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SITE 17B

NAME Alexander Hoover House

LOCATION South Dakota Highway 79, Hoover, East Butte Unorganized Territory, Butte County, South Dakota

OWNER James and Leona McFarland
Star Route
Newell, South Dakota 57760

CLASSIFICATION Buildings, private, Na acquisition, unoccupied, restricted access, occupied

DESCRIPTION Excellent condition, unaltered, original site

The Alexander Hoover House, built ca. 1909, is located in the river valley of the South Fork of the Moreau River on the east side of South Dakota Highway 79. The Hoover House complex consists of seven contributing structures and one non-contributing structure.

A large one-and-one half story wood-frame rectangular pen with a hip roofed enclosed front porch and a shed-roofed rear addition, the Hoover house (contributing) has a steeply pitched gable roof covered with corrugated metal. An enclosed porch spans the width of the east elevation of the house. Two pairs of double-hung windows are located in the porch and two double-hung windows are located in the second story. The north elevation has four windows in the first floor and two in the second floor. The west elevation has four windows in the first floor addition with one located in the second floor. Both the east and west elevations feature a projecting cornice with return accented in deep brown with wooden shingles on the returns. The south elevation has one window in the rear addition and a set of paired windows, one single double-hung window, and a door. The house is covered in clapboard painted tan. A red brick chimney rises through the roof on the north side of the ridgeline.

A wood-frame garage (contributing), covered with clapboard painted white, is located north of the house. It has a gable roof with a shed addition on the north elevation. Stylistically the garage is very similar to the house. It has cornice and returns on the east and west elevations.

Two other wood-frame garages (contributing) are located on the west side of the driveway. A one car garage with a gable roof, is located off the northwest

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corner of the garage which is located directly north of the house. Another very large combination machine shed-garage which also has a gable roof which is covered in corrugated steel is located east of the house. Both are believed to have been constructed in the early 1900s.

Located to the southwest of the house is a small wood-frame granary (contributing). The granary is covered in shiplap siding which is painted red and the roof is covered in corrugated steel.

A wood-frame barn (contributing) with a gable roof and a shed addition on the east axial side is located northeast of the house. Painted red, the barn is covered with horizontal wood siding with the exception of the addition which is covered with corrugated steel.

Northwest of the barn is a wood-frame outbuilding (contributing) which has a gable roof covered with corrugated steel. It is used as an animal barn.

A trailer (non-contributing) is located northwest of the garage.

SIGNIFICANCE 1900-Present, architecture, local history, ca. 1909

DATE: ca. 1909

BUILDER: Unknown

The Alexander Hoover House is the only one-and-one-half story rectangular pen house included in the nomination in Butte County. Constructed about 1909 for Alexander Hoover, the second Hoover postmaster, the house is an excellent example of this architectural house type. It retains its architectural integrity as the oldest known photograph of the house taken in 1914 shows the house with both the rear shed addition and the front porch, which was not yet enclosed at that time.

Hoover was established around 1905 and named for John Hoover, a prominent area rancher and former cowboy. In 1909 Alexander Hoover was the postmaster. A thriving community in 1911, Hoover had a population of seventy five and twenty-seven businesses and a Presbyterian Church. These included two banks, the First State Bank and the Security Banking and Trust Company; two hotels, one owned by J.W. Hoover and the Winchester Hotel run by Mrs. Joe Roberts; a pool hall and restarant owned by the Arpan Brothers and A.E. Longpre, who also published the Moreau News; three general stores, the Cheesman Mercantile Company, the Range Mercantile Company and a general merchandise run by R.M. Williams; a blacksmith, S.W. Russell; a drugstore operated by Frank G. Schwartz; two jewelers and a livery, feed and sale stable. There were several

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service oriented businesses such as an acutioneer, carpenters, milliner, photo-
graher, and shoemaker.

The Alexander Hoover House is very well maintained and in an exemplary state of
preservation. It remains as the only house in the once bustling frontier town
of Hoover.

QUADRANGLE NAME Hoover, South Dakota UTM REFERENCE 14/636220/4996720

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000 ACREAGE Approximately 3 acres

PHOTO REFERENCE NUMBER

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Boundaries of the site are formed on the south and east by imaginary lines
which lie ten feet from the south wall of the granary and the ten feet from the
east wall of the barn, and on the north and west by imaginary lines that extend
ten feet from the outermost walls of the garage west of the house and the
outbuilding to the north of the house which intersect at the northwest corner
of the site. The site is located in the SE quarter of the SE quarter of
Section 4 Township 13 North Range 7 East in Butte County.

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