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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC ****

Carr. Anna Homestead
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bison

VICINITY OF

2nd

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

South Dakota

046

Perkins

105

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 CLASSIFICATION

checked by H. J. ... after call from Scott ...

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: VACANT

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Albert Schick

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bison

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Dakota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Historical Preservation Center

CITY, TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Anna Carr Homestead, built in 1907, is a one story sod house with a wood rear addition. The Carrs cut the sod from the surrounding prairie in strips of about one and a half feet square and eight inches high. They then stacked them to form walls seven feet tall. The structure is now abandoned and is located in the north-west part of town.

Originally the residence had a flat roof and measured fifteen by twenty feet with a small attached back area (8 x 10 feet). The Carr family put up an addition to the west to serve as a post office; this was torn down around 1910 when the house no longer was used for this purpose. During the early 1920's the home underwent its major changes which included stuccoing, erecting a medium pitched gable roof, building a large addition on the northeast corner and lengthening the windows.

With the addition the house's shape took on that of an inverted L. This new portion is in much worse condition than the original. Other changes included a wood back addition and shingling the roof with asphalt shingles. However, no dates could be established for these alterations.

The structure's front facade's opening consists of a door that is set back from the plane of the wall and is three paneled with the upper portion being glass and a three sashed, double hung window. Both of these are about equal distance from the building's center. Each other facade or portion of the structure has only one window.

At present, the Perkins County Historical Society plans on restoring the original sod house and demolishing all additions.

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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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Sod House: May 2, 1907 BUILDER/ARCHITECT
Post Office: Oct. 12, 1907

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mrs. Anna Carr's Homestead is one of the few sod houses remaining in South Dakota. It is significant because it typifies the vernacular architecture erected during the early years of homesteading in the state. The building is also important as an example of a farm residence in this area of the state. This site should be placed on the Register because it is a specimen of what homesteader's sod houses were like.

The home was built in May of 1907, and in October of that year it became utilized as the first post office in the county; later a sod addition was made for the postal work. Mrs. Anna Carr was the first postmaster, a title she held until 1910 when she resigned and her son George Carr, the founder of Bison, took over those duties. At this time, he had the post office transferred to his frame store. This led to the sod addition to eventually be torn down. The Carrs also moved their residence to one of the city's finer homes.

The simplicity and strength of this house have withstood the test of time and attest to the skill of which the homesteaders built their dwellings. It is a reminder of the hardships they endured in the settling of this area. A local civic club is planning to restore this structure to commemorate their ancestors and the pioneers of Perkins County, South Dakota.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Homestead Years 1908-1960, Mrs. L.I. Sudlow, The Bison Courier. The local newspaper The Bison Courier has many articles on the sod house, most of which have been condense into Homestead Years.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES (None Available)

A	_____	_____	_____
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C	_____	_____	_____

B	_____	_____	_____
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
D	_____	_____	_____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude $45^{\circ} 31' 36''$
 Longitude $102^{\circ} 27' 50''$
 $28' 10''$

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lance V. Yohe, Committee Chairman

ORGANIZATION

Bison Commercial Club

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bison

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

John J. Little

TITLE Director/Historical Preservation Center

DATE 6/23/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Wesley Kuntz

DATE 1-20-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE OF THE SETTING OF THE DATE

ATTEST:

Charles A. ...

DATE 1-17-78

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