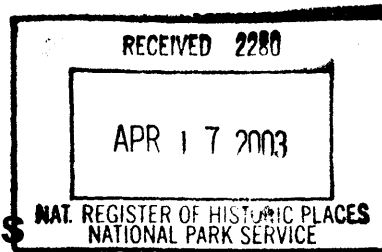


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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Norway Center Store  
other names/site number N/A

## 2. Location

street & number 29399 SD Hwy 11 not for publication N/A  
city or town Hudson vicinity X  
state South Dakota code SD county Lincoln code 083 zip code 57034

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide X locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Vogt 04-14-2003  
Signature of certifying official Date

South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

Norway Center Store  
Name of Property

Lincoln County, South Dakota  
County and State

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:)

Signature of the Keeper: *Robert H. Beall*  
Date of Action: *5/30/03*

#### 5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce/Trade Sub: Specialty Store  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American  
Movement: Commercial-Bungalow  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Clay Tile  
roof Asphalt  
walls Wood Clapboard  
\_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

See Continuation Sheets

**8. Statement of Significance**

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1926-1952 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Norway Center Store  
Name of Property

Lincoln County, South Dakota  
County and State

**Significant Dates**    1926  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**    N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**    Stephen and Hilda Paulson, builders  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

See Continuation Sheets

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (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**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:    Helen and Robert Bergren

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property** Less than 1

### UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>14</u> Zone	<u>692867</u> Easting	<u>4777431</u> Northing	3	<u>          </u> Zone	<u>          </u> Easting	<u>          </u> Northing
2	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	4	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet) See Continuation Sheet

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet) See Continuation Sheet

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Lynda B. Schwan, Historic  
Preservation Specialist

organization SD SHPO date December 18, 2002

street & number 900 Governors Drive telephone 605-773-6056

city or town Pierre state SD zip code 57501

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## Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

**A USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

**A sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Norway Center Store  
Name of Property

Lincoln County, South Dakota  
County and State

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Helen and Robert Bergren  
street & number 29399 SD HWY 11 telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Hudson state SD zip code 57034

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The Norway Center Store is located in rural Lincoln County. The store was constructed in 1926 for Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Paulson. It served the community as a store from 1926 until 1962. The store is located approximately in the center of Norway Township therefore this area of Lincoln County has been known as Norway Center since the construction of the store.

The façade of the Norway Center Store faces east onto South Dakota Highway 11. The gable roof building has asphalt shingles, and a gable porte-cochere on the façade. The walls are clad with wood clapboards. The building rests on a clay tile foundation.

The façade (east elevation) has a recessed central entry with a stained glass transom window. On either side of the entry is a large display window. There are three brackets in the gable eave. The gable roof porte-cochere is where the two gas pumps were located. The gable eaves have three brackets. The roof is supported by two corner posts and a knee wall.

The north elevation has three awning windows at the basement level. There are three one-over-one double hung windows evenly spaced near the gable eave. The rear third of this elevation has three one-over-one double hung windows.

The west elevation has two one-over-one double hung windows on the first floor and two one-over-one double hung windows in the gable peak on the main portion of the building. There are two brackets in the gable eaves. There is a two story gable roof wing, which houses the interior staircase. This wing is half the size of the main building. It has two one-over-one double hung windows which follow the staircase. To the north, on this elevation is a one story garage. It has a one-stall garage door on the north elevation. There is a door and a one-over-one double hung window on the west elevation of the garage section. Connected to the garage is a gable roof section with a one-over-one double hung window and one bracket in the gable eave.

The south elevation has three awning windows at the basement level. There are three one-over-one double hung windows evenly spaced near the gable eave. Historically there was a grouping of three one-over-one windows and a grouping of two one-over-one windows. Currently, there are three evenly spaced groupings of two one-over-one double hung windows. The wing including the staircase has a door at the basement level and a one-over-one double hung window which follows the interior staircase.



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## Interior:

The interior features a pressed metal ceiling, a mezzanine level which was once an office but is now a bedroom, the original kitchen and intact basement level where they once serviced vehicles.

## Garage:

To the northwest of the Store, to the rear of the property, is a two stall gable roof non-contributing garage. The garage was constructed in 1999.

## Statement of Significance

The Norway Center Store is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as it is an excellent example of a local community store that once served the rural communities in South Dakota. The rural store is a vanishing resource in South Dakota and this example continues to provide a sense of history to the local community.

Lincoln County boundaries were established in 1862 during the first session of the Dakota Territorial Legislature. The boundaries of the county changed again in 1867 and 1870 to their current configuration. Norway Township is located along the southern edge of the county. The first settlement came in 1870 when Peter and Paul Gubburd filed adjoining claims on Section 1. Within four years, all of the land in Norway Township was claimed.

The naming of Norway Township originates from the settlement pattern. It is claimed that 105 of the original homesteaders were Norwegian and 15 were Swedish. Any others who settled in the area were clearly outnumbered.

Two larger rural community centers were located in Norway Township. The largest was located at Moe. Located in this area was a post office, general store, blacksmith shop, later converted to an auto service station, creamery, and a community hall. The community started its downward turn in 1937 when the general store closed. All of the historic buildings from this community are non-extant. The second rural community center was located at Norway Center. This area included a community hall, baseball diamond and general store.

In 1926, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Paulson bought two acres of land and built their general store across the road west of the Norway Township Hall. It was known as the Norway Center Store. The area has since been referred to as Norway Center. Much of their business involved trading eggs, cream and butter with area farmers for groceries. In the basement of the store was a Delco light plant which generated electricity for the store until 1938 when the REA came through. Also located in the store

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were two telephones at opposite corners of the store. One had Alcester phone service and the other connected to a Canton telephone line. Paulson also operated his trucking company from this location. In 1929, Mr. Paulson died but his wife Hilda continued to operate the store until the early 1950's. Others owned and operated the store until 1962 when it finally closed.

The Norway Center Store was important to the community of Norway Center for its economic and business role. It was an integral component of farming in Lincoln County. Many of the local farmers came to the store to trade goods for credit or cash. They also purchased much of their needed supplies for farming from the store. It also served a very important role during WWII as it was the only location in the Township to purchase needed goods due to the rationing system taking place nationwide.

The Norway Center Store is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A as it was an important local example of a rural community store. While the building has seen alterations within the historic period, it still exhibits many of the defining historic characteristics of a rural community store. The Norway Center Store is the remaining extant general store in Norway Township.

### Bibliography

Letter from Hilda Paulson Johnson.

The Lincoln Country History Committee. *The History of Lincoln County South Dakota*. Freeman, South Dakota: Pinehill Press 1985.

### Verbal Boundary Description

16-96-49N 307.4 feet of s 340.4 feet and N 110 feet of s 450.4 feet of w 208.7 feet of e 241.7 feet. SE ¼ SE 14 2 ac parcel. 096.49 16.4040 02-92 of Norway Township.

### Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all the property associated with the building.