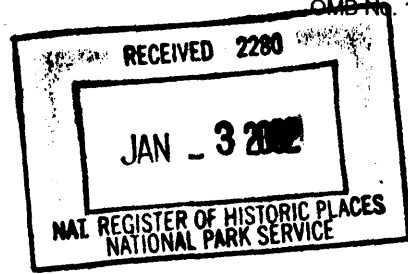


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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 Daniel A. Messler Homestead
other names/site number Bylander Farm

2. Location

street & number 30337 Greenfield Road not for publication N/A
city or town Beresford vicinity X
state South Dakota code SD county Clay code 027 zip code 57004

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
Signature of certifying official

12-17-2001
Date

SD SHPO
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

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County and State

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: *2/14/02*

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>7</u>	<u>3</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	structures
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>16</u>	<u>6</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: Domestic	Sub: Single Dwelling
	Secondary Structures
Agriculture/Subsistence	Storage
	Animal Facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic	Sub: Single Dwelling
	Secondary Structures
Agriculture/Subsistence	Storage
	Animal Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian: Queen Anne
Other: Swedish Barn

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete, stone
roof Asphalt shingle
walls Clapboard
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 _____
 Agriculture _____

Period of Significance

1876-1935 _____

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Significant Dates 1876, 1878
 1935

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

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

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: _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 160 acres

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>14</u>	<u>675703</u>	<u>4762472</u>	3	<u>14</u>	<u>674895</u>	<u>4761704</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>14</u>	<u>675700</u>	<u>4761728</u>	4	<u>14</u>	<u>674882</u>	<u>4762478</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)

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Name of Property

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Property Owner

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

name Ruth Bylander and Karin Bylander Woltjer
street & number 30337 Greenfield Rd telephone 605-253-2138
city or town Beresford state SD zip code 57004

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The Daniel A. Messler homestead is located in rural Clay County, near the Union County border. The area is broken into farmsteads with fields of primarily corn, soybeans and alfalfa. The farm consists of a two story Queen Anne home, the original homestead, barn, scale house, granary, and miscellaneous other buildings. The farm consists of 160 total acres. The original homestead was 151 acres.

House-Contributing

The main house was constructed in 1901 in the Queen Anne style. The house is a two and one-half story building with wood clapboard siding and asphalt shingles. The house also exhibits common characteristics of the Queen Anne style including shingles in the gable ends, irregularly shaped roof and an asymmetrical façade. The house originally had a stone foundation but it was replaced in 1950 with a concrete foundation.

The façade (east elevation) has a half porch with a shed roof supported by slender columns. There are decorative brackets under the eave of the porch roof. At the northeast corner of the façade is a five pane fixed window. To the south of the porch is a small wing with an entry door and two one-over-one double hung windows. This area has a gable roof with scallop shingles in the gable end. The second floor has a one-over-one double hung window in the gable section of the façade. The wing has an entry door with turned porch railings on two sides. A frieze with dentils surrounds the entire house beneath the eaves on the east, south and north elevations. The gable end has a palladian window. Each of the three windows are one-over-one and double hung. Above the center window is an arched hopper window. Each gable end on the house is identical. Above the entry door on the second floor is a dormer with a one-over-one double hung window flanked by a fixed diamond pane window.

The south elevation has a two story bay window in the center of the elevation. On the first floor there are four one-over-one double hung windows in the bay window, two of which are in the center portion of the bay. To the west of the bay is a shed roof porch supported by slender columns with decorative spindles at the eave of the porch. Located in this section of the first floor is a one-over-one double hung window and an entry door. At the southeast corner of this elevation, between the first and second floor, is a square fixed pane stained glass window, which follows an interior staircase. The second floor has a one-over-one double hung window at the southeast corner. There are four one-over-one double hung windows in the bay, two of which are in the center portion of the bay. Above the entry door on the first floor is a one-over-one double hung window. The bay is topped with a gable. In the gable end is a palladian window identical to the one on the façade of the house.

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The west elevation has two one-over-one double hung windows on the first floor. The second floor has three one-over-one double hung windows with the central window being smaller than the other two windows.

The first floor of the north elevation has two sets of two, one-over-one double hung windows. The second floor has a one-over-one double hung window at the northeast corner. Also on the second floor, is a pair of one-over-one double hung windows. Above this set of window is the gable end which is identical to the gable end on the façade of the house. The northwest corner of the house has had the one story porch enclosed. This is a gable roof porch with three, one-over-one double hung windows each on the west and north elevations. The north elevation also has an entry door. The east elevation has six, one-over-one double hung windows. Above the porch is a one-over-one double hung window in a gable roof dormer. This gable end has a fan design.

Summer Kitchen-Contributing

To the west of the main house is a side gable asphalt shingled roof, wood clapboard summer kitchen. The façade (east elevation) has an entry door at the northeast corner and a fixed, four paned window at the southeast corner. The south elevation has one fixed, four paned window. There are no openings on the west or north elevations.

Privy-Contributing

To the west of the summer kitchen is a side gable asphalt shingled, wood clapboard privy. The façade (east elevation) has a single entry door. The north elevation has an opening for light and ventilation.

House-Contributing

To the north and west of the main house is an additional cross gable asphalt shingled house. The façade (east elevation) has a gable entry vestibule with an entry door. On either side of the entry is a one-over-one double hung window. Above the entry, in the gable peak, is a one-over-one double hung window. The south elevation has three, one-over-one double hung windows and an entry door at the southwest corner. There is also a one-over-one double hung window in the gable peak. The west elevation has a historic shed roof addition with two one-over-one double hung windows. The north elevation has a one-over-one double hung window approximately in the center of this elevation. In the gable on this elevation is a one-over-one double hung window on both the first floor and the gable end. There is a smaller one-over-one double hung window in the shed roof addition.

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Garage-Noncontributing

To the north and west of the main house is the side gable, asphalt shingled garage. The east elevation has three new garage doors. The first floor of the south elevation has an entry door and two four-over-four double hung windows. In the peak of the south elevation is a one-over-one non-historic double hung window. The second floor was used as a granary.

Granary-Contributing

To the north of the main house is a wood clapboard granary. The asphalt gable roof structure has a central entry on the south elevation. On either side of the door is a fixed, four pane window. The east elevation has a door in the gable end. There is a small square door in the roof of the structure. The east elevation has a door in the gable peak and a large opening for machinery storage at the northeast corner.

Shed-Contributing

This wood clapboard, gable roof building is located north of the main house. It is open on the east elevation for vehicular storage. There are no openings on the other elevations.

Homestead House-Contributing

This gable front, story and a half house is located north of the main house. An historic lean-to addition is located on the east elevation. It has a stone foundation, wood clapboard siding, and an asphalt shingled roof. The south elevation has a four-over-four double hung window in the gable end. The south elevation of the lean-to addition has a set of double doors and an additional entry door. The east elevation has one four-over-four double hung window. The north elevation has three four-over-four double hung windows. The west elevation has one four-over-four double hung windows.

Barn-Contributing

Located to the south and east of the main house is a two story Swedish barn. A Swedish barn is an elongated, rectangular barn comprised of two parts, a cow barn and a hay storage facility. It is typically 27-28 feet wide and 60-62 feet long, as is the case with this barn. This barn has a stone foundation, wood clapboard siding, and an asphalt shingled roof.

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The east elevation has a entry door in the center and a cattle sliding door at the northeast corner. The north elevation has no openings. Located in the center of the west elevation is a gable. Spaced evenly on this elevation are four, fixed four pane windows. The south elevation has a sliding cattle door in the center with a four pane fix window on either side. Located on the second floor is a hay door. Above the hay door is a four paned fixed window. In the center of the roofline is a square cupola.

Silo-Noncontributing

The approximately 40 feet high concrete silo was added to the south end of the barn circa 1949.

Machine Shed-Noncontributing

This metal sided and roofed, gable front building was constructed in the 1940's. It measures approximately 15' by 40'. The south elevation has a central entry with fixed four paned windows on either side. There are no openings on the east, west and north elevations.

Scale House-Contributing

The scale house is located northeast of the main house. This structure has a hipped, asphalt shingled roof, wood clapboard siding, and a stone foundation. The south elevation has a four-over-four double hung window at the southwest corner. There is an entry door at the southeast corner. The east elevation has an entry door at the northeast corner and a sliding door at the southeast corner. The north elevation has no openings. The west elevation has a central sliding door.

Granary-Contributing

The Granary is located northeast of the main house, along Greenfield Road. This structure has a gable metal clad roof with wood clapboard and metal siding and a stone foundation. A historic lean-to has been added to the north elevation. The east elevation (façade) has a central entry for equipment. The lean-to also has an equipment door. In the gable peak is a fixed four pane window. There are no openings on the south or north elevations. The west elevation has a central equipment sliding door and a fix four pan window in the gable peak.

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Livestock Shelters-Contributing

Located north of the Scale House and Granary are two shed roof Livestock Shelters. The south side is open for the livestock to enter. The remaining three sides are wood sided.

Silos-Noncontributing

Located north of the Granary are three concrete silos. They measure approximately 50 feet high. They were added to the farm in the 1960's.

Silos-Noncontributing

East of the main house are four silos. One is a concrete silo and the remaining are metal. They are between 10 and 20 feet high.

Quonset-Noncontributing

East of the main house is a metal quonset. The semi-cylindrical form has a steel alloy arch-rib frame which supports a skin of corrugated metal sheets. It measures approximately 20 feet by 56 feet and is bolted to a concrete foundation.

Wells-Contributing

There are two historic wells on the property. One is located between the barn and the homestead house. The other is located behind the main house.

Farm Landscaping-Contributing

Located east of the main house is a tree lane of ash and elm trees. There are twelve trees which lead to the front of the main house. It is the historic lane to the house. To the north and east of the house is a historic tree stand of junipers planted in the early 1900's as required by the Timber Culture Act.

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The Federal Government granted the Daniel A. Messler Homestead on June 30, 1876. It is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A for its role in agriculture and homesteading. It is also eligible under criterion C for its architecture.

Clay County fronts on the Missouri River on the southeastern edge of the James Basin. With an area of 405 square miles, it is South Dakota's smallest county, yet agriculturally, one of the state's richest. With agriculture in mind, the Swedish started settling in the area east of the Vermillion River in the east-central and northeastern part of the county, to become the most numerous ethnic group in the county. The majority came directly from Europe but some stayed in Illinois and Iowa before coming to Clay County. By 1873, two hundred families had located in Clay County. The Swedish peoples concentrated mostly in Glenwood and Garfield Townships. According to Herbert Schnell, "approximately 37,500 acres were owned by 235 Swedish people in Clay County."¹ Daniel Messler's homestead is located in Garfield.

The first building constructed on the Daniel Messler Homestead was the Swedish style barn. A Swedish Barn is an elongated, rectangular barn comprised of two disparate parts, a cow barn and a hay storage facility. The cow barn section is usually constructed of tightly fitted hewn logs as is the case with the Messler Barn. It is also commonly constructed on a stone foundation as is also the case with the Messler Barn. The hay storage part of the barn is of timber frame covered by vertical boards. The barn was constructed circa 1878 and served as a major element on the homestead.

It was common during the early years of settlement in South Dakota to use materials that were readily available on-site as it was difficult to purchase materials when the nearest store was hundreds of miles away. Stylistically, the barn represents those found throughout the landscape of Sweden. It has many of the common elements found there including its construction from hewn logs, stone foundation and layout.

The homestead house was the next constructed on the property. It dates to roughly the same period as the barn. The typical homestead measures 10 x 12 feet. These dimensions were required by federal legislation. It is significant as it is a representative type, which very few remain in South Dakota.

¹ *History of Clay County*. Herbert Schnell (Broadcaster Press, Inc: Vermillion, 1976), illustration.

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The main house is constructed in the Queen Anne Style. The Queen Anne style was most popular from roughly 1880 through the turn of the century, although it did persist into the 1900's. The style is typified by irregular, steeply pitched roofs, asymmetrical facades and decorative elements such as differing shingle patterns used to avoid flat walls. The Daniel Messler House is a typical representation of the Queen Anne style and the Picturesque movement in architecture. The house exhibits many of the characteristics associated with the Queen Anne style. It has the irregular roof, variations in wall cladding, and decorative spindles and scrollwork.

The remaining historic resources on the farm complex are vernacular in form and represent a type of construction common to farms. They do not, for the most part, have any distinctive decorative elements but these buildings and structures are architecturally significant as highly intact examples of typical South Dakota farm structures. Not only are they good individual examples of various building types but also are noteworthy because of the high degree of integrity in the farm complex. The buildings on this property reflect the integrity, workmanship and history of rural farm life in the late 1800's.

The Messler's were grain and livestock farmers. The farm was used to raised cattle both for meat and dairying. Surrounding fields were used for production of oats, wheat and grasses. The farming complex fits into the rural landscape of the surrounding community as most have large fields with a small building complex.

The Daniel Messler Homestead, settled in 1876, is located in Garfield Township in Clay County. The land, house and contributing buildings and structures are significant for their role in architecture and agriculture in Clay County. It is an excellent example of a Swedish farmstead building in styles that are rarely found outside of Swedish communities. The buildings and landscape continue to evoke the feeling and maintain the associations of the early farmsteads.

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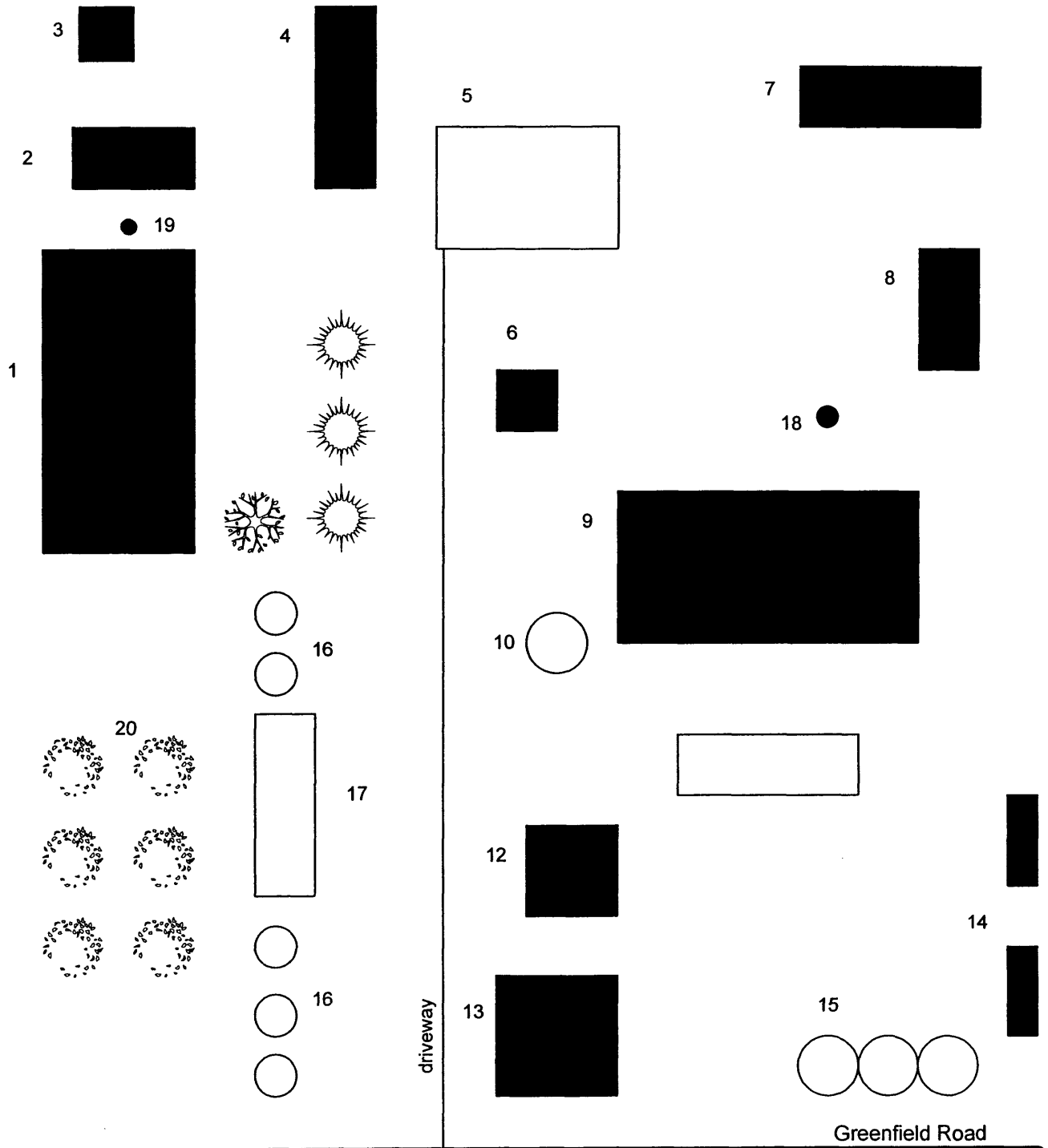
Verbal Boundary Description

Bylander tracts 1 and 2 in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 94 North, Range 51 West of the 5th P.M., Clay County, South Dakota.

Boundary Justification

Includes all of the property associated with this farming complex.

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 30337 Greenfield Rd
 Beresford Vicinity, Clay County, South Dakota



Key

- Non-Contributing
- Contributing

- 1-House
- 2-Summer Kitchen
- 3-Privy
- 4-House
- 5-Garage
- 6, 13-Granary
- 7-Shed
- 8-Homestead House
- 9-Barn
- 10, 15, 16-Silos
- 11-Machine Shed
- 12-Scale House
- 14-Livestock Shelters
- 17-Quonset
- 18, 19-Wells
- 20-Farm Landscape