

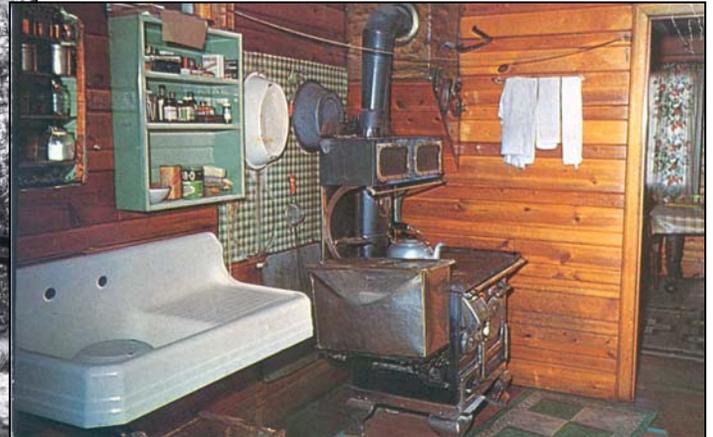
## National Register Criterion B

Criterion B represents an association with a person important to our past. The property must be the resources most closely related to the person's period and area of importance. An example would be the studio of an important artist.

A good South Dakota example of this criterion is Badger Hole in Custer State Park.

Badger Hole is significant under Criterion B for its association with Badger Clark, South Dakota's first Poet Laureate and cowboy author. Clark built the cabin himself near Legion Lake in Custer State Park and lived there for nearly 30 years. Clark named the cabin Badger Hole and described it affectionately as "four rooms and a path."

Clark found that living alone in the simple cabin in the Black Hills was pleasing to his literary lifestyle. Nature and the West were common themes of his poetry and prose, much of which he composed in the Badger Hole. Undoubtedly, the Badger Hole and its wilderness setting made a significant contribution his poetry.



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