Original woodwork is intact. The kitchen has been modernized.

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
1892

Significant Dates
1892

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.

Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the Mary Whitney house is significant in the area of architecture, because it is a good example of the Victorian Italianate style of architecture as it was used in Spearfish, South Dakota, during the last two decades of the 19th century. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the nominated property relates to the following historical context: IV Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement (1858-present), D.2. Residences (1858-1899).

The Italianate style was a dominating factor in American houses in the midwest during the mid to late part of the nineteenth century. At that time, towns and cities of the midwest like Spearfish were expanding and the Italianate style offered comfortable domestic housing for people of some means. The Italianate style offers a very symmetrical floor plan in a rectangular or, in many cases a square form. Detailing is rather simplified in contrast to elaborate Late-Victorian styles. The primary areas of detailing are above the windows, cornices and porches. Window surrounds have a pediment and a segmented arched sash. There are boxed eaves supported by brackets. The porch is supported by square posts with chamfered corners. The Mary Whitney House incorporates many of these features.

Spearfish, located on the eastern rim of the Black Hills, was founded in 1876 in response to the emerging gold rush. It quickly grew into a vital service community for area miners and ranchers. In the mid-1880's the city became the home of Black Hills Normal School, now known as Black Hills State University.

The house was constructed for Mary Whitney, about whom, no genealogical or historical information could be found.

The period of significance of the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction - 1892.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Mcalester, Virginia & Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1985.

Whiffen, Marcus. American Architecture Since 1780. Massachusetts: The M.I.T. Press, Inc., 1977.

Deed Records. Lawrence County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

"Map of Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota." New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1903, 1909, 1915, 1923.

[] 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:

- [xx] State historic preservation office
 - [] Other State agency
 - [] Federal agency
 - [] Local government
 - [] University
 - [] Other
- Specify repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 13	591020	4926800
Zone	Easting	Northing
C		

B		
Zone	Easting	Northing
D		

[] See continuation sheet

Quad: Spearfish Scale 1:24000

Verbal Boundary Description

The property is bounded by lot 7 and the south 35' of lot 8, block 18, Original Townsite, City of Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota.

[] See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

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

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Whitney, Mary; House

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

Photo No. 1: Mary Whitney House
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
December 1988
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking east at front entrance.

Photo No. 2: Mary Whitney House
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
December 1988
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking southeast at the house.

Photo No. 3: Mary Whitney House
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
December 1988
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking northwest at the house.

Photo No. 4: Mary Whitney House
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
December 1988
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking west at the building.