

YANKTON COUNTY SURVEY

NAME Mueller Homestead

LOCATION NW 14, SW 1/4, Section 18, T95N, R56W

OWNER Katherina Mueller etal.

ADDRESS Utica, South Dakota 57067

DESCRIPTION The 1905 Mueller Homestead house is a two story structure with a gable roof and two single stack chimneys. Brick faces the L-shaped design, which rests on an irregular stone foundation. The front facade features an open posted gingerbread porch in the angle of the L. Eastlake-like barge-boards decorate the gable ends. All the windows are rectangular, double hung sash openings, with brick lugsills and segmental label surrounds. The rear facade has a small enclosed shed roof porch addition with fenestration similar to that on other facades. Another building on the homestead is a long sod house covered with wood siding, built in 1878, with an irregular stone end dormer and a hip and gable roof.

STYLE Vernacular, Sod, Victorian DATE 1878 and 1905

SIGNIFICANCE The Mueller Homestead is important in three areas: architecture, agriculture, and settlement. Architecturally, the main house, with its Victorian and Eastlake elements, is one of the most distinctive brick houses within the resource area. The sod house is a fine reminder of the resources utilized by homestead families and also one of the few remaining earthen structures. Agriculture and settlement are related in that the two houses reflect the growth and development in those areas within the resource area.

ACREAGE 4

BOUNDARIES The nominated property is located 2400 feet north of the road leading east from Lesterville and 1700 feet southeast of Mueller cemetery, south of the National Waterfowl Production Area.

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