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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

**

Solomon Walters House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

off us 77

CITY, TOWN

Bruce

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

South Dakota

CODE
046

COUNTY
Brookings

CODE
011

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

__DISTRICT

__PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

__AGRICULTURE

__MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

__UNOCCUPIED

__COMMERCIAL

__PARK

__STRUCTURE

__BOTH

__WORK IN PROGRESS

__EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

__ENTERTAINMENT

__RELIGIOUS

__OBJECT

__IN PROCESS

__YES: RESTRICTED

__GOVERNMENT

__SCIENTIFIC

__BEING CONSIDERED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

__INDUSTRIAL

__TRANSPORTATION

__MILITARY

__OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

H. A. and Lorraine Rasmussen

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bruce

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Brookings County Courthouse - Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Brookings

STATE

South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

August 1976

__FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Historical Preservation Center

CITY, TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

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

The Solomon Walters House is a two story structure with horizontal board and shingle siding. The home sets in a large open area in the south part of the town of Bruce, and displays both Victorian and Neo-Classical influence. Originally Walters had constructed a small, one story structure in 1883 that remains to the rear of the house with the only major change being the enclosure of the porch. A few years later he built a medium sized Victorian house.

Some of the Victorian features of the dwelling include multiple siding, brack-eted corner windows, bay windows, and vertical stick beneath the lower story's sills. Also, diagonal stick work appears in the gable ends. All the windows have flat-topped lintels and slipsills with the openings on the top floor being coupled. Major changes of this L shaped portion has been the removal of two porches on each side of the house.

Around 1900 a large Neo-Classical influenced addition was built and it is believed that this portion was the result of Walters' visit to the Columbia exhibition in Chicago in 1893. While the siding pattern remained the same, the new portion took on a cubical plan with emphasis on classical detail.

Examples of this decoration include a gabled roof covered balcony on the east or the former front facade. Featured here are coupled columns, one round and one rectangular shaped, of the Ionic Order. Also present is a denticulated cornice, modillion supports and a balustrade.

The present front (north) facade's porch has a similar appearance to the balcony using the same combination of columned types, balustrades, and denticulation. Leaded glass windows appear in the gable end while two encased square windows are used for lighting the interior stairs. The west side features a leaded glass wall dormer with Ionic pilasters and a denticulated cornice.

The fifteen room house has yellow pine floors with built-in red oak book cases. Burlapped wall coverings appear around the upper floor and was put there around the 1900's. Also, the second floor doors have a geometric design.

The only other structure in the immediate area is an elongated one story gabled structure; its main use was a combination of a wood shed and an ice house.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Solomon Walters House is significant to the state architecturally because it shows the progression of building types and influences in the state. Originally the structure was a small one story, three room house; typical of those found in the early Dakota Territory years. As Walters became more successful, he constructed a Victorian house that reflects the type of structures built during South Dakota's formative years.

Around 1900 he again added to the house in the next design and ornamental trend that affected South Dakota - Neo-Classicism. It is also important that Walters is believed to have visited the Columbia exhibition in Chicago in 1893 which of course influenced house construction across the country. Hence, this home visually encompasses fifty years of house construction in the state.

Solomon Peterson immigrated to the United States from the farmstead near Lyungbly, in the Smoland province of Sweden in 1866. He first settled in Judson, Minnesota, where he worked as a stone mason. After a short time there, he changed his last name to Walters because Peterson was such a common name in that state.

Walters married Matilda Lindakug and moved to Luverne, Minnesota where he became a contractor for the construction of railroad grades and stone buildings. One of his more notable projects was the large Queen Bee Flour Mill in Sioux Falls. But even more important is that he laid much of the railroad grading that is found in eastern South Dakota.

In 1878 he moved to a farmstead in Brookings County, South Dakota and continued his contracting profession with the railroads. However, he also became involved in numerous enterprises including the merchantile and lumber business along with farming. All of these activities made Walters an extremely successful man and was rated by Dunn and Bradstreet at being worth \$500,000,

He finally settled in the small town of Bruce around 1883 where he became a prominent member of the community. This is apparent by his being elected to the County Commission and in 1900 to the State Legislature. He contributed to the state in the areas of transportation, government and business.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rasmussen, Lorraine, unpublished paper on Solomon Walters life. Bruce, South Dakota, 1976.

Rasmussen, Lorraine and H. A., personal interview, 20 July 1976, Bruce, South Dakota with Scott Gerloff.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 4	6, 6, 7, 9, 2, 0	4, 9, 2, 2, 1, 9, 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Scott Gerloff - Survey Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

USD Alumni House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion

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

11/28/77

TITLE Acting Director/Historical Preservation Center

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4/26/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Matthew Cole

DATE

4.12.78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

JUN 5 1987

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Walters, Solomon, House

Brookings County, SOUTH DAKOTA

Change of Address approval

for Keeper Alton Byers 6/5/87

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National Park Service

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Section number _____ Page 1 of 1 Walters, Solomon, House Amendment

AMENDMENT TO NOMINATION: CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1. Walters, Solomon, House. NRIS Reference No. 78002539
2. Since the route of US Highway 81 near the City of Bruce has been changed to a road bed it now shares with Interstate 29, it is desirable to change the designated address/location of this listed property. A more accurate address/location is as follows:

Railway Street
 Bruce
 First Congr. District
 Brookings County Code: 011
 South Dakota Code: 046

All other items of the original nomination should remain unchanged.

11. FORM PREPARED BY:

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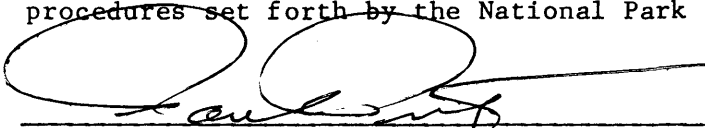
May 29, 1987.

12. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state X local.

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 State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Deputy SHPO

 title

5-29-87

 date