

No. 11

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YANKTON COUNTY SURVEY

NAME Walker-McGregor Farmstead
LOCATION NE 1/4, SW1/4, Section 10, T94N, R54W
OWNER Earl Broderson
ADDRESS 1218 Downing Street
Denver, Colorado

DESCRIPTION The Walker-McGregor Farmstead consists of a chalkrock house with walls 18 inches thick and two small period out-buildings. The 1 1/2 story dwelling, constructed around 1876, has a large jerkinhead roof and a rectangular plan. Two flat-topped windows are located on each side of the house's upper level and the lower has arched lintels and doors throughout. The original front entry has been blocked up and the present main door is in a small addition of the building on the back facade. A gable chicken coop and grain storage are also present on the property.

STYLE Vernacular DATE 1876 (est)

SIGNIFICANCE The significance of the Walker-McGregor House is in three areas: architecture, agriculture, and settlement. Of these, architecture is the most important because the 1876 house's facing material is chalkrock, a native material hand-hewn from the bluffs of the Missouri River. This soft material is only found in this region of the country and was used during Yankton County's early years. However, because of its delicate nature, few such buildings still exist and its importance is thus enhanced. Agriculture and settlement are tied together because the farmstead shows the development of the resource area in these two categories. It is believed that Fergus Walker, who purchased the land in 1875, constructed the house. In 1884, Alexander McGregor, an immigrant from Scotland, bought the property and his family occupied the house until 1916.

ACREAGE 4

BOUNDARIES The nominated property is located 1300 feet east of Clay Creek and 2200 feet north of the point where the Clay Creek crosses the road-running northwest from the town of Volin.

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