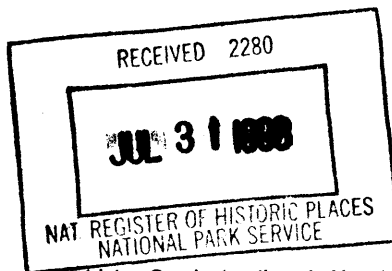


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



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 Piper, Albert S. Homestead Claim Shanty

other names/site number Homestead Claim Shanty

2. Location

street & number Route 1 Box 70 not for publication n/a
city or town Carpenter vicinity X
state South Dakota code SD county Beadle code 005 zip code 57322

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. Voigt 07-21-98
Signature of certifying official Date

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

name of property Piper, Albert S. Homestead Claim Shanty county and state Beadle, SD

4. 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):

Edson H. Beal 8-28-98

Edson

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Vacant/not in use Sub:

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Woodframe Shack

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
roof wood; shingles
walls wood; planks
other

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

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8. Statement of Significance
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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)

Settlement
Architecture

Period of Significance 1882-1892

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Significant Dates 1882

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

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Piper, Albert S.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more 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: South Dakota State Historical Society, Pierre SD

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
1 14 568002 4938702 3
2 4
See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization date March 27, 1997
street & number P O Box 241 telephone 605/385-3172
city or town Pender state NE zip code 68047

Additional Documentation

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)

name of property Piper, Albert S. Homestead Claim Shanty county and state Beadle, SD

Property Owner

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

name/title George D. Piper

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Description

The Albert S. Piper Homestead Claim Shanty, built in 1882, is a simple one-story building with the dimensions of 16 feet long and 10 feet wide. The building rests upon stone foundation, which is a single row of stones without mortar. The claim shanty is constructed with horizontal wood planks. Clapboard was never placed over the wood planks. The roof features wood shingles.

Shortly after the building was no longer used as a residence, it served as a shop on the homestead. Later when the building became used as a drive in storage shed, the south elevation was replaced with vertical planks. This elevation held the original front entrance to the building.

The three remaining elevations are features with no fenestration. The wood shingle gable roof originally possessed a stovepipe. The interior is one room with a wooden floor, and a half ceiling with an opening for a stovepipe. The interior walls are partially lined with tarpaper. There are no interior walls. Electrical wiring and plumbing have never been added to the building.

The Albert S. Piper Homestead Claim Shanty remains on its original site of construction. Much of the original construction material of un-planed boards and square nails are still in place. There have been few alterations to the building. The south wall was replaced with plain boards during later years when the building was used as shop and drive-in storage shed. It presently houses a few original furnishings and farm tools including the breaking plow used to break sod on the homestead for raising crops.

It is located on the banks of Piper Slough two miles north of Lake Byron in Beadle County.

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Statement of Significance

The Albert S. Piper Homestead Claim Shanty is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C. The shanty is historically and architecturally significant in the areas of settlement and architecture, because it is an example of initial settlement of homesteaders in central Beadle County, South Dakota, and the claim shanty is good example of a wood frame shanty. Founded in 1882, the homestead claim shanty was the home of Albert S. Piper until 1892, when he constructed a new house. However, throughout several generations the family has retained the claim shanty in its original location. Under the South Dakota State Preservation Plan the property relates to the following historic context: IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement/A. Claim Era.

Historical background and significance

Albert S. Piper built the Homestead Claim Shanty in 1882, the year he arrived in Dakota Territory from Iowa. He lived in the claim shanty for 10 years. He moved out of the claim shanty and into a new house built on the homestead in 1892. The 1892 house has lost its integrity, so it is not included in the nomination. The older building represents the simplicity and practical construction of a wooden dwelling used by homesteaders during this period of settlement in Dakota Territory.

A claim shanty size is typically 10 X 12 feet according to Edith Eudora Kohl's Land of the Burnt Thigh. These dimensions were required by federal legislation. The Albert S. Piper Claim shanty is 16 by 10 feet, exceeding the federal regulation. The interior of the shanty was covered with tarpaper.

Under the provisions of the Federal Homestead Act of 1862, a person could claim a quarter section of land (160 acres) provided that he or she resided on the land for a certain number of years. After proof of residence and occupancy over the prescribed period, the homesteader was awarded a patent for the land. The Homestead Claim Shanty served as the home of Albert S. Piper to fulfill his residency and prove his claim. He was awarded a patent to the 160 acres in 1890.

The opportunity to access land and the entrepreneurial spirit of the homesteaders provided the roots of the agrarian culture of family farms and rural communities, which sprang up throughout the mid-west. The farms were independently owned and operated. Members of the family provided all or most of the labor. The farms from the original homesteads established in eastern Dakota Territory produced a wide variety of crops, livestock, and poultry.

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The towns of Huron and Hitchcock grew and were the trade and market centers for the homesteaders of the Lake Byron area in northeast Beadle County. Both of these towns were serviced by railroads. Around 1920, a meat packing plant was established in Huron by Armour and Company. It served as a terminal processing plant for beef and pork markets covering a broad region of central eastern South Dakota. Likewise, poultry and dairy processing plants operated by Swift and Company, Fairmonts, and Gold Medal were established in Huron.

When they were first settled, the homesteads of the area north and east of Lake Byron established neighborhood schools and a church. The community was served by a U. S. Post Office and was known as Winthrop. The original pioneer cemetery of this community is one mile east from the Albert S. Piper Homestead Claim Shanty.

When South Dakota obtained statehood in 1889, Lake Byron Township was organized and local residents served on its governing board. A geographical township consists of thirty-six square miles. Typically in this area of the state the original school district boundaries corresponded to those of a township. A school board was elected from among the residents of the district. The Board hired the teachers and managed the operation of the schools. There were three to four one-room schools houses operating within Lake Byron Township at the same time.

- A plot of trees located 3/4 mile south, which survives from the original trees planted by Albert S. Piper as a tree claim. The Forestry Culture Act to encourage the growing of trees on the Great Plains, which was passed by Congress shortly following the homesteading act, served as another way for individuals to access land. This act provided that a person could claim a quarter section (160 acres) if ten acres of trees were planted and maintained on the land. The trees were usually all one species and planted in square-like plots in one corner or the other of the quarter section. Piper's claim were ash trees and were planted from seeds gathered from trees growing along the James River five miles to the west.

Family history

Albert S. Piper was born in Oswego, NY in 1858. As a child he migrated with his parents and family to Bentonsport, Iowa. At the age of twenty-four he migrated to Dakota Territory and established his homestead.

Albert Piper married Mary Helen Deeg in 1892, the daughter of another homestead family in the Lake Byron area. The couple moved into a new house that same year which was built on the homestead

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near the claim shanty. They had four children, one daughter, the first born, and three sons. All children grew up on the homestead. The daughter and eldest son married and moved away. A second son died in 1918 at the age of 19. The youngest son remained on the homestead, eventually married, and continued to operate the farm and raised a family of five children. The property has now been passed onto the third generation, and the farm operated by family members. Albert and Mary Piper lived out their lives on the homestead. Albert died in 1938 at the age 80, and Mary died in 1948 at the age of 75.

Bibliographical Reference

Brooks, Alyson & Steph Jacon. Homesteading and Agricultural Development Context, South Dakota State Historical Society, Pierre, SD, 1994.

McAlester, Virginia & Lee McAlester. A Field Guide to American Houses. Alfred A. Knopf, New York. 1992.

Verbal Boundary description

The shanty is located within the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 Section 15 Township 113 North, Range 61 West. From the junction of South Dakota Highways 37 and 28, the property is 4 miles east, 2 ½ miles south and ¼ mile west. The boundaries of the nomination are four imaginary lines ten feet from the exterior walls of the shanty. The claim shanty is located approximately 20 yards from the house.

Boundary Justification

The property for the nomination consists of the claim shanty only. The remaining farm site lacks integrity. Although the tree claim is significant it is not included in the nomination.