

# Relocation of the Wengel Victorian House

In 1920 the Warsing family built a beautiful Victorian house in the country about 30 miles Southwest of the city of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In 1997 Mike and Stephanie Wengel purchased the structure and in 2000 literally doubled the square footage of the building.

Wanting to be located nearer Sioux Falls but not wanting to part with their beautiful residence the Wengels contacted Telkamp Housemoving of Brookings, South Dakota, to investigate the possibility of relocating the structure.

“No problem,” said Allen Hof of Telkamp.



*A 2003 Kenworth was used to pull the load.*



*Three rolling beams carried the structure onto six Telkamp AutoSteer hydraulic dollies to transport the load.*



*The beautiful Victorian house was constructed in 1920 and renovated in 1998.*

Since the new location was approximately 14 miles northeast of Sioux Falls, near Garretson, South Dakota, the structure, 46' wide, 85' long, 32' high and weighing 145 tons would require a move of 67 miles.

The move required four days, using three rolling beams, to load the building, two days to travel the 67 miles using a 2003 Kenworth Truck with six Autosteering Hydraulic Dollies and three days to place the building on its new foundation. Coordina-

tion involved seven utilities at a cost of approximately \$25,000; one railway company requiring four different permits.

Said Project Supervisor Allen Hof, "It is not everyday in our industry that we get to move something this beautiful."

It is reported the Wengels were very pleased with the move. **SM**



*The structure traveled 67 miles.*