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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 * * *
G.E. Lemmon House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
507 3rd Avenue West
CITY, TOWN
Lemmon
STATE
South Dakota
VICINITY OF
2nd
COUNTY
Perkins
CODE
046
CODE
105

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Private	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Forrest Woodard
STREET & NUMBER
507 3rd Avenue West
CITY, TOWN
Lemmon
VICINITY OF
STATE
South Dakota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Perkins County Courthouse - Register of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Bison
STATE
South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
South Dakota Historic Sites Survey
DATE
September 1975
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 G.E. Lemmon house, built in 1908, is an example of one of the more typical early nineteenth century home designs. It is two stories in height and cubical in shape with a hip roof that features a front dormer and a single stack chimney on the rear slope. A mansard roofed bay window appears on the building's left side. The windows are rectangular in shape, double hung and have four sashes. The main entry is offset to the right of the front facade.

There have been only two major changes to the house: the enclosing of the front porch and the stuccoing of the clapboard facing. Otherwise, the structure exteriorly remains much the same.

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) exploration/settle- ment/ranching
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1908 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the G.E. Lemmon house is that it was the residence of the man who helped plot and settle one of South Dakota's last towns--Lemmon. However, most people remember Ed Lemmon as being the embodiment of what a real cowboy was, rather than the mythical image many believe. The National Livestock Association gives him credit for handling the most cattle in a lifetime--over one million--and cutting out, roping and carrying to fire for branding the most cattle in one day--over nine hundred. Because the importance of this man to the history of western life and ranching, his house should be placed on the National Register.

Lemmon was born on May 23, 1857, in Bountiful, Utah, and he remained in the west almost his entire life. During his early years he lived at such places as a Central Overland Stage Stop in Nebraska, Union Pacific Railroad camps and at J.W. Iliff's, the Wyoming cattle king's ranch. His years on the frontier are chronicled in his autobiography Boss Cowman: The Recollections of Ed Lemmon, 1857-1946. This book tells of a man who was a cowhand, trailrider, wagon boss, range manager and ranch owner. He was known for managing the largest fenced pasture in the world--865,000 acres--and for bossing the biggest single roundup in history.¹

Late in 1907, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad reached the newly established town of Lemmon. Its namesake had owned this land and sold 163 acres for \$3,260 to the railroad plus the right to have first choice of the lots. In 1908 the boss cowman sold all his cattle interests and moved to town, yet he continued working in the saddle for another fifteen years. In 1946, at the age of 89, Ed Lemmon, one of the state's greatest cowboys, died.

In 1958 the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, then in its first year, named G.E. Lemmon and another as the first South Dakota members to this most important cowboy shrine.

¹Ed Lemmon, Boss Cowman: The Recollection of Ed Lemmon 1857-1946, ed. Nellie Snyder Yost (Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 1969), pp. vii.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bamble, Ester, personal interview, Lemmon South Dakota, September 16, 1975, with Scott Gerloff.

Lemmon, G.E., Boss Cowman: The Recollections of Ed Lemmon, 1857-1946, ed. by Nellie Snyder Yost. Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 1969, pp. 321 index.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Longitude 102° 9' 43"
 Latitude 45° 56' 21"

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	DATE
<u>Scott Gerloff, Historical Preservation Assistant II</u>	<u>September 1975</u>
ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE
<u>Historical Preservation Center</u>	<u>(605) 677-5314</u>
STREET & NUMBER	STATE
<u>USD Alumni House</u>	<u>South Dakota</u>
CITY OR TOWN	
<u>Vermillion</u>	

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	DATE
<u>John J. Little</u>	<u>30 Aug 76</u>
TITLE	
<u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u>	

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DATE	DATE
<u>12/12/96</u>	<u>12/6/76</u>
ATTEST:	DATE
<u>[Signature]</u>	
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	