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

**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 Wek Farmstead
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 44227 288th St not for publication N/A
city or town Freeman vicinity X
state South Dakota code SD county Turner code 125 zip code 57029

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. Vogt 12-15-2003
Signature of certifying official Date

South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer
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

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the 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:)

Signature of the Keeper: Edson H. Beall
 Date of Action: 1/28/04

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>6</u> | <u>1</u> | buildings |
| <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | sites |
| <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> | structures |
| <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | objects |
| <u>8</u> | <u>1</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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

| | | | |
|------|--------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| Cat: | <u>Domestic</u> | Sub: | <u>Single Dwelling</u> |
| | <u>Agriculture/Subsistence</u> | | <u>Animal Facility</u> |
| | <u></u> | | <u>Agricultural outbuilding</u> |
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

| | | | |
|------|--------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| Cat: | <u>Domestic</u> | Sub: | <u>Single Dwelling</u> |
| | <u>Agriculture/Subsistence</u> | | <u>Animal Facility</u> |
| | <u></u> | | <u>Agricultural outbuilding</u> |
| | <u></u> | | <u></u> |
| | <u></u> | | <u></u> |

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals:
Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
roof Asphalt shingle, metal
walls Wood

other

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

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1887-1932

Significant Dates 1887, 1916,
 1920, 1932

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

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Andrew Wek-builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 156 acres

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Turkey Ridge Quadrangle

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------------|----------------|---|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| A | <u>14</u> | <u>633861</u> | <u>4785536</u> | C | <u>14</u> | <u>633871</u> | <u>4785351</u> |
| | Zone | Easting | Northing | | Zone | Easting | Northing |
| B | <u>14</u> | <u>633861</u> | <u>4785346</u> | D | <u>14</u> | <u>633671</u> | <u>4785536</u> |

See continuation sheet

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

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

11. Form Prepared By

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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)

Wek Farmstead
Name of Property

Turner County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

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

name Rodney Wek
street & number 44227 288th St telephone 605-327-3421
city or town Freeman state SD zip code 57029

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The Wek Farmstead is located on 156 acres surrounded by pasture and cropland in the rural vicinity of Freeman, South Dakota. This small agricultural district contains many resources. Andrew Wek constructed his home on the property in 1910. This early farm embodies the characteristics typical of rural agricultural practices. Other historic buildings associated with the Wek farmstead include a Barn, granary, and many other outbuildings.

1) Main House, Contributing, 1916

The Main house was constructed in 1916. It has a stone foundation, wood clapboards and an asphalt shingled hipped roof. The façade faces east into the yard. The house is a sub-type of the Colonial Revival style called hipped roof with full-width porch.

The façade (east elevation) has a two story bay window at the southeast corner. The bay has a one-over-one double hung window in each of the sides of the bay on both the first and second floors. To the north of the bay, on the first floor is a door and a fixed square pane window. The second floor, to the north of the bay, has a pair of one-over-one double hung windows. A hipped roof dormer is located in the center of the roof on the façade. It has two smaller one-over-one double hung windows. The façade also has a hipped roof porch that extends the full length of the façade. It is supported by three square columns and has an unornamented frieze.

The south elevation has two, two paned windows at the basement level. There is a two story bay window at the southwest corner. The bay has a one-over-one double hung window in each side of the sides of the bay on both the first and second floors. A hipped roof dormer with two one-over-one double hung windows is located at the center of this elevation on the roof.

The west elevation has a one story enclosed porch at the northwest corner. The west elevation of the porch has a central entry with a one-over-one double hung window on either side of the entry. The south elevation of the porch has a door and a one-over-one double hung window. The second floor has two one-over-one double hung windows.

The north elevation has two one-over-one double hung windows on the first and second floors.

2) Storm Cellar, Contributing, ca. 1900

To the northwest of the house is a storm cellar. It was constructed into a small hill on the property. It has a wood door, wood walls and concrete steps leading into the cellar.

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3) Shed, Non-contributing, 1991

This is a metal sided, metal gable roof building.

4) Dryer, Contributing, 1921

This is around metal dryer constructed in 1921.

5) Hog Barn, Contributing, 1932

This is a wood clad, metal gable roof hog barn constructed in 1932. The gable ends (east and west elevations) each have a large central sliding door. On either side of the door is a multi-pane hopper window.

6) Well house, Contributing, ca 1900

This is a wood clapboard, wood shingle gable building originally constructed as a milk house. It has a door and square window on the east elevation. It has no other openings.

7) Barn, Contributing, 1887

This is a gable roof barn with a lean-to on the south elevation. It has wood siding, a metal roof and a metal ventilator in the center of the roof. The façade (north elevation) has a door at the northeast corner and a larger door for equipment at the northwest corner. There is a hay door in the center of the second floor under the eave.

The east and west elevations have two four pane square windows on the first floor. There is a four pane square window in the gable peak as well. The south elevation has an open loafing shed for cattle. There are no other openings.

8) Chicken House, Contributing, ca 1890

This is an asphalt gable roof building with wood siding and a stone foundation. The west elevation has a door. The east and south elevations have no openings. The north elevation has one small square opening.

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9) Garage, Contributing, 1920

This is a wood shingle gable roof building with wood clapboard siding. The west elevation has three garage doors. The south elevation has no openings. The north elevation has no openings. The east elevation has three square four vertical pane windows.

Significance

The Wek Farmstead, in rural Turner County, is eligible under Criteria C as it embodies distinctive architectural characteristics of a type and period. The entire farm is an excellent representation of the rural South Dakota agricultural landscape.

Turner County was created in 1871 by the Legislature but the first settlements happened in the summer of 1869 at Swan Lake. The county encompasses 617 square miles of fertile land. The topography includes a flat area in the center of the county and rolling hills along the southern and northern boundaries. The Vermillion River runs north/south through the county. In the summer of 1879, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad came through the county. With its location, a large battle ensued over the county seat location. As the railroad passed through Parker, they won the county seat location.

Of the 156 acres located on this farmstead, approximately 147 acres are utilized for crops. The remainder is the farmstead and shelterbelts. According to records, a smaller house, no longer on this farmstead, the barn and chicken house was the first building constructed on the farm in 1887.

The house, constructed in 1916, is identified as a Colonial Revival style which includes details such as a symmetrically balanced façade, windows with double hung sashes, and cornice details. This house is a sub-type called hipped roof with full-width porch. About one-third of Colonial Revival houses built before 1915 are this sub-type. It is sometimes referred to as Classic Box. This sub-type has a one-story full-width porch with columns. Hipped dormers are usually present in this style, as they are on this house. The door is typically located in the center and very rarely to the side. This house is one of the rare examples with an off-set entry door. This was a dominant style for domestic building throughout the country during the first half of the 20th century. The different sub-types were not equally common throughout this period.

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The barn, constructed in 1887, is an excellent example of a historic barn. The barn does not have enough of the details to definitively be labeled a specific style. The northwest section of the barn was utilized for milking cows. The northeast section was utilized for horses with three stalls. The east half of the loafing shed was used for cows and the west half for dairy calves. The barn was converted into a hog barn in 1991.

The remaining buildings and structures on the farm are not of a particular style but have many historic elements and have a high degree of architectural integrity. The buildings serve an important role on the farm including the garage and chicken houses. The farm complex reflects the agricultural practices of farms in the eastern portion of South Dakota. The most important building on the farm was the barn and then the house. The remaining buildings were put in a location for convenience for their intended purpose.

This area of South Dakota was heavily into livestock production including hogs, cattle and chickens. Corn, oats and soybeans were the major crops. The Wek Farmstead exhibited these trends in farming and the buildings reflect this use. The farm is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under C for its architectural merit.

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Noble, Allen and Richard Cleek. *The Old Barn Book.* New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 1996.

Verbal Boundary Description

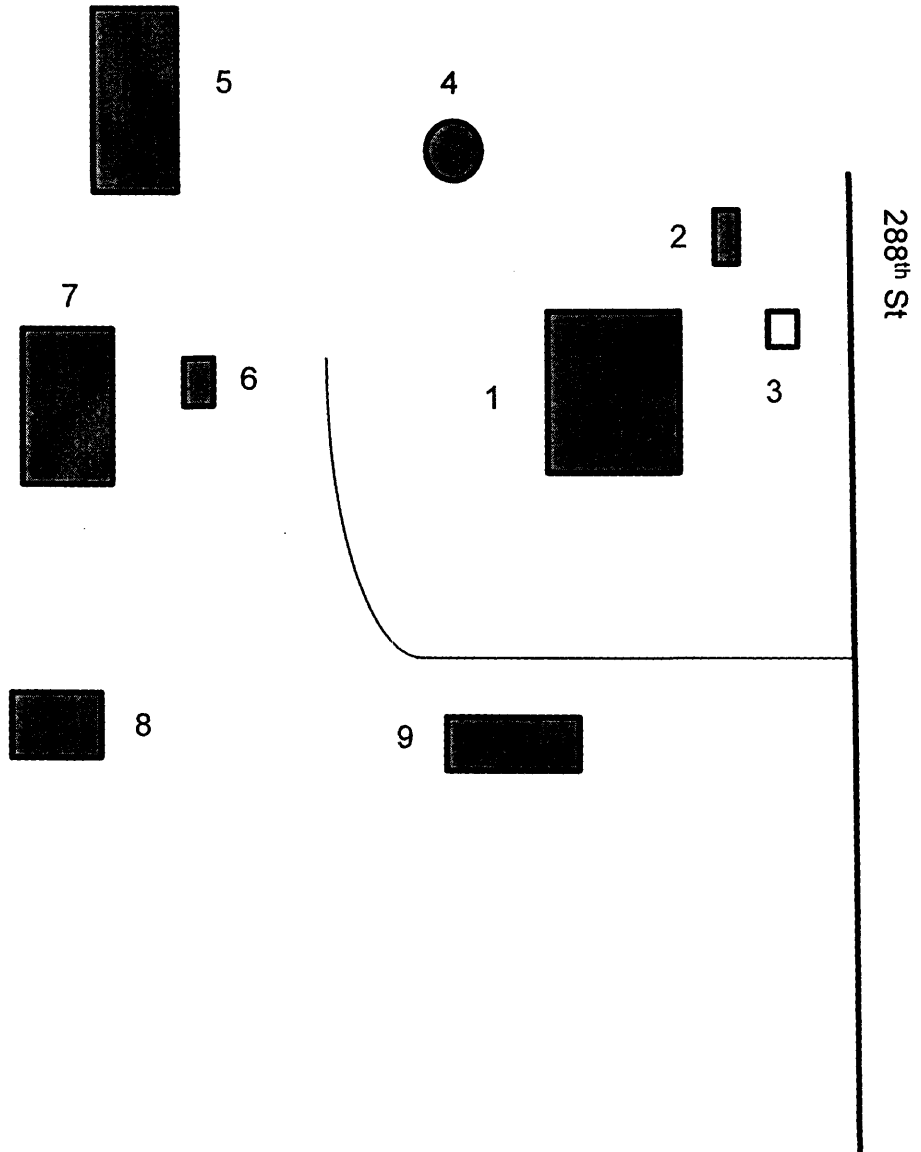
Northwest one fourth of section 21, township N 97, range 55 west of the 5th p.m. Turner County, South Dakota.



Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all the property that has been historically associated with the farm.

Wek Farmstead
44227 288th St
Freeman Vicinity, Turner County, South Dakota

- 1-House
- 2-Storm Cellar
- 3-Shed
- 4-Dryer
- 5 Hog Barn
- 6-Well House
- 7-Barn
- 8-Chicken House
- 9-Garage



-  Contributing
-  Non-Contributing

