

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY STRUCTURE FORM**



SITE INFORMATION

*SURVEY DATE: July 31, 2018 *ADDRESS: 2309 North University Road
*SURVEYOR: Jim Stone *COUNTY: Clay
*CITY: Vermillion

LOCATION DESCRIPTION: From Vermillion, South Dakota Highway 50 bypass and University Road Intersection, North about 3/4 mile, on the right, East side of University Road.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Burr Homestead Exc. S 62.26 of the W350' in Govt. Lots 1 & 2 NW of NW 1/4, Section 7 - 92 - 51, Vermillion Township, Clay County, South Dakota

*QUARTER 1: NW1/4 OWNER NAME: Thomas P. & Mary L. Merrigan
*QUARTER 2: _____ OWNER ADDRESS: 2309 North University Road
*TOWNSHIP: Vermillion OWNER CITY: Vermillion
*RANGE: 51 OWNER STATE: South Dakota
*SECTION: 7 OWNER ZIP: 57069
ACRES: 61.28 QUAD NAME: _____

OWNER CODE 1: P
OWNER CODE 2:
OWNER CODE 3:

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

*DOE: _____ REGISTER NAME: _____
*DOE DATE: _____ MULTIPLE PROPERTY NAME: _____
REASON INELIGIBLE: _____

NOMINATION STATUS: _____ CATEGORY: _____
DATE LISTED: _____ SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 1: N S L
REFERENCE NUMBER: _____ SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 2: N S L
HISTORIC DISTRICT RATING: C or NC CRITERIA 1: A B C D
PERIOD: _____ CRITERIA 2: A B C D
CRITERIA 3: A B C D
CRITERIA 4: A B C D

SIGNIFICANCE NOTES: Site homesteaded by Merrick S. Burr in 1865, owned by three generations (Merrick S. Burr, William S. Burr and William D. Burr). All were producing corn brooms and whisk brushes. A fourth generation Elizabeth Ann (Burr) McCambridge inherited the property in 1994 and sold it in 2015. The property was in the family for 150 years. They manufactured brooms from early 1880's to 1983 for about 100 years.

STRUCTURE DETAILS

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SHPO ID: _____
 *PROPERTY NAME: _____
 OTHER NAME: _____

CURRENT FUNCTION: Vacant FOUNDATION: Poured concrete
 CURRENT SUBFUNCTION: Vacant ROOF MATERIAL: Cedar shingles
 HISTORIC FUNCTION: Corn broom factory ROOF SHAPE: Gable
 HISTORIC SUBFUNCTION: Home STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: Brick structure
 OCCUPIED: Yes STYLE: Gable roof barn
 ACCESSIBLE: Yes with permission TYPE: Factory and home
 WALLS: Double brick walls, 2x4 studs, lath & plaster interior walls

STORIES: 2 SIGNIFICANT PERSON: Merrick S. Burr, William S. Burr & William D. Burr
 *DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1895 CULTURAL AFFILIATION: ?

ALTERED/MOVED NOTES: Demolished in August 2018. Pictures from 1978 show a wood frame home over the 13' x 14' basement 7'-6" East from the brick structure. A roof line on the East side of the brick wall show a roof connecting the two structures.

INTERIOR NOTES: Burr Broom Factory was in the basement. First floor was family living quarters and second floor was sleeping quarters. Basement brick walls are unfinished. The first and second floors were plastered over the brick. The interior dividing walls were 2x4 studs, lath and plaster. The ceilings on the first and second floors were lath and plaster.

OTHER NOTES: The exterior walls were double brick walls with wire ties to hold the two walls about 2" apart to stabilize the walls and create an insulation between the walls. Brick walls went up the gable to the peak. Windows and doors have a double soldier brick arch over each opening. Windows are 20x26 over 20x26 one light on the first floor and two windows on the West wall in the basement. The center window on the West wall in the basement is 24x26 over 24x26 one light. The windows on the second appear to be 20x20 over 20x20 one light, two on the North gable, one on the south gable and one on the East dormer. Double doors on the East wall of the first floor. 13' x 14' basement 7'-6" East of the brick house. Evidence of a gable roof extending East to connect to a wood frame structure shown in a 1978 photo.

*PHYSICAL NOTES: Structure was in very poor condition *RESTRICTED: Y or N
 *UTM EASTING: _____
 *UTM NORTHING: _____

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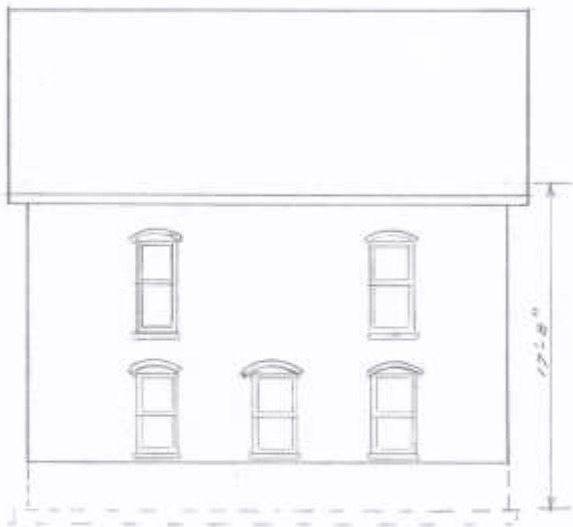
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EAST ELEVATION



SOUTH ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION



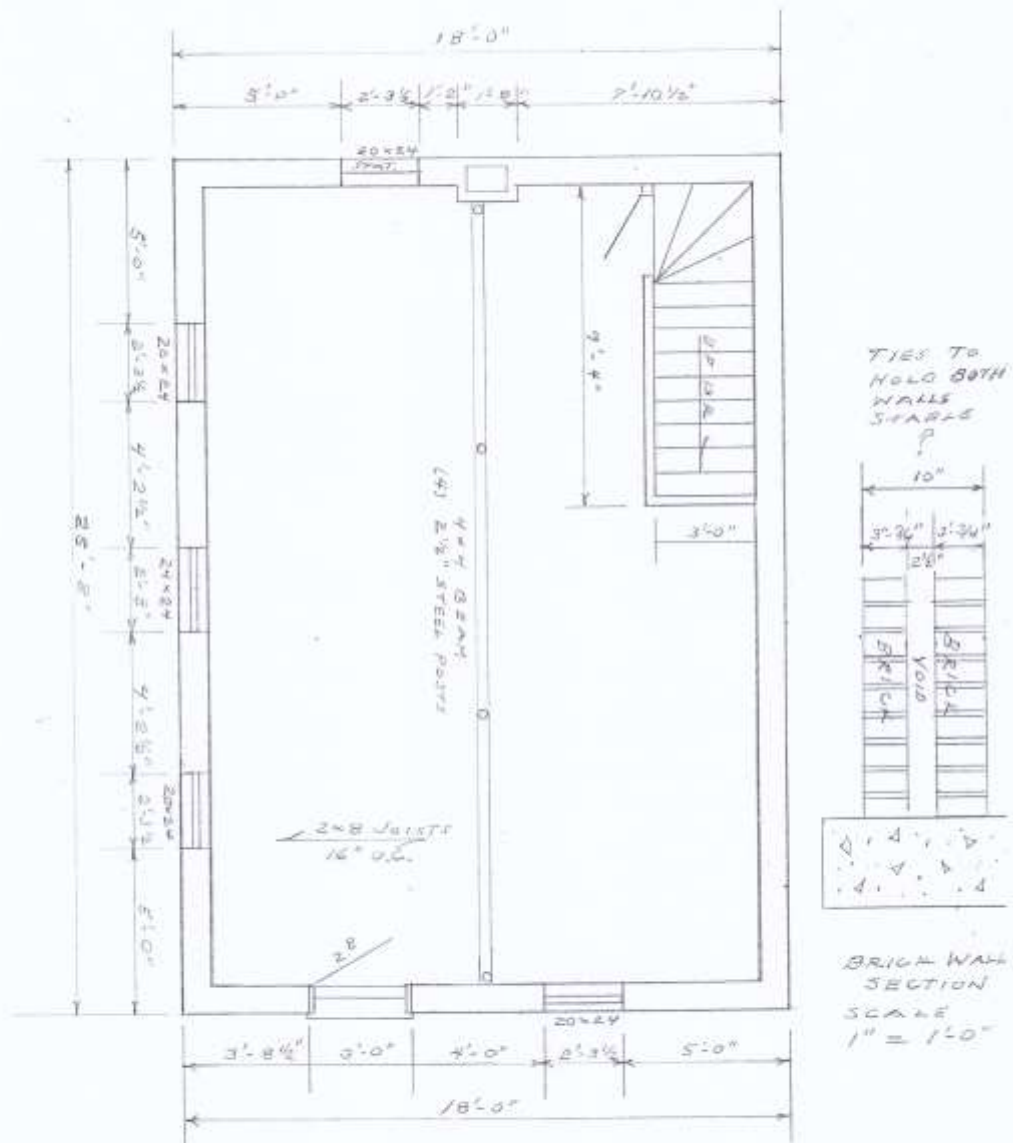
NORTH ELEVATION

A. J. S.

THE BURR FACTORY
FAMILY HOME
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

JULY 31, 2018

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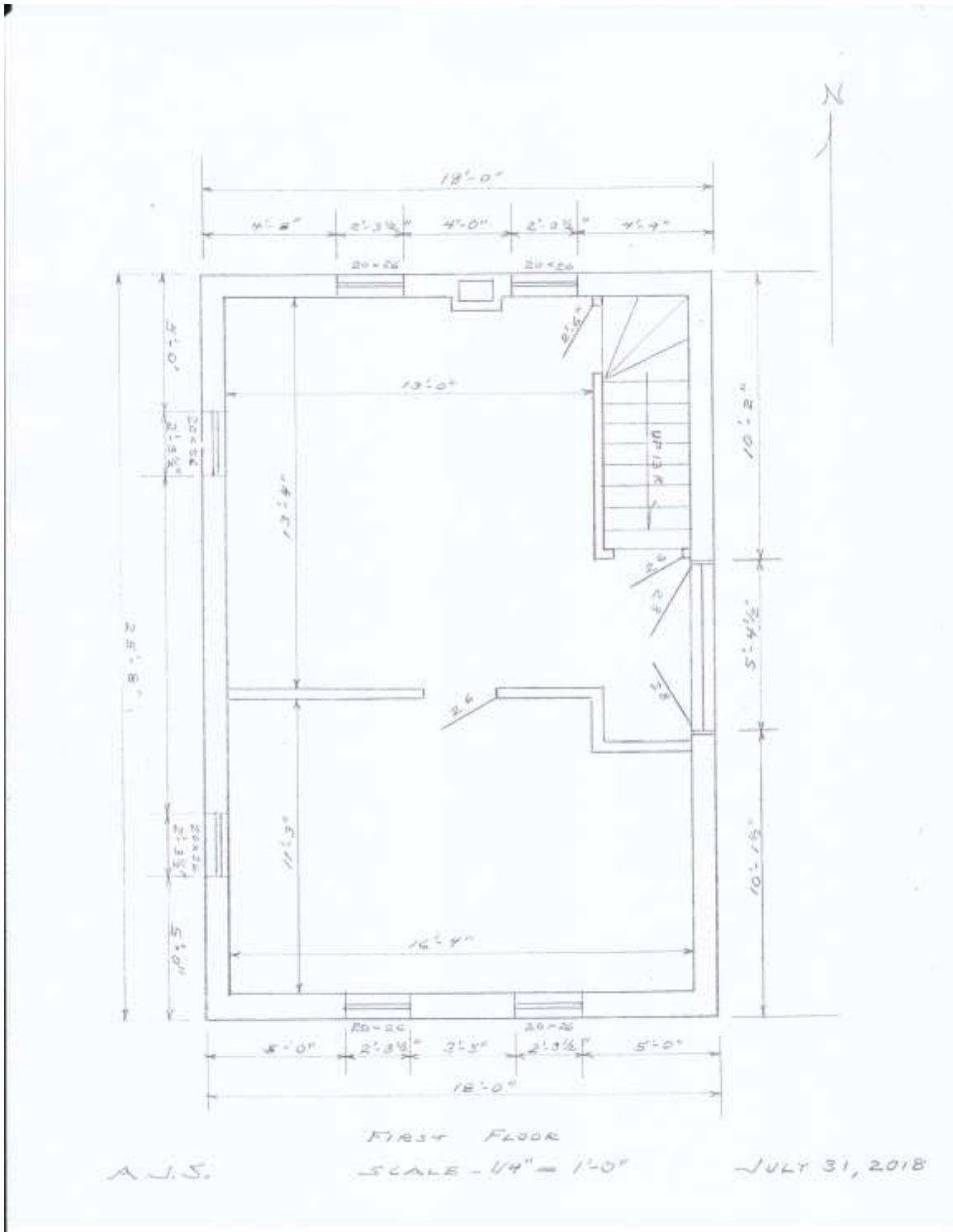
TIES TO HOLD BOTH WALLS SQUARE ?



BRICK WALL SECTION
SCALE 1" = 1'-0"

A.L.S. BASEMENT FLOOR SCALE - 1/4" = 1'-0" JULY 31, 2012

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Because the roof and the floor on the second floor was so rotted, I could not get up to the second floor to get any measurements, sketches or pictures. The second floor would be almost the same as the first floor, with maybe some closet space.

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
DATE OF PHOTO: July 31, 2018

ROLL NUMBER: 1
PHOTO NUMBER: 1
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NE, SW corner



PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
DATE OF PHOTO: July 31, 2018

ROLL NUMBER: 2
PHOTO NUMBER: 2
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NW, SE corner

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
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ROLL NUMBER: 3
PHOTO NUMBER: 3
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking SW, NE corner



PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
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ROLL NUMBER: 7
PHOTO NUMBER: 4
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking SE, NW corner

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
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ROLL NUMBER: 5
PHOTO NUMBER: 5
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking South, North wall



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ROLL NUMBER: 6
PHOTO NUMBER: 6
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NE, North end of West Wall

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
DATE OF PHOTO: July 31, 2018

ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 7

CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking SE, Window in the living room on the south wall.



PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
DATE OF PHOTO: July 31, 2018

ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 8

CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking North, two windows on the North first floor wall.

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
DATE OF PHOTO: July 31, 2018

ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 9
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NE, Stairs in the basement up to first floor



PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
DATE OF PHOTO: July 31, 2018

ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 10
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NW, West wall in the basement, center window is wider.

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Unknown
DATE OF PHOTO: About 1990 to 2000

ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 11

CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NE, SW corner, before the trees became over grown.



PHOTOGRAPHER: Larry Bradley
DATE OF PHOTO: August 29, 2018

ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 12

CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking West, East wall coming down

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Larry Bradley
DATE OF PHOTO: August 29, 2018

ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 13

CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking West, East wall down, smoke from burning out floors and the roof

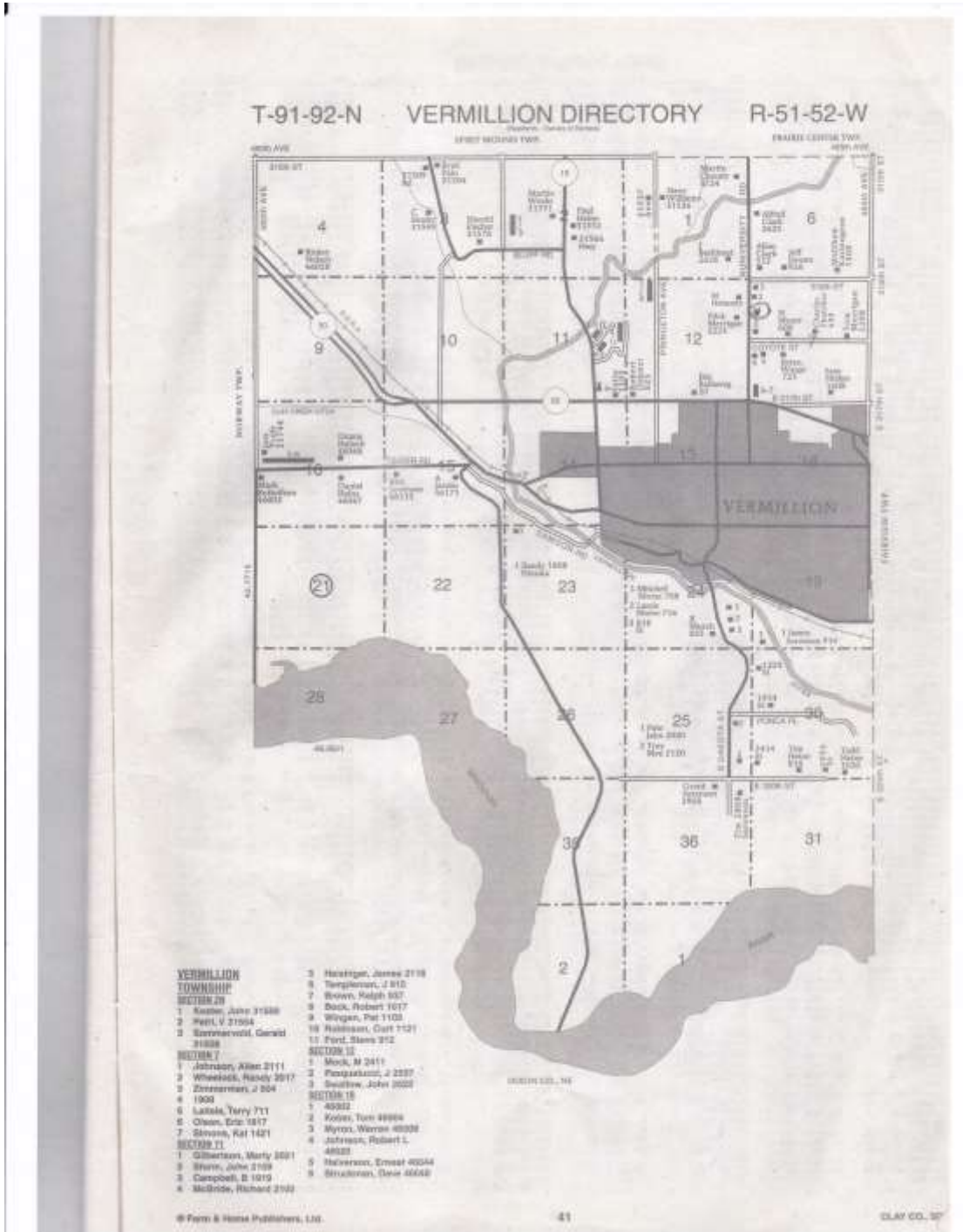


PHOTOGRAPHER: Director of Equalization ?
DATE OF PHOTO: 1978

ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 14

CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking North, frame house on east side of brick structure, was connected to brick building. Building on the right in the background is a warehouse.

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HISTORY

This brick house was located in the NW¼ of Section 7, Vermillion Township, Clay County and was homesteaded by Merrick S. Burr in 1865. He soon discovered that brooms had to be ordered from Sioux City, Iowa. He knew how to make brooms and started to produce brooms for the local area.

In 1895 the two-story brick building was constructed (on what is now 2309 N. University Road), to handle the increased demand of the production of brooms and brushes. Newton P. Burr and William S. Burr were the owners at that time. Because of the increased demand for broomcorn and wooden handles, they were purchased from various sources within and outside of South Dakota. They encouraged local farmers to raise broomcorn as a cash crop.

In 1907 Newton P. Burr homesteaded near Quinn, South Dakota leaving William S. Burr as the sole owner, with his sons helping to produce brooms and whisk brushes. At this time they sold wholesale and retail. They were known in a large area for the quality of their brooms and brushes and sold a large percentage of brooms wholesale.

After William S Burr died in 1936, his son William D. burr took over the business and operated the manufacturing until 1983. It was one of the longest lasting Vermillion business at that time, just over 100 years.

In 1994, Elizabeth Ann McCambridge inherited the property.

In 2015, Thomas P. and Mary L. Merrigan bought this property.

August 2018 the brick building that housed the factory and where William Burr lived, had been vacant for a long time. Subsequently, it became a liability and the owners decided to demolish the structure. Because of the importance of the Burr broom factory history in this area, volunteers from the W. H. Over Museum and some also members of the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission decided to document this structure. Jim Stone and Larry Bradley took measurements, made sketches and took photos. Evelyn Schlenker also took photos. Jim Stone drew elevations and floor plans to capture the history and to preserve this historic structure information for the future.