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United States Department of the Interior -- National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES -- REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering "NA" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Bauer, Maria, Homestead Ranch
other name/ site number: CU-PV-2

2. Location

street & number: 3 mi. southeast of Jewel Cave Natl. monument /NA/ not for publication
city, town: Custer /XX/ vicinity
state: SOUTH DAKOTA code: SD county: Custer code: SD 033 zip code: 57730

3. Classification

Table with columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, Number of Resources within Property (Contributing, Noncontributing), buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total. Includes rows for private, public-local, public-state, public-federal, and object categories.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title: Rolene Schliesman, consultant; with technical assist. by John Rau, SHPO staff
organization: Custer County Commission date: February 20, 1992
street & number: 1313 N. Cleveland telephone: 336-6393
city or town: Sioux Falls state: SOUTH DAKOTA zip code: 57103

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, Custer
county

, SOUTH DAKOTA
state

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

M. Fisher Signature of certifying official 5/4/97 Date

SHPO South Dakota State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

~~entered in the~~
~~National Register~~

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- see continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register
- see continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other, (explain) _____

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Signature of the Keeper Date

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6. Function or Use (enter categories from instructions)

Historic functions:

AGRICULTURE/Animal Facility
AGRICULTURE/Agricultural Outbuilding
AGRICULTURE/Storage
DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions:

AGRICULTURE/Animal Facility
AGRICULTURE/Agricultural Outbuilding
AGRICULTURE/Storage
DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

(enter categories from instructions)
No Style

Materials:

(enter categories from instructions)
foundation Concrete
walls Wood
Asphalt
roof Asphalt
other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance: /XX/ see continuation sheet

8. Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in
relation to other properties: / / / / /XX/
 nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria /XX/ A / /B / /C / /D

Criteria Considerations / /A / /B / /C / /D / /E / /F / /G

Areas of Significance (enter from instructions)

Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance
circa 1917-1942

Significant Dates
NA

Significant Person
NA

Cultural Affiliation
NA

Architect/Builder
Unknown

**State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations,
and periods of significance noted above** /XX/ see continuation sheet

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9. Major Bibliographical References /XX/ see continuation sheet

Previous documentation by NPS:

/ / preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
/ / previously listed in the National Register
/ / previously determined eligible by the National Register
/ / designated a National Historic Landmark
/ / recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
/ / recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

/XX/ State historic preservation office
/ / Other State agency
/ / Federal agency
/ / Local government
/ / University
/ / Other

Specify repository:

South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: 4 acres

UTM References:

A = /13/	/598-400/	/4840-390/	B = / /	/ /	/ /
C = / /	/ /	/ /	D = / /	/ /	/ /
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Quad: Jewel Cave

Scale: 1:24000

/ / see continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description:

/XX/ see continuation sheet

Boundary Justification:

/XX/ see continuation sheet

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The Maria Bauer Homestead Ranch is situated in a small clearing among the forested hills west of the City of Custer in northern Custer County about two miles south of U. S. Highway 16. Designated as Homestead Entry Survey (H.E.S.) No. 355, marked by metes and bounds, the ranch consists of 14 buildings, of which 10 are contributing resources.

The resources are:

1. House, (contributing), circa 1917. Located approximately 15 meters west of the former route of Pass Creek Road, the house is a story-and-a-half, rectangular building resting on mortared rubblestone footings. The wood frame house is clad with shake shingles and vertical plank siding. Asphalt shingles cover the main gable roof, the rear shed-roofed addition, and the hipped-roof wrap-around porch. Fenestration includes regularly-spaced windows and doors.

2. Barn, (contributing), circa 1917. The barn is a rectangular log building clad with board-and-batten siding. It rises directly from a log sill. Corners are fitted with square notches. Several varieties of chinking are visible. Log timbers support the second floor hay loft. A leantu wraps the building on the north and east facades. The building is capped by a tin-covered gable roof.

3. Storage Shed, (noncontributing), n.d. The one-story rectangular shed was built as a teacher's residence and originally located near the Bull Flats School. In the 1950s, it was moved to the ranch. The building is now located west of the house and rests directly on the ground. Tar paper and vertical plank siding cover the wood frame walls, and asphalt paper covers the flat roof.

4. Privy, (contributing), circa 1917. Located next to the storage shed (no. 3), the privy is a square wood frame building clad with vertical and horizontal plank siding. Wood shingles and a corrugated tin panel cover the gable roof.

5. Storage Shed, (contributing), circa 1917. The rectangular, one-story storage shed rests on unmortared concrete blocks. Clad with vertical plank siding, the wood frame shed is capped by a gable roof covered with corrugated tin panels.

6. Chicken Coop, (noncontributing), n.d. The log chicken coop was originally the Bull Flats School and was moved to its present location in the 1950s. It is built of hand-hewn log walls with double-vertical corner notching. The log walls are chinked with small wood slats and concrete. Corrugated tin panels cover the shed roof.

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7. Chicken Coop, (contributing), circa 1917-1940. Located just to the east of the old Bull Flats School (no. 6), the one-story rectangular chicken coop is a wood frame building clad with vertical and horizontal plank siding. Corrugated tin panels cover the shed roof.

8. Chicken Coop, (contributing), circa 1917-1940. The wood frame building is sheathed with asphalt paper. Corrugated tin panels cover the shed roof.

9. Storage Shed, (contributing), circa 1917-1940. Located to the north of the house, the rectangular, one-story storage shed is a wood frame building clad with vertical plank siding and capped by an asphalt-shingled shed roof.

10. Cellar, (contributing), circa 1917. Located southwest of the house is an earthen cellar with a gable-roofed log entrance.

11. Privy, (contributing), circa 1939 The newest privy on the ranch, this building was constructed by the relief project workers during the Great Depression. Typical of such privies, the building is of wood frame construction with drop siding and a shed roof that features a wide overhang and a wide fascia board.

12. Garage, (noncontributing), circa 1950. Clad with horizontal plank siding and capped by a corrugated tin-covered gable roof, the wood frame garage is built into a hillside on the south and west facades.

13. Granary, (noncontributing), n.d. Constructed originally as a teacher's house and moved to the ranch in 1949, the granary is located to the northeast of the house. Resting on the ground, the building features vertically notched log walls that are chinked with concrete and small wood slats. The gable roof is clad with tin roofing panels.

14. Sheep Shed, (contributing), circa 1917-1942. Rising directly from the ground, the sheep shed features log walls with rough vertical and square corner notching and wood slat chinking. Asphalt paper covers the gable roof.

A variety of wood fencing is attached to several of the outbuildings. Deciduous and conifer trees dot the ranch complex.

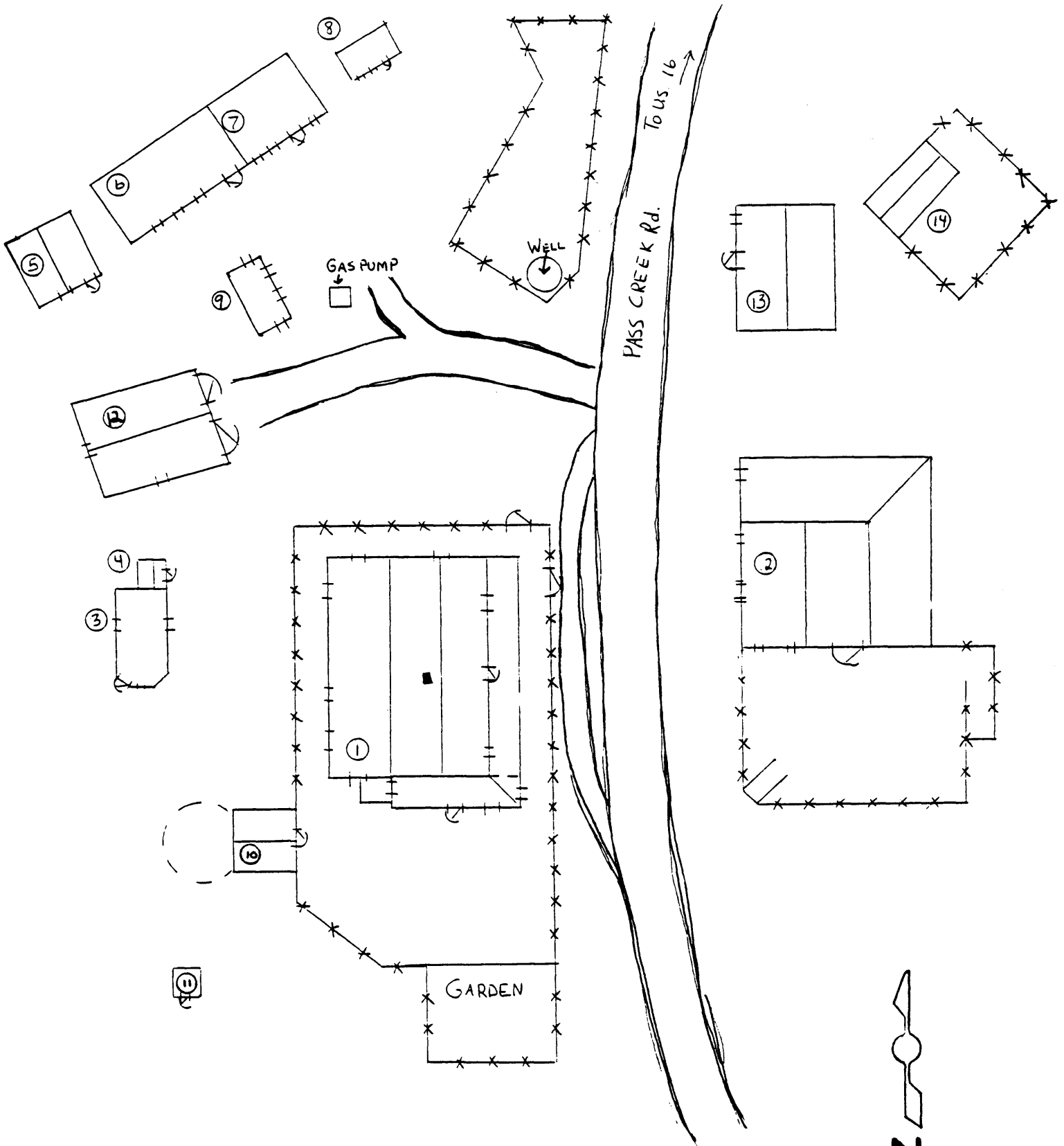
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SITE MAP SKETCH ON REVERSE SIDE

NUMERALS REFER TO BUILDING DESCRIPTIONS IN ITEM 7



NOT TO SCALE



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Under Criterion A of the National Register Criteria, the Maria Bauer Homestead Ranch is significant in the area of Exploration/Settlement, because it is a well-preserved example of homestead ranches in northern and central Custer County. It contains a variety of resource types common to historic ranches in the region and illustrates the life of a working ranch in the Black Hills region. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the nominated property relates to the following contexts: IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement, A. Claim Era; and IV.C. Farm and Ranch Structures.

According to the Sioux Winter Count, the Oglala Teton Sioux arrived in the Black Hills of South Dakota in 1775 and drove the Kiowa tribe from that region. Nearly 100 years later in 1874, rumors of gold in the Black Hills were confirmed by an expedition led by Lt. Colonel George A. Custer. Although the region was closed to non-Indian settlement by the 1868 Laramie Treaty, news of gold spurred white prospectors to rush into the Black Hills, many of them settling in the area now known as Custer County. On August 10, 1875 a group of miners met and organized Custer City. The county of Custer was established two years later, after the U. S. Government acquired the Black Hills and opened it to settlement. A flow of permanent agricultural settlers followed the wave of miners into the region. Around the turn of the century, the government began issuing homestead patents, under provisions of the Homestead Act of 1862, on parcels of Custer County land. In return for fee simple patent to 160 acres of government land, this law required a homesteader to reside on the land for 5 years and to pay a nominal filing fee. Most ranch claims in the northern and central parts of the county were acquired through the Homestead Act.

Maria Bauer officially acquired her ranch (H.E.S. no. 355), the property nominated here, on 9 May 1917. The only known surviving record of Maria Bauer is her patent on this property. Few unaltered homestead houses remain in the Black Hills region. The Maria Bauer homestead house was constructed as a two-room rectangular pen plan with an informal entrance and an open wrap-around porch. The log barn and most of the outbuildings, too, are nearly unaltered historic resources. As a whole the Bauer Ranch represents the development of ranching in Custer County and the types of resources commonly found at the region's ranches. It further illustrates typical growth of ranch infrastructure over time. The house and barn have remained virtually unchanged since the present owner acquired the property in 1949.

The period of significance of the Maria Bauer Homestead Ranch extends from its founding in circa 1917 to 1942, the established fifty-year cut-off date for the National Register.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nominated property is bounded by a set of imaginary lines that intersect to form a rectangle around the property. The northern boundary line lies 80 meters north of the north wall of the house (resource no. 1) and runs parallel to that wall. The eastern boundary line lies 80 meters east of the east wall of the house and runs parallel to that wall. The southern boundary line lies 40 meters south of the south wall of the house and runs parallel to that wall. The western boundary line lies 40 meters west of the west wall of the house and runs parallel to that wall. The property is located in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 8, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, Black Hills Meridian, in Custer County, South Dakota.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION: The boundary lines of the nominated property are set to include all features of the ranch complex, but to exclude pasture land and any unrelated private or public features.

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1.
Maria Bauer Homestead Ranch
Custer Vicinity, Custer County, South Dakota
by Rolene Schliesman
June 1989
Neg: State Historical Preservation Center
House (resource no. 1), south and east elevations,
camera facing northwest
Photo No. 1

2.
Maria Bauer Homestead Ranch
Custer Vicinity, Custer County, South Dakota
by Rolene Schliesman
June 1989
Neg: State Historical Preservation Center
Barn (resource no. 2), south and west elevations,
camera facing northeast
Photo No. 2

3.
Maria Bauer Homestead Ranch
Custer Vicinity, Custer County, South Dakota
by Rolene Schliesman
June 1989
Neg: State Historical Preservation Center
Barn (resource no. 2), east elevation, camera facing southwest
Photo No. 3

4.
Maria Bauer Homestead Ranch
Custer Vicinity, Custer County, South Dakota
by Rolene Schliesman
June 1989
Neg: State Historical Preservation Center
Privy and Storage Shed (resource nos. 4 and 3),
south and west elevations, camera facing northeast
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Neg: State Historical Preservation Center
Storage Shed, Chicken Coop, Chicken Coop, Chicken Coop
(resource nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8), south and east,
camera facing northwest

Photo No. 5

6.

Maria Bauer Homestead Ranch
Custer Vicinity, Custer County, South Dakota
by Rolene Schliesman
June 1989
Neg: State Historical Preservation Center
Cellar (resource no. 10), east elevation, camera facing west

Photo No. 6

7.

Maria Bauer Homestead Ranch
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by Rolene Schliesman
June 1989
Neg: State Historical Preservation Center
Privy (resource no. 11), south and west elevations,
camera facing northeast

Photo No. 7

8.

Maria Bauer Homestead Ranch
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by Rolene Schliesman
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Neg: State Historical Preservation Center
Garage (resource no. 12), south and east elevations,
camera facing northwest

Photo No. 8

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June 1989
Neg: State Historical Preservation Center
Sheep Shed (resource no. 14), south and east elevations,
camera facing northwest
Photo No. 9