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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

X

Wide Awake Grocery Building

AND/OR COMMON

Sly's Grocery

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

520 State

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Belle Fourche

VICINITY OF

2nd

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

South Dakota

046

Butte

019

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

X YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

X COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Howard and Mary Tope

STREET & NUMBER

1021 Omaha

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Belle Fourche

VICINITY OF

South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Butte County Courthouse - Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

839 5th

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Belle Fourche

South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

Summer 1976

FEDERAL X STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Historical Preservation Center

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Vermillion

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wide Awake Grocery building has occupied the southwest corner of the intersection of State Street and Sixth Avenue since 1908. It stretches almost the entire width of the block and is 197 feet long and thirty-two feet wide; the south 127 feet were added on in 1911. The major exterior change is the first level of the front facade which the owner modernized in 1968 because an automobile crashed through it. Another alteration is the entrance to the rear which has also been modernized.

A mixture of common bond brick, rock faced and dressed ashlar act as this two story building's facing. The dressed stone appears mainly on the original building's east side and only up to the second story windows. Above these openings the rock-faced type is present; this is used on all of the 1911 addition. The brick appears on the second story of the front facade including a stepped cornice and string course.

The front facades fenestrations includes a large first floor display window and four double hung, two sash second story openings. The side windows are similar except that the original portion has label surrounds and no separate sill construction. One door can be found on every side of the structure.

The east side's central portion is indented and wooden steps lead to a second story entrance for several apartments. Stone work on the west side is considerably more rough than on the west. While the rear facade has different angles rather than squared.

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1908, 1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John Aaron Scotney (builder)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wide Awake Grocery building is one of the dwindling number of cut stone commercial buildings left in the state. Its architectural importance is enhanced because it displays both rock faced and dressed sandstone ashlar; sandstone, the later type is not normally found. A second significance is commercial; for the structure has been an important grocery for Belle Fourche since its construction.

John Aaron Scotney constructed the building in 1908 and the large 1911 addition. All of the stone came from a quarry just south of the city. The occupants for the most part have been groceries: Wide Awake Grocery, Pomeroy and Glassie and Sly's. It has retained the later name since 1922 and had the same owner.

The upstairs have served many functions including apartments, a high school and a theater. Because it had a stage the structure was for many years the site of Belle Fourche main social events. Now the second floor is mainly apartments and storage areas.

Belle Fourche has been the commercial center for a large cattle industry from three states: South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming. The Wide Awake Grocery building has served these people's needs for food products since 1908 which is only eighteen years after the town's founding. Downtown grocery buildings, which were typical at one time, are beginning to leave and locate elsewhere. So a portion of what a twentieth century town looked like and of what sort of needs this core area fulfilled, is disappearing.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A South Dakota Guide, American Guide Series Pierre: State of South Dakota, 1938, xxiii, 441 pp. Illustrated, maps, bibliography, index.

Tape, Howard, personal interview, Belle Fourche, 9 August, 1976, with Scott Gerloff.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

UTM REFERENCES None Available

A

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

C

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

D

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Longitude $103^{\circ} 51' 02'' - 53' 54''$

① Latitude $44^{\circ} 40' 15''$

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Scott Gerloff, Survey Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

STREET & NUMBER

USD Alumni House

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion

DATE

December 1976

TELEPHONE

(605) 677-5314

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

DATE

12/19/77

TITLE

Director/Historical Preservation Center

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

3-30-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Walter Cole

DATE

3-16-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER