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United States Department of the Interior -- National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES -- REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering "NA" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Dairy Building
other name/ site number: Dakotaland Museum

2. Location

street & number: Third Street, South Dakota State Fair Grounds /NA/ not for publication
city, town: Huron /NA/ vicinity
state: SOUTH DAKOTA code: SD county: Beadle code: SD 005 zip code: 57350

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property (Contributing, Noncontributing). Rows include private, public-local, public-state, public-federal, and object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

11. Form Prepared by

name/title: A. M. Haskell, member; w/technical assistance by John Rau, SHPO staff
organization: Dakotaland Museum Board date: June 22, 1990
street & number: RFD 5, Box 396 telephone: 605-352-6198
city or town: Huron state: SOUTH DAKOTA zip code: 57350

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county

, SOUTH DAKOTA  
state

4. 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.  See continuation sheet.

M. Fisher  
Signature of certifying official

9/22/80  
Date

South Dak. SHPO  
State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria.  
 See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency or bureau

Entered in the  
National Register

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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Melvin Byers 10/25/80

Melvin Byers Signature of the Keeper 10/25/80 Date

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**6. Function or Use** (enter categories from instructions)

Historic functions:

RECREATION AND CULTURE/Museum  
(Exhibition Hall)

Current Functions:

RECREATION AND CULTURE/Museum  
(Museum)

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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification:

(enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH CENTURY AND 20TH CENTURY  
REVIVALS

Materials:

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete  
walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Synthetics

**Describe present and historic physical appearance:**      **/XX/ see continuation sheet**

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**8. Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in  
relation to other properties: / /      /XX/      / /

                                 nationally      statewide      locally

Applicable National Register Criteria    /XX/ A    / /B / /C / /D

Criteria Considerations / /A / /B / /C / /D / /E / /F / /G

Areas of Significance (enter from instructions)

Entertainment-Recreation

Period of Significance  
1913-1940

Significant Dates  
NA

Significant Person  
NA

Cultural Affiliation  
NA

Architect/Builder  
Issenhuthe, George  
Jaehn, Frank, Construction Co.

**State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations,  
and periods of significance noted above      /XX/ see continuation sheet**

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**/XX/ see continuation sheet**

Previous documentation by 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:

- /XX/ State historic preservation office
- /XX/ Other State agency
- / / Federal agency
- / / Local government
- / / University
- / / Other

Specify repository:

South Dakota State Fair Board

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreege of property: Less than one acre

UTM References:

A = /14/	/561-370/	/4912-270/	B = / /	/ /	/ /
C = / /	/ /	/ /	D = / /	/ /	/ /
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Quad: Huron

Scale: 1:24000

**/ / see continuation sheet**

Verbal Boundary Description:

**/XX/ see continuation sheet**

Boundary Justification:

**/XX/ see continuation sheet**

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Situated just off Third Street near the south-central section of the State Fair Grounds in Huron, South Dakota, the old Dairy Building (now Dakotaland Museum) is a long, low rectangular building erected in 1913 for exhibition and promotion of the state's dairy products. Rising from a concrete foundation and floor, the walls are built of structural tile faced with brown bricks. The building is capped by a truncated hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles. A large brick-faced annex with a flat roof was connected to the east (side) facade in 1963.

Influenced by Neo-Classical Revival styling, the original building features a symmetrical form with simple brick pilasters dividing the facades into several bays. It is encircled by a corbelled brick cornice line and a corbelled brick water table. A flat-roofed canopy supported by plain brick columns covers the main entry on the north facade. Projecting from the south (rear) facade is a small room intended for restrooms and mechanical systems. High round-arched windows pierce the walls. Although the window openings have been covered by fiberglass panels for security and light control, the original window units are intact. The annex is very plain with no stylistic embellishment, no window openings, and only a few service doors.

The interior displays simple painted tile walls and exposed steel roof trusses. There are no major partition walls except for the party wall between the original building and the annex. Currently, the building houses the collection of the Dakotaland Museum.

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Under Criterion A of the National Register Criteria, the Dairy Building (now Dakotaland Museum) is significant in the area of Entertainment-Recreation, because since 1913 it has served as a popular exhibition hall at the South Dakota State Fair. Erected as a place to display dairy products, it is one of the oldest extant buildings associated with one of the few true state agricultural fairs left in the country. It is representative of the fast growth of the State Fair shortly after the turn of the century and the fair's long tradition of early fall entertainment and product promotion. Under the South Dakota State Historical Preservation Plan, the nominated property relates to the historic context labeled V. Depression and Rebuilding, F. Recreation and Tourism.

The South Dakota State Fair originated with an act of the Dakota Territorial legislature on April 25, 1885, which established a Board of Agriculture whose primary function was to organize and maintain an annual exhibition of the products of the territory in agriculture, stock raising, and other lines. An official site for the fair was not designated, and for several years, the various larger towns of southern Dakota competed for the honor of hosting the event. Huron was the site of the first and second season, but for the next two decades the fair location was juggled among Mitchell, Sioux Falls, and Aberdeen. Finally, in 1905, the Board selected Huron as the permanent site of the State Fair. At that time, the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, which had founded Huron in 1879 and 1880 and since had controlled much of the city's development, donated 85 acres for a fair site to the State of South Dakota. For the next few years makeshift buildings from other fair sites and tents made up the bulk of the fair grounds. Early new construction included Agricultural Hall, the Beadle County Building, and the Women's Building in 1907, 1908, and 1909 respectively. None of these earliest properties survive. The fair has prospered and expanded during the last century. Since 1906, annual receipts have grown from just less than \$16000 to about \$1.5 million. The size of the grounds has nearly doubled from its original donated parcel.

By the second decade of the new century, the Fair Board realized a need for a building to exhibit dairy products and to generally promote the dairy industry in the state. Therefore, in 1913 they contracted with local architect George Issenhuthe and local builder Frank Jaehn for such a facility. (Issenhuthe, who was paid only a nominal fee for his work on the Dairy Building, is known to have designed a number of other institutional buildings in eastern South Dakota, including the elaborate Renaissance Revival city hall at Brookings. [listed in the National Register in 1984]) Originally, the building featured a large glass refrigerator in the center of the floor; however, this item is no longer extant. At the time of its construction, the Dairy Building was praised in the local press as one of the best permanent facilities on the fair grounds.

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In 1956, the dairy department moved to the new 4-H dairy barn. From then until 1960, the Dairy Building served as the 4-H fair headquarters and exhibit space. In 1960, it became the home of the State Fair Pioneer Museum, which has recently grown into the Dakotaland Museum-- a general collection of things people used in everyday life in the early days of South Dakota. The museum is open to the public from May to September and hosts especially large crowds of people during fair week.

Except for removal of the refrigerator and the large but very plain 1963 addition to the east, the Dairy Building looks much like it did when it was constructed. Several generations of fairgoers have fond remembrances of hours spent in this building. It continues to play a vital function in the life of the fair.

The period of significance of the nominated property extends from its date of construction in 1913 to 1940, the established 50-year cut-off date for the National Register.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated property is bounded by a set of imaginary lines that intersect to form a rectangle around the rectangular building and its 1963 annex. The northern boundary line lies 5 feet north of the northernmost surface of the front canopy and runs parallel to that surface. The eastern boundary line lies 5 feet east of the east wall of the annex and runs parallel to that wall. The southern boundary line lies 5 feet south of the southernmost wall of the building (projecting room) and runs parallel to that wall. The western boundary line lies 5 feet west of the west wall of the building and runs parallel to that wall. The property is located along Third Street in the south-central section of the South Dakota State Fair Grounds in Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The boundaries of the nominated property are set to include only the freestanding Dairy Building and its 1963 annex and to exclude any other features of the State Fair Grounds. There are no separate legal descriptions for individual buildings on the Fair Grounds.

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Dairy Building  
State Fair Grounds, Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by A. M. Haskell  
March 1990  
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
North and west facades, camera facing south-southeast  
Photo No. 1

2.

Dairy Building  
State Fair Grounds, Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by A. M. Haskell  
March 1990  
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
North facade, showing 1963 annex, camera facing southeast  
Photo No. 2

3.

Dairy Building  
State Fair Grounds, Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by A. M. Haskell  
March 1990  
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
North facade, entrance canopy, camera facing west-southwest  
Photo No. 3

4.

Dairy Building  
State Fair Grounds, Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by A. M. Haskell  
March 1990  
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
South and west facades, camera facing north  
Photo No. 4

5.

Dairy Building  
State Fair Grounds, Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota  
by A. M. Haskell  
March 1990  
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
Interior, note exposed steel trusses  
Photo No. 5