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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME *Elrod, Gov. S.H., House*

HISTORIC
The Elrod House (Governor S.H. Elrod House)

AND/OR COMMON
same

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
301 N. Commercial Street

CITY, TOWN
Clark

STATE
South Dakota

VICINITY OF
No. 1

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
No. 1

COUNTY
Clark

CODE
025

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
F.R. and Jean Moulton

STREET & NUMBER
301½ N. Commercial Street

CITY, TOWN
Clark

STATE
South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Register of Deeds Office, Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Commercial Street

CITY, TOWN
Clark

STATE
South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE
June 1978

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 Governor Samuel H. Elrod House was designed in the Colonial Revival style, with elements of Queen Anne origin evident especially in the fenestration. The house is 2½ stories high, and is faced with white clapboard which is in excellent condition. The main body of the house, excluding the front porch, measures 37 ft. wide by 41 ft. long. The front portico was originally supported by fourteen Ionic columns, which were replaced with black wrought iron in the late 1950's. A second story porch roof was added at the same time, and it too is supported by black wrought iron. Other exterior changes include the removal of a back porch and widow's walk, and the addition of an interior enclosed stairway to the second story. A two car garage erected in the 1950's is also on the property.

Three pedimented dormers and two chimneys are found on the roof. The southeast chimney services fireplaces on the second and first stories. Concealed gutters have been removed from the roof to prevent ice dams. Other exterior features are applied pilasters and bracketing under the eaves.

The front of the house has four bent glass bay windows (two on each story). Many of the house's windows have leaded glass and five side and rear windows contain art glass.

Entrance to the front vestibule is gained through a door containing beveled plate glass. Two doors each with oval beveled glass lead from the vestibule to the main hallway. The vestibule is floored with white ceramic tile. Other interesting interior features include hardwood parquet floors, an oval dining room, all wood trim, and cherrywood paneling.

All the original blueprints showing floorplans and architectural details have survived along with photographs picturing the house exterior prior to alteration.

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

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT C.E. Bell, Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1908 Elrod House is of historical importance to South Dakota as the residence of Governor Samuel Elrod, an important figure in the early history of the state. Samuel Elrod, a native of Indiana, moved to Dakota Territory in 1882 and settled in the town of Clark. There he set up a law practice in a small shanty he built himself. He became involved in the political processes of the territory, when in 1883, he served as a delegate to the first Constitutional Convention which initiated organization for statehood. From that time on Elrod was a prominent figure in South Dakota's government, serving as a probate judge, states' attorney, and postmaster of Clark. In 1892 he was appointed by President Harrison as Indian Disbursing Agent for the Sissetons.

Elrod's career finally led him to the Governor's mansion in 1904, when he was overwhelmingly elected as South Dakota's fifth governor. He served in that capacity until 1906. During his term he presided as chairman of the first Capitol Commission which planned the State Capitol.

The Elrod House is also significant because the home was designed by a prominent regional architect. While serving on the Capitol Commission, Governor Elrod became acquainted with the work of C.E. Bell of Bell and Detweiler, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who designed the State Capitol. Liking Bell's work, Elrod commissioned him to design his Clark residence thus providing Clark and South Dakota with one of the few architect designed homes in the state during that period.

Because the home represents the work of a prominent architect and because of the important role Governor Elrod played in the development of South Dakota during its formative years, the residence is worthy of recognition.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 State Publishing Company Pierre, South Dakota, 1910

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 Its People vol. 3 and 4 Clarke Publishing Company Chicago, Illinois 1915

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

North Latitude: 44° 52' 46"
 West Longitude: 97° 43' 55"

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.38

QUADRANGLE NAME

QUADRANGLE SCALE

UTM REFERENCES

Maps with UTM grid lines are not available for this part of the state

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The nominated property occupies Lots 8 & 9 of Block 17 of the Second Railway Addition to the City of Calrk, South Dakota, and is approximately 100' X 165' and is shown on the accompanying map, in red line, said map entitled "The City of Clark"

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

Fred and Jean Moulton

ORGANIZATION

DATE

June 15, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

109 North Utah

605-532-3940

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Clark

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

John Little

DATE

23 May 79

TITLE

SHPO/ Director, SD Historical Preservation Center

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

William H. Bramham
 ATTEST: William H. Bramham

DATE

7-27-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

7-25-79

DATE