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YANKTON COUNTY SURVEY

NAME Mathias Lasek House

LOCATION NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 12, T94N, R57W

OWNER Delmer Diede

ADDRESS P.O. Box 131
Lesterville, South Dakota 57040

DESCRIPTION The 1890 Mathias Lasek House is a one-story dwelling constructed of sod. The original section, now faced with wood siding and stucco, rests on a low, irregular stone foundation. A shed-roof frame addition dating from about 1913 extended the long north-south axis of the house to the east. Asphalt shingles cover resulting cross-gable roof. Simple, wood frame windows punctuate all facades; a loft window in the gable end on the west facade gives access to the attic. Entry is gained thru an aluminium door on the south face of the frame addition. A single-stack plastered chimney rises from the center of the north-south gable axis. The house is still used as a residence today.

STYLE Vernacular - Sod

DATE 1890, 1913

SIGNIFICANCE The significance of the 1890 Mathias Lasek House lies in the areas of architecture, agriculture, and settlement. Architecture is the most important because sod was typically the first construction material that was used by European immigrants when they arrived in Dakota Territory. They had to get by with the materials on hand and sod was popular choice, since it was easily attainable. These structures are becoming increasingly rare and are seldomly still occupied. Agriculture and settlement are illustrated in the rural house typically erected by immigrants from Europe.

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BOUNDARIES The nominated property is located 3 miles east of the road leading from Lesterville to U.S. Highway 81 and 2000 feet northwest of the gravel pit west of the National Waterfowl Production Area.

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