

Austin-Whittemore House
(Clay County Historical Society)
15 Austin Street
Vermillion
Clay County
South Dakota

HABS No. SD-12

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE SOUTH DAKOTA		COUNTY CLAY	TOWN OR VICINITY VERMILLION
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) AUSTIN-WHITEMORE HOUSE			HABS NO. SD-12
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 15 Austin Avenue			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1884		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Horace J. Austin, builder	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built five years prior to South Dakota statehood, this house is one of the few surviving 19th century structures in the vicinity of Vermillion. It is a rare permanent frontier structure with a few decorative details. Its builder, Horace J. Austin, came from one of the first groups of settlers to arrive in Dakota in 1859. Following the Civil (con't. to p. 2)			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Victorian/Italianate			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red brick laid in common bond			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Three stories high plus a cupola.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Front (east) first floor porch has columns with decorative brackets. The windows have segmental arches and are typical Victorian two-over-two double-hung sash. The main doorway has a similar segmental arch, and is topped with a transom. The door is two roundhead glass panels over two panels. The roof is hipped with double brackets. The south elevation has a projecting first and second floor bay windows. (continued to p. 2)			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Not recorded when this report was written.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Modifications have been made in the house.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair condition.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The structure is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form, 1972			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Susan McCown, historian, Historic American Buildings Survey			DATE 1982

SIGNIFICANCE (continued from page 1):

War he returned to Vermillion and became active in public affairs. He served as a state legislator until his death in 1891.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued from page 1):

The buggy and stable facilities are incorporated in the house.

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