

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Schnauber, Fred, House
and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 717 Walnut Street NA not for publication
city, town Yankton NA vicinity of
state South Dakota code 46 county Yankton code 135

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name John F. Coates
street & number 1758 Park Road N.W.
city, town Washington NA vicinity of state D.C. 20010

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Yankton County Courthouse - Register of Deeds
street & number Third and Broadway
city, town Yankton state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date NA federal state county local
depository for survey records NA
city, town state

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Fred Schnauber house, Yankton, is situated between an elementary school and a small factory building on a block of Walnut Street that is lined with modest working class dwellings. Topped with a gable roof, the L-plan brick house is two stories with a one-story shed roof addition to the rear. The house rests on a brick foundation. Fenestration includes arched rectangular windows with one over one sash.

The current owner is restoring the exterior to its original appearance while remodeling the interior to provide a retirement home for his mother. The asbestos siding that was added in recent years was removed revealing the original red brick. The trim around the window surrounds was either restored or duplicated. Plans also include rebuilding the front porch that had been removed. Since the building was always a very simple dwelling, the interior was basically devoid of decoration. Hence, the owner decided to modernize the interior by replastering, rewiring, and installing new plumbing, heating and air conditioning. What little trim remained was either restored or duplicated as closely as possible.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				Associations with an early
Specific dates 1886	Builder/Architect NA			Yankton brewer and bottle maker

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Representing the modest dwelling of the early working class citizen, the Schnauber house is significant in the area of architecture and for its associations with an early brewer and bottle maker, Fred Schnauber who built the structure in 1886 with the intention of providing housing for his employees and other modest income workers.

The success of Fred Schnauber's brewing and bottling business led to the formation of the Binder Brothers firm. This was the first bottling company in Yankton and it supplied the community until the 1960's.¹ Mr. Schnauber also owned a harness manufacturing company as well as a granary.² Active in the Yankton German community, he was a prominent member of the Turnerverin, a German social club. For many years, the house that Fred Schnauber built at 717 Walnut Street functioned as a boarding house for the working class including employees of Mr. Schnauber. City directories also reveal that railroad workers often resided in the house including Lewis Tower, a conductor who appeared in the 1891 and 1892 directories.³ This is no surprise considering that the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot originally stood north of the house until it was torn down in the 1940s.

Until recently, the modest Schnauber house was occupied by a succession of boarders. After Fred Schnauber died in the 1920s, the house was bought by Martin Rathjen who continued to use it as a boarding house until his daughter moved in. Miss Rathjen lived there until her death in the 1970s. John Coates, her great nephew and current owner, is restoring the exterior to its original appearance while remodeling the interior to provide a retirement home for his mother.

The Fred Schnauber house represents the modest dwelling of the working class in Yankton. Unlike the other houses in the neighborhood that have been significantly altered, it now appears much as it did when it was constructed almost 100 years ago.

¹Yankton: A Pioneer Past. Robert F. Karolevits, North Plains Press, Aberdeen 1972, p. 60.

²Robert F. Karolevitz, p. 71.

³Yankton City Directories, 1891, 1892.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Yankton

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

UTM References

A	1 4	6 3 1 2 0 0	4 7 4 8 1 1 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the property is contained within the legal description: Lots 10 and 11, except or less west 57' in Block 8 of Wetmore and Stewart's Addition, Yankton, South Dakota.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
NA			

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11. Form Prepared By

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date November 15, 1984

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city or town Yankton

state South Dakota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title SHPO, South Dakota

date 12/17/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 1-31-85

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Interview with Don Binder - ex-owner of Schnauber - Binder business and director of Yankton County Historical Society.

Interview with Dorothy Jencks and Ella Tenge - Native Yanktonians and local historians.

Yankton City Directories, 1891, 1892.

Yankton: A Pioneer Past. Robert F. Karolevitz, North Plains Press, Aberdeen, 1972.