

# SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

Historic  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address/  
Location 1515 WEST BLVD.

Common  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Historic  
Function \_\_\_\_\_

Historic  
Context(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Owner's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Owner's  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of  
Construction \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

Roll # \_\_\_\_\_ Frame #'s \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach Photographs Below)

Site Number

PN	RC	RC	WB	469
CTY	TWP	CIT	NBH	NUM

DBASE \_\_\_\_\_

U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name  
\_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description

Q1	Q2	SEC	TWP	RNG

Urban LOT \_\_\_\_\_ BLK \_\_\_\_\_  
Only ADD \_\_\_\_\_

Surveyors  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NR Eligible Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Future NR Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Significance

☐ HIST ☐ ARCH ☐ ARCE  
☐ NATL ☐ STAT ☐ LOCL

**SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY**

**Historic**

**Name** Henry & Margaret McKeon House

**Address/**

**Location** 1515 West Boulevard

**Common**

**Name**

**Historic**

**Function** House

**Historic**

**Context(s)** VI. The Great Depression

**Owner's Name** James Kuehn

**Owner's Address** 1515 West Boulevard  
Rapid City, SD 57701

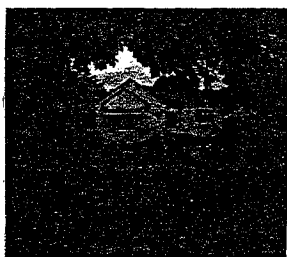
**Owner's Phone #** (000) 000-0000

**Date(s) of Construction** 1941

**Photographer** D. Martin

**Roll #** 3 **Frame #'s** 26

(Attach Photographs Below)



**Site Number**

PN -RC -RC -WB -00469  
CTY TWP CIT NBH NUM

**DBASE** 0000000000

**U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name**

**Legal Description**

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Q1 Q2 SEC TWP RNG  
Urban Only BLK 7  
LOT 7-8  
ADD West Boulevard

**Surveyors**

D. Martin/RTI

**Date** 07/04/1992

**NR Eligible** Y

**Future NR** Y

**Significance** HIST, ARCH  
LOCL

**Preservation Strengths of the Site**

- ☐ In Use and Not Threatened
- ☒ In Good Structural Condition
- ☐ Owners Protecting Site
- ☐ Appreciated by Public
- ☒ Valuable to Research

**Preservation Threats**

- ☐ Abandonment
- ☐ Deterioration Through Lack of Resources
- ☐ Vandalism or Looting
- ☐ Inappropriate Alterations
- ☐ Inappropriate or Poor Maintenance
- ☐ Fragile or Deteriorating Construction Materials
- ☐ Unsound Condition
- ☐ Lack of Support (Specify by Whom)

**Environmental Situations Effecting Site (Specify What: May Include Mining, Flooding, Erosion, Pollution, Acid Rain, Weather, Isolation, Development, Etc.)**

**Dates:**

Founding of Institution or Settlement 1876

Town and Addition Plated 1877 1886 Initial Construction of Structure 1941

**Original Owners:**

Name (Include Spouse if Known) Henry V. &amp; Margaret McKeon

Place of Origin

Date Arrived in S.D. 0000 In USA 0000

Occupation(s) Henry: RA Hyde Oil Co., Bob's Tire Co.

Religious Affiliation

Social/Fraternal Affiliation

**Other Previous Owners:**

Names and Dates of Occupation

**Structural History:**Architect's Name and  
Date of Commission

Builder's Name

Pattern, Book and Number/Name

Historic Uses of the Site House

Changes in Use

**Statement of Historical Significance: (Including Relation to Historic Context Topics and Study Units)**

The Henry & Margaret McKeon House has the potential to contribute to the West Boulevard Historic District. It is significant for its association with the development of the West Boulevard neighborhood in Rapid City from 1878 to 1942. Built in 1941, the house corresponds to the Great Depression, a time of economic uncertainty across the nation. Rapid City experienced limited construction in the early Depression years. In the mid 1930s, however, its construction industry revived largely because of the city's relatively healthy and diverse economy; many new homes were built in the West Boulevard neighborhood. This house helps to illustrate the economic vitality of the city during the Depression, as well as the varied social and economic status of those living in the West Boulevard neighborhood. It also serves as a representative example of the Minimal Traditional style, widely built across the nation in the years immediately proceeding and following World War II.

**Miscellaneous Historical Information:**

Research indicates the house was built in 1941. Henry & Margaret Hyde were the original owners; they resided here until at least 1945.

**Bibliography:**

Oral Interview (Name, Date & Relationship to Site)

Atlas (Date & Publisher)

County History (Title & Pages)

Deed Abstract

Tax Records Assessors' Card: 1941

Sanborn-Ferris Maps (Dates)

1923 & 1930: vacant

Census Records

Historical Photos (Description & Date)

Manuscripts (Name & Date)

Directories (Type & Date)

R.L. Polk: 1945, lists the McKeons at this address

Other Sources Rapid City Public Works, Water Permit #3115: H.V.  
McKeon, May 1941

## General Information:

Building # 1

Site No. PN-RC -RC-WB-00469 Date of Construction 1941 Photos 26

Function House	Plan Form L-shape	Height (Stories) 1
	Method of	Overall
Style Minimal Traditional	Construction Wood-frame	Condition E

## Additions &amp; Alterations (Types &amp; Dates)

## Evaluation of Specific Elements:

Foundation: Materials Brick Condition E

Walls: Cladding Hardboard siding Condition E

Windows: General/ Unique	Type	Glazing Pattern	Condition	Location
G	Double-hung, wood-sash	4x4/1 & 1/1	E	
U	Fixed	3 panes	E	East
U	Picture	Single	E	Bay

Doors: Type	Glazing Pattern	Condition	Location
Not visible			East

Roof: Form Gable Materials Asphalt shingles Condition E

Dormer: Type Location(s)	Condition
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Chimneys/Ventilators: Materials Location(s)	Condition
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Porches: Materials	Condition	Height (Stories)	Roof Configuration	Location
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Open: brick stoop & iron rails	E	0	None	East
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Bays/Towers: Form	Condition	Height(Stories)	Location(s)
Gable-roofed bay	E	1	East

**Significant Exterior Details:**

Windows & door: wooden, false shutters; front windows also have aluminum awnings

Roof: boxed eaves with cornice molding

**Significant Interior Details:**

Not accessed

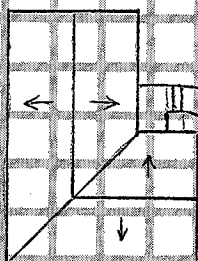
Site Plan: Indicate all door and window openings, roof shapes, and landscape features.



Indicate  
North

ALLEY

B1



WEST BLVD.