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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 an 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 (Form 10-900-a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Triangle Ranch

Other names/site number: Williams Ranch Headquarters

2. Location

Street & number: HCR 1 Box 62 not for publication

City or town: Philip vicinity

State: South Dakota Code: SD County: Jackson Code: 071 Zip code: 57567

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] SD SHPV 4/20/94
Signature and title of certifying official Date

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 the Keeper Date of Action

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register **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] 6/3/94
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Edson H. Beall

Triangle Ranch
Name of Property

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County and State

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
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>2</u>		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC:single dwelling, secondary
structure

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC:single dwelling, secondary
structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS
Mission/Spanish Colonial

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation concrete
walls stucco
roof synthetics/rubber
other _____

Narrative Description

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

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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.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or 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

1922

Significant Dates

1922

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Carl Wermer/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(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

Acreege of Property 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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 See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared by

Name/Title: Lynden & Kenneth Ireland w/tech assistance by M Dirr, SHPO staff
Organization: _____ Date: March 1994
Street & Number: HCR 1 Box 62 Telephone: (605) 859-2122
City or Town: Philip State: South Dakota Zip code: 57567

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.)

Property Owner

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

Name: H. Vincent Williams
Street & Number: HCR 01 Box 62 Telephone: (605) 859-2155
City or Town: Philip State: South Dakota Zip code: 57567

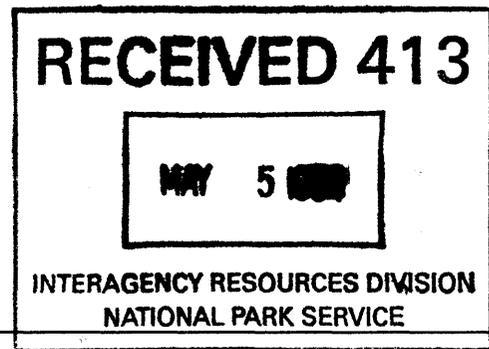
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Narrative Description:

The Triangle Ranch consists of a Sears Catalog house with a matching garage and a number of barns and outbuildings. Located in northern Jackson County along the South Fork of the Bad River the property was originally homesteaded by Smokey Stearns. The historic banks of the Bad River reveal many signs of prehistoric life and traditions that are still important today and provide an important source of water to many of the ranches in the area. Construction on the house and garage began in 1923 from plans dated from the Sears catalog of 1917 and 1918. The Williams's then owners of the property saved to buy the plans then to construct the buildings.

The house is a simple box shape 28 feet square with large bay windows on the east and south side, a separately roofed stairway and porch with terrace attached. It has a full cement foundation and basement with red brick trim. The walls are finished with hand thrown stucco. The open porch (east), stairway (north) and gables (north, east and south) all have mission-style parapeting. The roof with its deep eaves was originally done with wooden shingles, is now covered with rubberoid tar type shingles.

The interior of the first floor retains the original stairway, landing, flooring, window seats, trim, built in bookcases and buffet all of oak with the original finish. The walls are all of lathe and plaster. The first floor consists of the kitchen, living room (with fireplace), dining room (with built-in buffet) and sunroom (with colonnade, bookcases and french doors). The first floor has nine foot ceilings while the second floor is lowered to 8 1/2 feet. One side of the double stairway rises from the kitchen and the other from the living room. Both rise half a flight to a landing where they join and lead to a central hallway. There are two large bedrooms with closets on the east side and two small bedrooms, and a bathroom on the west side. The second floor woodwork and flooring are all of fir. The attic is unfinished but large enough to be considered a half story with the three gable windows.

The matching garage is faced with stucco walls, an entrance door on the north, and a single sash window on the south side and double carriage doors with paned windows on the east. Parapets like the house are seen on the east and west sides of the roof which was

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shingled with wooden shingles, now covered with rubberoid. The garage was not part of the plans originally purchased from the Sears catalog, but with the talent of a good carpenter a replication of the houseplan was successfully completed for the garage.

Both buildings are in good condition and the property has been in the same family for over four generations. Other buildings on the property consist of a square cement block sale barn with square monitor on roof built in the late 1940s. This barn has a large addition used as a bull barn. Also a small separate horse barn is located just south of the sale barn. Wooden fenced corrals are still present from the cattle sales during the 1930's and 40's. Also located on the site immediately at the access to the property on a hill is a family cemetery. The earliest burials are of young children from 1902 who died during a tuberculosis epidemic in the area. However the majority of the burials date from after the historic period. The house and garage are the only buildings on the property that date from the historic period and retain their historic integrity and are therefore the only ones nominated at this point.

Overall the domestic dwelling retains a high degree of historic integrity and represents an excellent and intriguing example of a Sears catalog house. Worthy of listing on the register under criterion C the property typifies a period in time when pattern book building was popular and it typifies the Mission Revival style. The Alhambra House plans could be purchased for \$1,969 to \$3,134.

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Narrative Statement of Significance:

The Triangle Ranch is located in northern Jackson County, along the south fork of the Bad River, and was originally homesteaded by Smokey Stearns, who had a horse ranch. H.H. and Grace Williams bought the relinquishment for the "home quarter" and some haying equipment from Mr. Stearns by trading a good team of horses and a buggy in 1903. His log house burned down, but along with the deal was a set of cut and cured cottonwood logs to build a new home. In the spring of 1904 the family arrived from Mt. Vernon, South Dakota to find that an enterprising female homesteader had appropriated their logs and built herself a house. So the Williams lived in a dugout on the creekbank until the next year when they built their log home. Along with ranching, H.H. Williams was a locator for other homesteaders who were arriving from the East in significant numbers. He had a "knack" for land descriptions and locations.

In 1906 and 1907 two of the Williams children, Peter and Sara, succumbed to the diphtheria epidemic that swept through the homestead children in this area, it was at that time the family cemetery was established. The graves there now number nine. It is protected by cedars on the north and west, has markers, is regularly maintained and is enclosed by a woven wire fence and cement corner posts.

The H.H. Williams log home was a gathering place for many homesteader dances. Also, the loghouse and later, the "Big House" was a stopping place for neighbors from a fairly large area as it was on the road to the Post Office. The settlers would cross the Bad River and stop to visit and gossip as they came past the house on their weekly or biweekly trips to get the mail.

Over time H.H. Williams bought more land from the homesteaders moving on and built the barns and corrals up. The first set was torn down and materials were salvaged to build the other buildings still standing today. For many years the sale barn was the site of local livestock sales where neighbors also consigned their cattle for sale.

In 1923 H.H. and Grace Williams hired Carl Werner to build their Sears "Honorbilt Home" and garage. The style they chose was the "Alhambra". They saved and planned for some time as the style number on the blueprints is from the 1917 and 1918 catalogs. Since 1923 four

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generations have lived in this house. The only alteration is a room built on the south side for bedroom/laundry/bath when Grace Williams could no longer negotiate the stairs. The original windows were removed from the south wall of the dining room wher the addition was attached and installed on the exterior.

This property represents the popular trend of pattern book houses. The Triangle Ranch remains an excellent example of one of the more unusual types built in South Dakota with its Mission detailing. Locally significant under criterion C for its architectural detailing and exemplifying a type of construction that is not typically an element of the rural setting, the property is an excellent example of the Mission Revival style.

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Stevenson, Katherine Cole. *Houses By Mail*. Washington, D.C.
Preservation Press, 1986.

Oral interview with H. Vincent Williams, owner by Linden Ireland.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The Triangle Ranch resides on a lot approximately 20 meters east of the bad river and runs 120 feet to the terminus of the garage. Then continues east approximately 60 feet from the back of the garage and headssouth 150 feet to the front of the house. The lot continues west another 60 feet to meet the Bad River.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries include the land historically associated with the house and garage and not the land that includes the remainder of the ranch and grazing area.