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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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historic name 529 North Main  
other names/site number Wangsness Brothers General Store

**2. Location**

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city or town Garretson Vicinity N/A  
state South Dakota Code SD county Minnehaha code 099 zip code 57073

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)

Jay D. Voigt 11-29-2004  
Signature of certifying official Date

South Dakota 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.)

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

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**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 Beall Date of Action: 1/14/05

**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>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce/Trade      Sub: Business  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Work in Progress      Sub: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
Commercial  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Quartzite Stone  
Roof Rubber  
Walls Quartzite Stone  
Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

See Continuation Sheets

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1908  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1908  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(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: N/A

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property** Less than one acre

### UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1    14    701136    4843352  
    Zone    Easting    Northing  
2    \_\_\_\_\_

3    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_  
    Zone    Easting    Northing  
4    \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Mike Vogel, Historic Preservation Specialist

organization SD SHPO date 8-02-04

street & number 900 Governors Drive telephone 605-773-6056

city or town Pierre state SD zip code 57501

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## Additional Documentation

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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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**Property Owner**

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

name Joseph Skorjanec  
street & number 25195 483<sup>rd</sup> Avenue telephone 605-594-6452  
city or town Garretson, SD state SD zip code 57030

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.



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## Architectural Description

The building is located on the corner of Main and Third in downtown Garretson. It is on the Southwest corner of the intersection. The façade of the building faces east onto Main Street. The building occupies the entire lot and has an alley access on the west side of the building. Similar aged buildings are located across the street to the east and north.

The building is a flat roof two story building with the façade having a central recessed entry. On either side of the front entry are pane glass windows covering all of the front of the first floor except for the recessed entry. Leaded glass exists on the main floor above the large pane windows. The façade also features six evenly spaced double hung windows on the second floor and one scaled down window (third from the left).

The east and north elevations of the building are made with quartzite stone and the south and west elevations of the building are constructed of rubble stone. The east and the north elevations have a stepped parapet on the roof line, decorative stone design beneath it and dentils at the bottom of the cornice line.

The south elevation of the building has two double hung windows on the second floor, center of the building.

The west elevation of the building features a second floor door at the southwest corner of the second story. Access to this door is obtained by a metal stairway and landing constructed on the side of the building. The second floor also features four double hung windows flanked by a smaller one over one double hung window.

The north elevation of the building features a northwest corner elevated (three steps) recessed entry. There is a partial commercial store front with storefront windows on both sides that are boarded up. An awning exists over the recessed entry and the boarded up windows to the west. To the east of the recessed entry is a boarded up substreet stairwell that leads to a basement entrance. The second story on the north side has eight double hung windows spaced across the entire side.

On the interior of the building drop ceilings have been installed however, above the dropped ceiling on the first floor a tin ceiling still exists.

Steel columns were used on the main floor of the building and quartzite columns are located in the basement. The original woodwork moldings on second floor are still intact.

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## Architectural Significance

The 529 North Main property is significant for the distinctive commercial style of architecture. The building constructed in 1908 is a good example of a preserved commercial style type of architecture in a small town where only a few other historic buildings yet exist.

Garretson is located in Minnehaha county in the southeastern part of South Dakota. Garretson, in the late 1880's was a less significant commercial center than it's closest rival, the Palisades Township. What changed the economic base for Garretson was the decision by the Great Northern Railroad to run it's new line through Garretson. This new line would link Sioux City, Iowa with Minneapolis, Minnesota and the town of Garretson would now be on that line.

In order to take advantage of what the new railroad line had to offer, many businesses in the Palisades Township elected to move their operations to Garretson. One of the businesses included in that significant move included the Wangsness General Store. At this particular time Thos Wangsness operated the store with the largest inventory in the market area. This move by Thos Wangsness helped to insure the stability and growth of a newly revived Garretson. Without the Railroad and the commitment of business leaders like Thos Wangsness and others, it is doubtful whether or not Garretson would have become the city it developed into or whether it would have survived at all.

The Wangsness General Store building has served many purposes since it was constructed in 1908. In addition to operating as a general store for the community, the building also served as the home for the Thos Wangsness family as they utilized the second floor as their residence for a period of time. At a later date the Wangsness building also housed a drug store, an office for a medical doctor and a bowling alley that was housed in the basement of the building. Given all these various uses of the building over all the years, the Wangsness building certainly served as one of the major business points in the development and growth of Garretson.

In the 1970's a huge fire ravaged the downtown business district of Garretson. Half of the buildings in the downtown business district were destroyed. Along with the economic impact of losing these old buildings, the community of Garretson lost a great deal of history. The demise of the quartzite rock structures significantly reduced the architectural influence in Garretson for this type of commercial building. Quartzite rock structures were longer being used in the construction of these types of buildings. Other architectural features of the early 1900's that were lost due to the fire included some of the leaded glass above the large front windows that existed in these buildings and the tin ceilings that decorated the interior of these buildings.

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The Wangsness Building survived the catastrophic fire in the 1970's and this building is only one of a few left in the town of Garretson that helps preserve the rich history of this community that almost didn't happen, except for the decision of the Great Northern Railroad.

The Wangsness Building constructed in 1908, is eligible of the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its significance as a Commercial style building in the town of Garretson. The Commercial style building is significant to Garretson in that there are only a few remaining historic buildings in the commercial district, especially after the fire in the 1970's.

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Bibliography:

Boundary Justification:

All of the land that has been associated with this commercial building since 1908.