

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT FORM**

Complete this form with as much information as possible and include recent photographs of the **exterior** and **interior** of the property, a simple floor plan/sketch of the building(s), and site map for properties with more than one historic resource, such as a farmyard.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

For Rural Properties Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT CONTACT:**

Form Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the building or structure on its original location? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If 'No', list the approximate date of the move and reason for relocation

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**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** (include date and source of information; indicate if date is approximate)

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**EXTERIOR MATERIALS:** (List both historic and current, if not the same)

	Current	Historic
Foundation	_____	_____
Walls/Siding	_____	_____
Roof	_____	_____

**INTERIOR MATERIALS:** (List both historic and current, if not the same)

	Current	Historic
Walls	_____	_____
Ceilings	_____	_____
Floors	_____	_____

**ALTERATIONS:**

Windows/Doors

Have any windows/doors been replaced?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please describe the changes, date of change, and replacement materials: \_\_\_\_\_

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Porches

Enclosed/Altered/Replaced

Describe any alterations and their dates of construction: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additions:

Describe any additions and their dates of construction: \_\_\_\_\_

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Decorative Elements:

Have any historic features (railings, dormers, brackets, moldings, porches, balconies, columns, etc.) been removed or altered?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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Site Features: (briefly describe the surrounding area and structures)

Outbuildings: \_\_\_\_\_

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Setting/Landscaping: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SIGNIFICANCE/ HISTORY:**

Please explain why the property is significant. What do you know about the history of the property? Are there any significant people associated with it? Are there any important events associated with it? Is it important architecturally? Please document any local sources used in your research. If possible, include photocopies of the historic information from books, newspapers, or other sources. (attach additional pages if necessary)

Please return the completed assessment form with current photographs and historic (if available) to the historic preservation specialist who sent you this form or to the attention of the **State Historic Preservation Office, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD, 57501**. Forms may be submitted via email to the historic preservation specialists or at [shpo@state.sd.us](mailto:shpo@state.sd.us). For questions on submitting the form, call 605-773-3458.

## GUIDE TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The National Register of Historic Places Criteria are designed to determine and evaluate the significance of historic resources within the proper historic context. There are four main categories which are listed below, followed by a brief description. Please keep in mind that while a single property must qualify under **at least** one category, it may be eligible under more than one criterion.

### CRITERIA:

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, material, workmanship, feeling, and association, and :

- A** That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B** That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- C** That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction; or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D** That have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### CRITERIA CONSIDERATIONS:

There are seven Criteria Considerations listed on the National Register Nomination Form which are applicable to cemeteries, birthplaces, graves of historical figures, properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes, structures that have been moved from their original locations, reconstructed historic buildings, properties primarily commemorative in nature, and properties that have achieved significance in the last fifty years. Typically, the types of properties listed above would not be considered for the National Register but may qualify under one of the criteria considerations. If your property is one of the above, please fill out the preliminary assessment form but attach a brief description of the property type and explain its significance.

## **A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES:**

The National Register of Historic Places is a program designed to identify, recognize, and to some degree, protect significant historic resources. Listing on the register does not restrict the rights of property owners, nor does it prevent destruction of historic properties, but there are benefits to both the private owner and general public.

### **The National Register DOES:**

\*Identify and evaluate significant buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts according to the established National Register Criteria.

\*Make the public aware of historic resources by documenting their importance.

\*Provide information about historic resources that can be used as a planning tool for federal, state, local and private agencies.

\*Expedite the review of federal undertakings that could affect historic resources and attempt to mitigate adverse effects on identified historic properties.

\*Make owners of historic properties eligible for federal grants for preservation projects, when such funds are available.

\*Enable income-producing depreciable historic properties to use tax incentives when rehabilitated according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

\*List properties only if they meet the National Register criteria and the owner, or a majority of owners, agree to the listing.

\*State laws provides that the State Historic Preservation Officer review projects which encompass governmental funding, licensing, permit, and many other forms of involvement.

### **The National Register DOES NOT:**

\*Limit or restrict the rights of property owners to use, develop, or sell their historic properties; require that historic properties be maintained, repaired or restored; or require that historic properties be open to the public.

\*Provide markers or plaques for listed properties. Owners may purchase plaques and markers if desired.

\*Automatically facilitate local landmark designation or local district zoning. Nor does it require the review of state, local, or privately funded projects that could affect historic properties.

\*Automatically stop federal undertakings that could affect historic resources.

\*Assure that owners of historic properties will receive grants when funds are available.

\*Provide state or local tax benefits or low-interest loans to owners.

\*List historic properties according to local criteria or if the owner or majority of owners object to the listing.