

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Phillip Wesch House

and/or common Lawrence Residence

2. Location

street & number 2229 Minnekahta

NA not for publication

city, town Hot Springs vicinity of

state South Dakota

code 046

county Fall River

code 047

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name William Craig Lawrence

street & number 2229 Minnekahta

city, town Hot Springs vicinity of

state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Fall River County Courthouse

street & number 906 North River

city, town Hot Springs

state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

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

Situated on a large lot, the square, two-story pink sandstone house, built in 1890, is topped with a shingled Jerkin head roof and has two later additions, two porches and two decks.

The two-story sandstone addition located to the rear (SE) of the original house was built in 1905. It has a flat roof with stone lintels and rectangular windows. A large redwood deck (added 1983) extends south of the 1905 addition. There is also a deck over the modern one-story frame kitchen wing (SW). An eastern porch, date unknown, features wooden timbers supporting horizontal wooden beams on a cement foundation. Lattice work, which was added at a later date, adorns the frame front (N) porch.

Fenestration includes sixteen windows, most of which are rectangular in shape with one over one sash. The original 1894 portion of the house has segmental arched windows. Doors are located on the north and south sides of the house. The northern door features a full length beveled glass panel inserted in a yellow pine frame. The rear door opens to the kitchen. There are two chimneys. The sandstone chimney at the north-eastern corner of the house is part of the original structure. The other chimney is made of brick and is located where the kitchen meets the 1905 addition.

Although the original interior walls have been altered, most of the woodwork has been retained. Doors and windows are made of native yellow pine, and floors are of birdseye maple (first level) and oak (second level). There is an unfurnished basement consisting of three small rooms and a coal bin.

A cedar fence surrounds the yard on the east and west sides of the house. Two outbuildings (dates unknown) - one a two story garage, the other a workshop/shed - are located south of the house. Both are finished in stucco and painted a color to emulate sandstone. On the west side is a gravel driveway leading from the street to the garage.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1890 **Builder/Architect** Phillip Wesch, stone mason

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built in 1890 of locally quarried pink sandstone (with blocks measuring approximately 18" - 22" thick), the house reflects both Hot Springs' important sandstone industry as well as the work of an accomplished stone mason, Phillip Wesch.

After completion of the house, the Hot Springs Star reported that the "neat stone cottage" was the setting of the wedding between the builder, Mr. Wesch, and his bride, Hermina.¹ Phillip Wesch's talents as a stone mason were not limited to his house. He helped to erect in 1893 another sandstone structure, the Goesch-Crankshaft building located on North River Street in downtown Hot Springs. Shortly after this, however, he left the city.

The succession of owners were many although one couple, Dr. Phillip Morsman and his wife resided in the house for almost 50 years.

Hot Springs Star (Hot Springs, South Dakota), April 24, 1891.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hot Springs Star, (Hot Springs, South Dakota), April 24, 1891.

Times Herald, (Hot Springs, South Dakota), September 29, 1910.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property One acre

Quadrangle name Hot Springs

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	3	6	2	2	2	0	0	4	8	1	0	3	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

E 100' Lot 1, 2 and 3, Block 7 Minnekahta 1st

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title William C. and Jill D. Lawrence (with the assistance of Melanie Betz)

organization NA

date November 3, 1983

street & number 2229 Minnekahta

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city or town Hot Springs

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



title Director, Office of Cultural Preservation

date 1/16/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

2/23/84

for 
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration