

## YANKTON COUNTY SURVEY

NAME Schaffer Farmstead

LOCATION SE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 19, T94N, R 54W

OWNER Fred Schaffer

ADDRESS RR 2  
Box 305  
Yankton, South Dakota 57078

**DESCRIPTION** The Schaffer Farmstead consists of the main house, the original homestead dwelling, and nine out-buildings. The 1889 house has retained its original appearance with its 3-bay facade clapboard siding, irregular stone foundation, and slightly pitched hip roof with extended eaves. Two porches are present on the house: the front is small with jigsaw brackets and the other is unadorned and on the left facade. The first level windows are rectangular, flat-topped with two over two sash division. The upper story's openings are square and small in shape, and fit closely under the extended eaves. Also present on the property, is the original 1873 gabled claim shanty which has been covered over with cedar shingles. A 1900 barn, two corn cribs, three gabled storage shed, two chicken coops, and old fences and corrals are also present on the Schaffer Farmstead.

STYLE Vernacular Italianate DATE 1873, 1889, early 1900's

**SIGNIFICANCE** The Schaffer Farmstead is significant in three areas: architecture, agriculture, and settlement. This resource shows the development of rural architecture in the nominated area with an 1873 homestead, the 1889 Italianate home, and the numerous out buildings constructed in the early 20th century. All of these represent typical building designs found in the townships of Yankton County. These buildings also show the development of agriculture from a small homestead to a larger house with addition of numerous out-buildings. Because the original homestead still exists, the Schaffer Farmstead depicts the lifestyle of the early Dakotans in this region. Frank Schaffer received the U.S. patent on 160 acres in 1873 and the property has remained in the Schaffer family since then, providing an important link to the past.

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**BOUNDARIES** The nominated property is located 5600 feet east of U.S. Highway 81 and 4200 feet directly north of the Jencks Farmstead.

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