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United States Department of the Interior -- National Park Service  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES -- REGISTRATION FORM

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 "NA" 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: Drake, Hattie O. and Henry, Octagon House  
other name/ site number: NA

2. Location

street & number: 605 Third Street Street, S.W. /NA/ not for publication  
city, town: Huron /NA/ vicinity  
state: SOUTH DAKOTA code: SD county: Beadle code: SD 005 zip code: 57350

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property:		
		Contributing	Noncontributing	
/XX/ private	/XX/ building(s)	1	1	buildings
/ / public-local	/ / district			sites
/ / public-state	/ / site			structures
/ / public-federal	/ / structure			objects
	/ / object	1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

11. Form Prepared by

name/title: Tamra Misner, with technical assistance by John Rau, SHPO staff  
organization: date: October 28, 1991  
street & number: P. O. Box 731 telephone: 605-886-4065  
city or town: Watertown state: SOUTH DAKOTA zip code: 57201

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**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 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency or 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 or bureau

**5. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- \_\_\_\_ 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

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6. Function or Use (enter categories from instructions)  
Historic functions: DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling  
Current Functions: DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:  
(enter categories from instructions)  
Octagon Mode

Materials:  
(enter categories from instructions)  
foundation Concrete  
walls Concrete  
Stucco  
roof Asphalt  
other NA

Describe present and historic physical appearance: /XX/ see continuation sheet

8. Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in  
relation to other properties: / / /XX/ / /  
nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria / / A / /B /XX/C / /D

Criteria Considerations / /A / /B / /C / /D / /E / /F / /G

Areas of Significance (enter from instructions)  
Architecture

Period of Significance  
circa 1893

Significant Dates  
circa 1893

Significant Person  
NA

Cultural Affiliation  
NA

Architect/Builder  
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations,  
and periods of significance noted above /XX/ see continuation sheet

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Situated on a corner lot near the State Fair Grounds in Huron, South Dakota, the Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House is a two-story eight-sided poured concrete masonry dwelling built about 1893. The exterior is covered with a stucco veneer scored to resemble brick construction. Rising from a poured concrete basement, the building is capped by a mansard roof that is covered with asphalt shingles. Four shallow shed-roofed dormers project from the mansard roof to light the upper story rooms. A square brick chimney rises from near the center of the roof. Fenestration is balanced consisting mostly of elongated one-over-one double hung sash windows with two-over-two storm windows.

The floor plan generally resembles that of a vernacular foursquare with the outside corners truncated due to the multi-sided configuration creating a less conventional format. In addition, the plan is interrupted by a multi-sided entrance foyer that causes irregular shapes and sizes of the adjoining rooms. A central stairway provides access to the upper level. (See floor plan sketch on continuation sheet 7.2.) Interior details are well executed with period authentic features including an entry door with a large oval beveled-glass light, hardwood pocket doors, a staircase with an ornate balustrade, and historic lighting fixtures and steam heat radiators. The kitchen was remodeled in the 1950s.

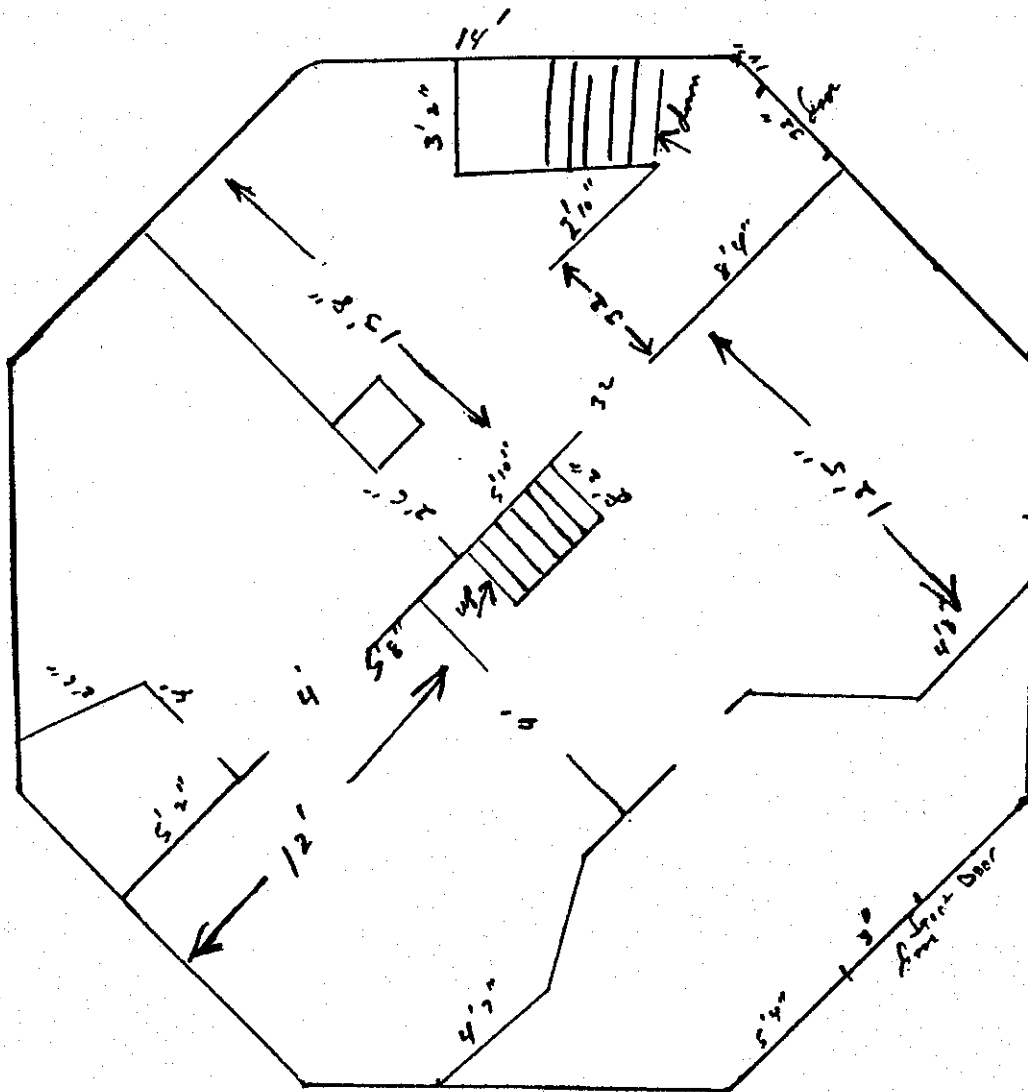
A few yards north of the house is a small square wood frame garage (noncontributing) that was built after 1916. It is capped by a pyramidal roof covered with tar paper.

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DRAKE HOUSE FLOOR PLAN



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Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is one of only two or three known octagon mode dwellings extant in South Dakota. Built in circa 1893, the house has been a longtime landmark to local residents. Under the South Dakota State Historical Preservation Plan the property relates to the historic context labeled: IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement, D.2. Urban Development/Residential Living.

The construction of octagonal or other multi-sided<sup>1</sup> houses is generally an anomaly in American building design of the mid-to-late 19th Century. Yet thousands of examples of such dwellings, most of them unique designs, were erected by would-be residents seeking a comfortable, efficient home. Although the use of multi-sided buildings in America dates back to Colonial times, it was not until the middle of the last century that the idea was popularized. At that time, theologian, phrenologist, lecturer, and publisher Orson Squire Fowler wrote a treatise in which he advocated the concept. First published in 1848, his work entitled A Home For All; or The Gravel Wall and Octagon Mode of Building argued that square or rectangular houses were inadequate for successful domesticity. As the title suggests, Fowler also encouraged the use of what he called "gravel" construction, which is actually primitive poured concrete masonry construction. Concrete had been known to the ancient Romans, but it was at that time very rare in America. Using his concepts, Fowler built his own home in Fishkill, New York, a massive four-story building equipped with the latest conveniences. Eventually, several other individuals built grand designs. However, with continued publication of Fowler's work meaner classes were also attracted to his concepts, and smaller, more modest eight-sided houses were built throughout the country. In many of these later examples, wood construction was substituted for masonry. By the end of the 19th Century, interest in the idea of multi-sided houses waned, in large part due to the complicated room arrangements often necessary in the smaller houses. Although round and multi-sided barns continued to enjoy limited popularity after the turn of the century, the notion of building multi-sided houses is for the most part confined to the last half of the 19th Century.

Built in circa 1893, the Drake house is a late example of an octagon house. It features poured concrete walls, just as Fowler had advocated, and a plethora of fine period appointments including an entry door with a large oval beveled-glass light, hardwood pocket doors, a staircase with an ornate balustrade, and historic lighting fixtures and steam heat radiators. Only one or two other octagon houses are believed to exist in the state.

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1. with more than four sides.

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Beadle County, lying in the flat plain of the James River valley, was created in 1879 and officially organized a year later. Huron, the county seat, was established by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad in 1879 and 1880 to serve as a hub for its expansive network in Dakota Territory. The city, which is located on the west bank of the James River, was incorporated in 1883. It quickly grew to be a major commercial and transportation center for the surrounding farming community. Huron was also a formidable candidate for state capital and became embroiled in several costly campaigns for that position, which eventually left the community financially hardshipped but without the desired prize. Nevertheless, the city persevered. One of its greatest attractions has been the annual State Fair that brings in thousands of vendors and patrons from across South Dakota.

It is in this community that Hattie O. and Henry Drake purchased a parcel of land in 1893. It is believed that they constructed their octagon house in about the same year. After 1914, ownership of the house passed through several hands until it was acquired by John and Elizabeth Eid in the 1940s. The current owner, Tamra Misner, a granddaughter of Elizabeth Eid, is in the process of restoring the house.

The period of significance of the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in circa 1893.

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9. Major Bibliographical References /XX/ see continuation sheet

Previous documentation by 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:

South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: Less than one acre

UTM References:

A = /14/	/561-850/	/4912-340/	B = / /	/ /	/ /	/ /
C = / /	/ /	/ /	D = / /	/ /	/ /	/ /
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	

Quad: Huron

Scale: 1:24000

/ / see continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property is bounded by the legal description as recorded in the Beadle County Register of Deeds Office: South 95 feet of Lots 9 and 10, and South 95 feet of the East 5 feet of Lot 11, Block 52, Fifth Railway Addition to the City of Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota.

/ / see continuation sheet

Boundary Justification: The boundaries of the nominated property are contained within the lot lines of the parcel historically associated with the property.

/ / see continuation sheet



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Title Abstract.

Waybill, Opal (longtime Huron resident). Personal Interview with Tamra Misner, September 1991.

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Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House  
Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by Tamra Misner  
May 1991  
Neg.: Tamra Misner, Watertown, SD  
South, east and northeast facades, camera facing northwest  
(noncontributing garage visible in right background)  
Photo No. 1

2.

Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House  
Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by Tamra Misner  
May 1991  
Neg.: Tamra Misner, Watertown, SD  
West, southwest, and south facades, camera facing east-northeast  
Photo No. 2

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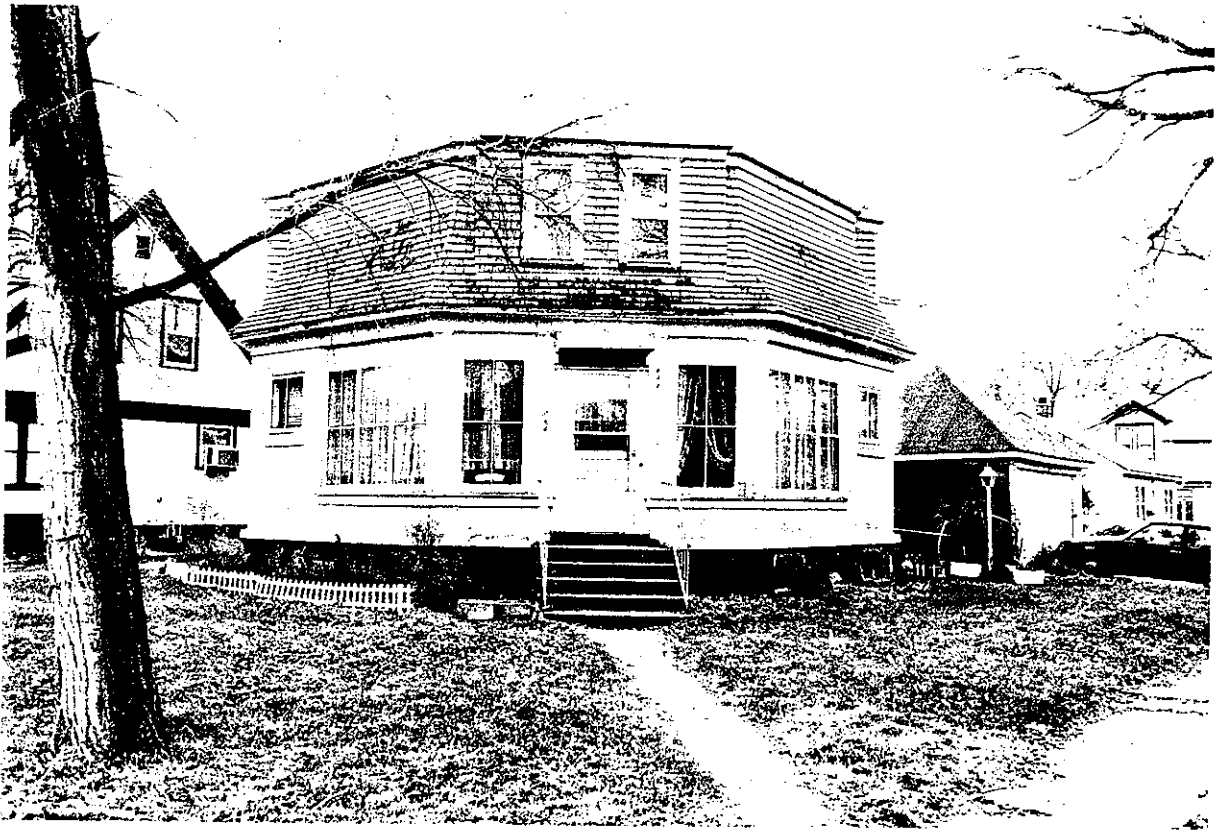
Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House  
Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by Tamra Misner  
May 1991  
Neg.: Tamra Misner, Watertown, SD  
Interior, pocket doors  
Photo No. 3

4.

Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House  
Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by Tamra Misner  
May 1991  
Neg.: Tamra Misner, Watertown, SD  
Interior, first floor room, southwest corner  
Photo No. 4

5.

Hattie O. and Henry Drake Octagon House  
Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by Tamra Misner  
May 1991  
Neg.: Tamra Misner, Watertown, SD  
Interior, second floor hallway  
Photo No. 5



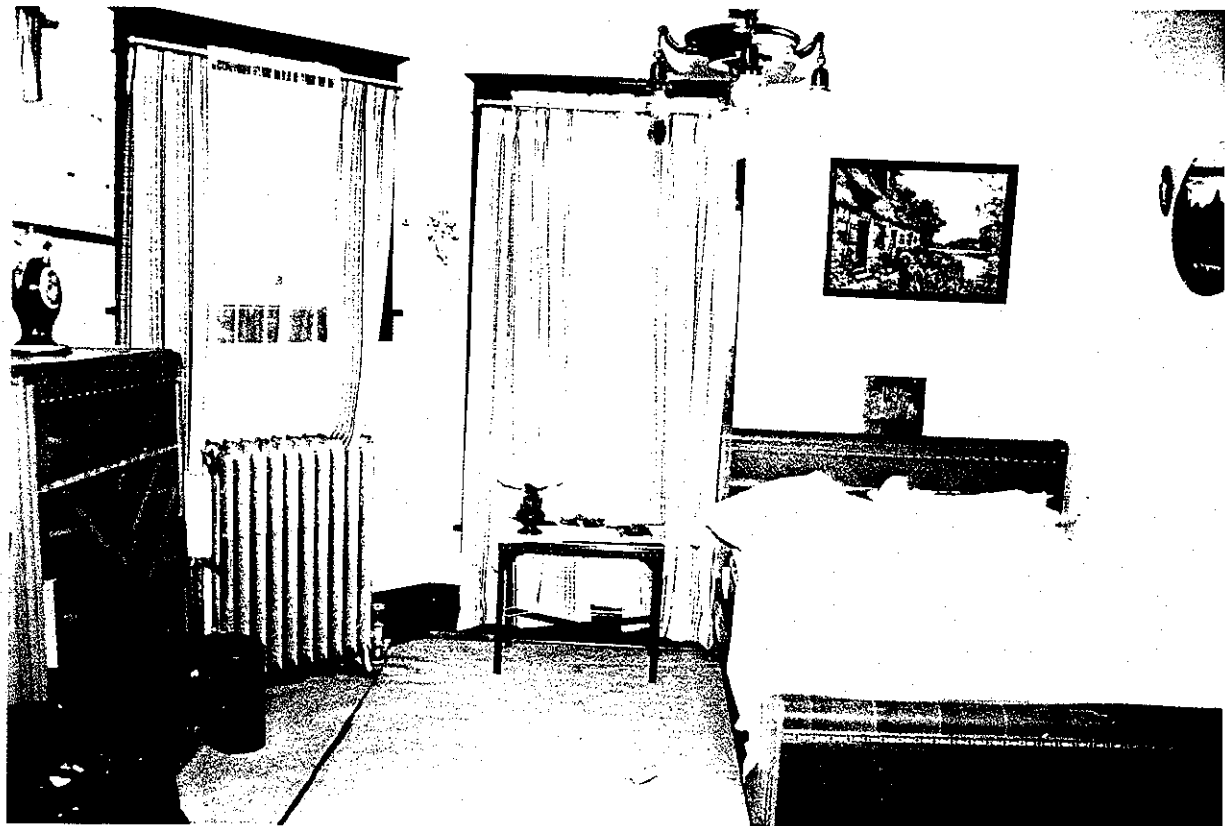
Hattie O. and Henry Drake House, Beadle County, S. D., No. 1



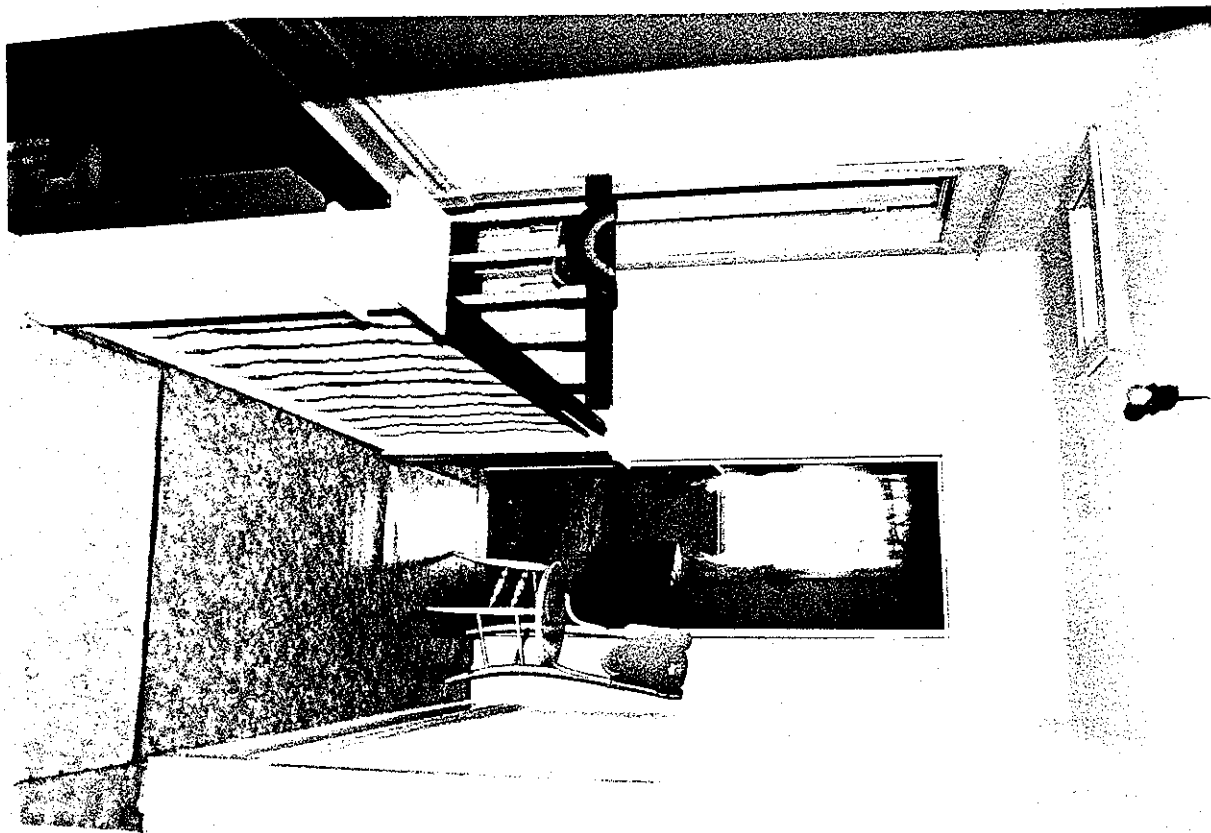
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Hattie O. and Henty Drake House, Beadle County, S.D., No. 3



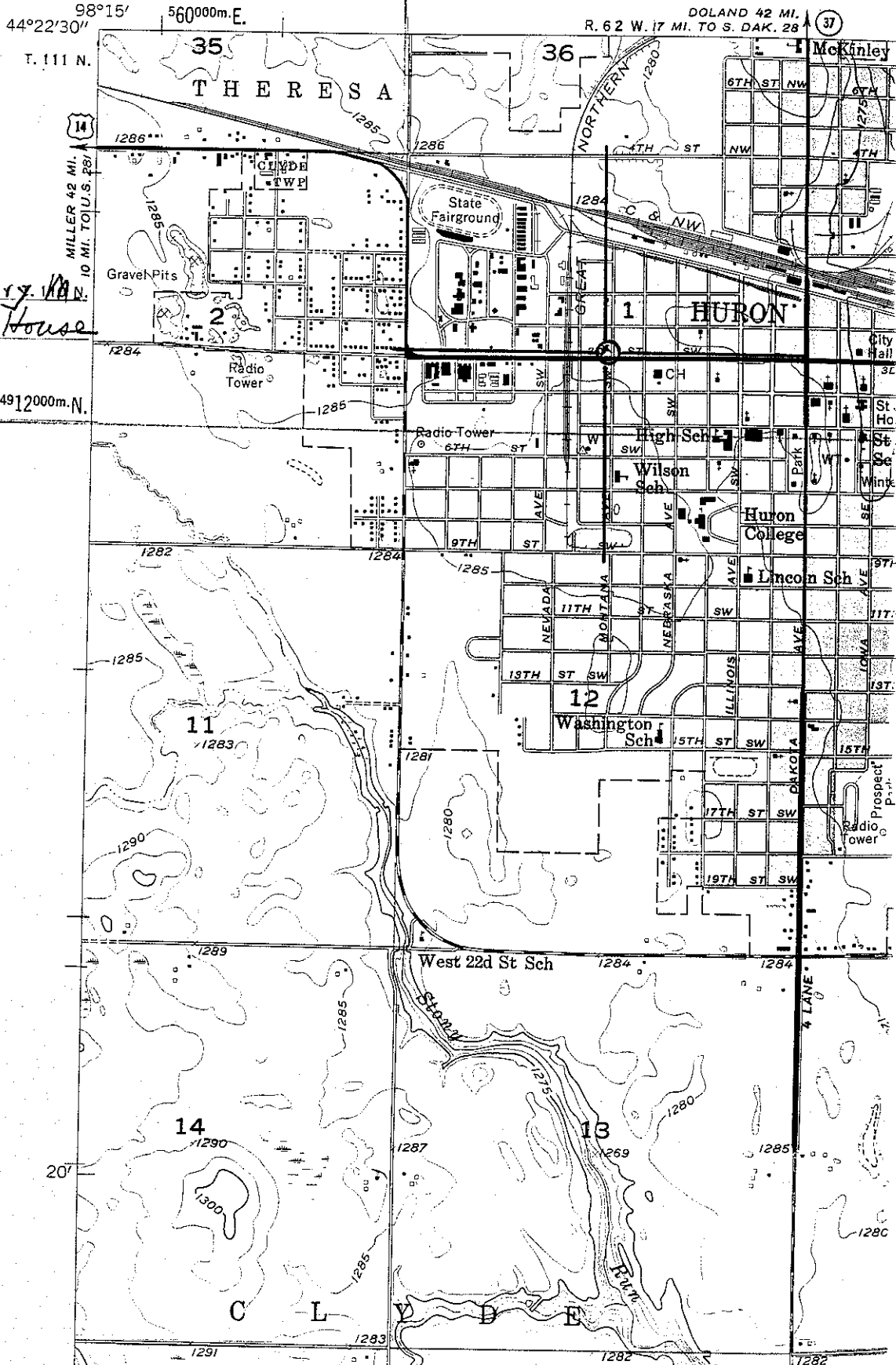
Hattie O. and Henty Drake House, Beadle County, S.D., No. 4



Hattie O. and Henry Drake House, Beadle County, S.D., No. 5

(HURON 1:125,000)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



*Hattie O. and Henry W. Drake*  
*Drake Octagon House*  
UTM:  
*14/561850/4912340*

MILLER 42 MI.  
10 MI. TO J. S. 281

DOLAND 42 MI.  
R. 62 W. 17 MI. TO S. DAK. 28

98°15'  
44°22'30"

560000m.E.

4912000m.N.

20'



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

The Director of the National Park Service is pleased to inform you that the following properties have been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. For further information call 202/343-9542.

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WEEKLY LIST OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON PROPERTIES: 1/27/92 THROUGH 1/31/92

KEY: State, County, Property Name, Address/Boundary, City, Vicinity, Reference Number NHL Status, Action, Date, Multiple Name

- ARIZONA, MARICOPA COUNTY, Coronado Neighborhood Historic District, Roughly bounded by Virginia Ave., Fourteenth St., McDowell Rd., and Seventh St., Phoenix, 86000206, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION, 1/29/92
- ARKANSAS, CLARK COUNTY, Boaz, Dr., House, AR 26, Clear Spring vicinity, 91002014, NOMINATION, 1/28/92
- CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, Armory Hall, 252 N. Main St., Lake Elsinore, 91002032, NOMINATION, 1/29/92
- COLORADO, BOULDER COUNTY, Wall Street Assay Office, 6352 Four Mile Canyon Dr., Wallstreet, 89000986, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION, 1/28/92 (metal mining and Tourist Era Resources of Boulder County MPS)
- COLORADO, BOULDER COUNTY, Wall Street Assay Office (Boundary Increase), Area W and across Wall St. from Assay Office, Wall Street, 91002028, BOUNDARY INCREASE, 1/28/92 (metal mining and Tourist Era Resources of Boulder County MPS)
- COLORADO, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY, Evans, Anne, Mountain Home, Address Restricted, Evergreen vicinity, 91001530, NOMINATION, 1/28/92
- COLORADO, PUEBLO COUNTY, McClelland Orphanage, 415 E. Abriendo Ave., Pueblo, 91002043, NOMINATION, 1/30/92
- GEORGIA, CHATTOOGA COUNTY, Summerville Depot, 120 E. Washington Ave., Summerville, 91002037, NOMINATION, 1/29/92
- GEORGIA, HABERSHAM COUNTY, Tallulah Falls School, Jct. of US 441 and Tallulah School Rd., Tallulah Falls, 91002026, NOMINATION, 1/30/92
- KENTUCKY, JEFFERSON COUNTY, Drumanard (Boundary Increase), 6401 Wolf Pen Branch Rd., Louisville vicinity, 88002654, NOMINATION, 1/29/92 (Louisville and Jefferson County MPS)
- LOUISIANA, DE SOTO PARISH, Grand Cane United Methodist Church, US 171 S of LA 3015, Grand Cane, 91002024, NOMINATION, 1/28/92
- LOUISIANA, LIVINGSTON PARISH, St. Margaret Catholic Church, Jct. of LA 43 and I-12, Albany vicinity, 91002025, NOMINATION, 1/28/92
- MASSACHUSETTS, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, Shirley Village Historic District, Roughly bounded by Center, Harvard, Leominster and Shaker Rds., Shirley, 91001958, NOMINATION, 1/23/92
- MISSISSIPPI, ALCORN COUNTY, US Post Office, Old, 515 Fillmore St., Corinth, 91002038, NOMINATION, 1/29/92
- NEW YORK, BROOME COUNTY, Highland Park Carousel, Highland Park, Cooper Rd., Endwell vicinity, 91001963, NOMINATION, 1/25/92 (Broome County Carousels MPS)
- NEW YORK, BROOME COUNTY, Johnson, C. Fred, Park Carousel, C. Fred Johnson Park, Johnson City, 91001968, NOMINATION, 1/25/92 (Broome County Carousels MPS)
- NEW YORK, BROOME COUNTY, Johnson, George F., Recreation Park Carousel, George F. Johnson Recreation Park, Binghamton, 91001967, NOMINATION, 1/25/92 (Broome County Carousels MPS)
- NEW YORK, BROOME COUNTY, Johnson, George W., Park Carousel, George W. Johnson Park, Endicott, 91001964, NOMINATION, 1/25/92 (Broome County Carousels MPS)
- NEW YORK, BROOME COUNTY, Ross Park Carousel, Ross Park, Binghamton, 91001966, NOMINATION, 1/25/92 (Broome County Carousels MPS)
- NEW YORK, BROOME COUNTY, West Endicott Park Carousel, West Endicott Park, Endicott vicinity, 91001965, NOMINATION, 1/25/92 (Broome County Carousels MPS)
- PENNSYLVANIA, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, High Street Historic District, 631--1329 High St., Pottstown, 91001756, NOMINATION, 1/28/92
- ~~SOUTH DAKOTA, BEADIE COUNTY, Drake, Hattie O. and Henry, Octagon House, 605 Third St., SW, Huron, 91002045, NOMINATION, 1/30/92~~
- SOUTH DAKOTA, FAULK COUNTY, Byrne, Gov Frank M. House, 1017 St. John St., Faulkton, 91002044, NOMINATION, 1/30/92
- TEXAS, COLIAD COUNTY, Stoddard, Jessie W., House, Jct. of US 183, Fannin and Hord Sts., Coliad, 91002020, NOMINATION, 1/29/92
- TEXAS, LUBBOCK COUNTY, Snyder, Fred and Annie, House, 2701 19th St., Lubbock, 91002019, NOMINATION, 1/28/92
- TEXAS, POTTER COUNTY, Amarillo College Administration Building and Gymnasium, 2201 S. Washington St. and 2221 S. Washington St., Amarillo, 91002023, NOMINATION, 1/28/92
- TEXAS, POTTER COUNTY, Polk Street Methodist Church, 1401 S. Polk St., Amarillo, 91002021, NOMINATION, 1/28/92
- TEXAS, TARRANT COUNTY, Masonic Widows and Orphans Home Historic District, Roughly bounded by E. Berry St., Mitchell Blvd., Vaughn St., Wichita St., and Glen Garden Dr., Fort Worth, 91002022, NOMINATION, 1/28/92
- VIRGINIA, BEDFORD INDEPENDENT CITY, Avenel, 413 Avenel Ave., Bedford (Independent City), 92000003, NOMINATION, 1/30/92
- VIRGINIA, CLIFTON FORGE INDEPENDENT CITY, Clifton Forge Commercial Historic District, Roughly, E. Ridgeway St. from Roxbury St. to Main St. and Main from Commercial Ave. to Railroad St., Clifton Forge (Independent City), 91002015, NOMINATION, 1/28/92
- VIRGINIA, GILES COUNTY, Pearisburg Historic District, Roughly, Wenonah Ave. from Tazewell St. to Main St. and adjacent parts of N. and S. Main, Pearisburg, 92000004, NOMINATION, 1/30/92

