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### **United States Department of the Interior National Park Service**

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Nan	ne				
historic Nick	's Hamburger Sho	р			
and∗or common	Same				
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city, town Bro	ookings		N/Avicinity of		
state South	Dakota	code	26 county	Brookings	<b>code</b> 011
3. Clas	sification				
Category  district  bullding(s) _X structure site object	Ownership public _X_ private both Public Acquisition N/A_ in process being considered		Status  X occupied  unoccupied  work in progress  Accessible  X yes: restricted  yes: unrestricted  no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence private residence private residence private residence private residence private residence
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city, town Bro	ookings		N/A vicinity of	stat	e South Dakota
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#### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

Nick's Hamburger Shop is a flat-roofed, single-story building which shows strong Spanish Colonial Revival influence in the curvilinear gable and use of stucco. Red tile that had once been located above the doors was replaced with plate glass in the 1980's. The overall color is white which adds to the appearance of adobe walls. The top edge of the wall, the windows, and the doors are accented in dark blue trim.

The original building dimensions were twenty-five by forty feet. In 1962, an eighteen by twenty-five foot addition was added to the rear for the kitchen area. The building is divided along its east-west dimension into two long, narrow store fronts. Nick's occupies the north of the building and the Main Barbershop occupies the south half. There are five windows on the north side of the building. The windows are inset and have wooden frames with stucco covered sills. An abbreviated string course of bricks is placed under the sill. Both Nick's and the Main Barbershop have a large window on Main Avenue.

#### 8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric agriculture architecture art commerce communications	community planning conservation economics	landscape architectur law literature military music philosophy politics/government	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	1932	Builder/Architect Free	d Carlsen, builder	

#### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Significant in the area of commerce, Nick's Hamburger Shop has been an institution in Brookings for almost 55 years. Numerous publications have documented its popularity, and many people identify it as a local landmark. Nick's Hamburger Shop is also architecturally significant as an intact vernacular version of Spanish Revival architecture.

Fred Carlsen built the structure for Gus Dixon, Flandreau. Dixon, with his partners J.C. Chimbouris and George Angeleson, leased the lot from the Maddens on July 20, 1932. Construction of the building began on August 5, 1932. Dixon started the Lincoln Cafe here that fall. According to H.F. Niklason, Jr., Nick Dixon went out of business within six weeks. While the building remained vacant, H.F. and Gladys Niklason were building a brisk hamburger business, established in 1929 in the current Reynolds building. Niklasons came to Brookings in 1929 "with an old chevrolet, a white gas stove and little else to open a hamburger stand. They had seen relatives prosper with restaurants and were willing to try their luck in Brookings." The Niklasons opened Nick's Hamburger Shop in the building in February, 1933. They purchased the building for \$2,000 from Dixon in 1935. In 1937, they purchased the lot from the Maddens for \$10,000. NOTE: According to Nick, the hamburgers were popular because they used such high quality beef. They owned their own feedlot and at the height of the business, an average of three steers were butchered every twelve working days.

The Niklasons sold their interest in the property to Duane Larson in 1975. Nick's burgers were listed in the Washington Post as one of the "82 Great Hamburgers" in a survey of all-time favorite hamburgers conducted by public radio host Noah Adams on "All Things Considered." The business was again the feature of national interest in the summer of 1985 when owner Duane Larson refused to sell "New Coke", and was quoted in the June 1985 Newsweek.

A vacation to California influenced Fred Carlsen to utilize the Spanish style for his "Nick's Hamburger Shop" building. According to a 1930's news account:

The building will be a one story, Spanish type, twenty-five by forty feet, and trimmed in a novel manner which will make it attractive and an asset to Main Avenue. Many buildings of this type dot the business sections of California towns, Mr. Carlsen said this morning.

Characterized by its curvilinear parapet, stucco exterior walls and accent red tile, Nick's Hamburger Shop is a vernacular interpretation of the Spanish Colonial Revival style that was popular between 1915 and 1940 - especially in the Southwest and Florida. It is the only commercial building in Brookings that exemplifies this style, the building stands out next to its Victorian style neighbors.

Nick's Hamburger Shop relates to South Dakota Historic Context VI. The Great Depression (1929-1941).

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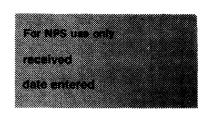
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10. Geograph	ical Data				
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Verbal boundary description and justification  The boundaries of the property are contained within the legal description:  The East 65' of Lot 14, Block 6, Original Plat Addition.					
List all states and counties	for properties overl	apping state or co	ounty boundaries		
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11. Form Pre	pared By				
	c, Consultant (ted eservation Center		nce: Melanie Betz, State SD 57069)		
organization Brookings Hi	storic Preservati	lon Commission	ate July 18, 1986		
street & number City Hall,	Box 270	te	lephone 605/692-6629		
city or town Brookings		si	ate South Dakota		
12. State His	toric Pres	ervation	Officer Certification		
The evaluated significance of the	nis property within the s	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 Office	cer signature	-/au	Sul		
title Director, Office of	f History		date 9-26-86		
For NPS use only I hereby certify that this p		ne National Register Intered in the Lational Regist,	ez date //- 6 -86		
Keeper of the National Reg		× -3			
Attest:			date		
Chief of Registration					

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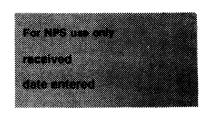
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