



**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: John Edward H. Beal Date of Action: 2/5/03

**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 0  
 Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Schools in South Dakota, MPL

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Education Sub: School  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Vacant/Not in Use Sub: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

No Style  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Poured Concrete  
roof Asphalt  
walls Wood Clapboard  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Education \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1926-1952 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Jacobson School  
Name of Property

Charles Mix County, South Dakota  
County and State

**Significant Dates**    1926  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**    (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property** Less than 1

### 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.) 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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## 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)

Jacobson School  
Name of Property

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County and State

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**Property Owner**

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

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The Jacobson School is located in rural Charles Mix County. The simple schoolhouse was constructed in 1926 for the betterment of the rural community. It was constructed on land donated by Joseph Jacobson and named for him

The school rests on a poured concrete foundation. The entire building is clad with wood clapboards. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles over wood shakes. At the roof and dormer eaves are exposed rafter ends. The façade (south elevation) is has a one story hipped roof entry. There are exposed rafter ends on the entry. On either side of the entry is a window opening covered with wood paneling. Behind the wood paneling is a nine-over-one double hung window. A dormer is located on this elevation. It has a hipped roof and a vent in the window opening.

The west and east elevations are identical. They each have one small nine-over-one double hung window and six, large, nine-over-one double hung windows. Each window has a wood sill and lintel. The north elevation (rear) has no openings.

The interior has two restrooms on the south. Located in the center of the entry is a set of stairs leading up to the classroom and an additional set to the basement. The chalkboard is on the west side and platform/stage is located on the north wall.



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The Jacobson School in the Armour Vicinity in Charles Mix County, South Dakota is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C. The building is locally significant under Criterion A in the context of education for its role in the educational development of schools in rural South Dakota during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and under criterion C as an excellent example of early rural schoolhouse construction commonly built in South Dakota during the 1890s.

State legislation passed in 1880 provided that a township could establish as many schools as needed, as long as they were at least two miles apart. By 1926, Jacobson School was formed and constructed.

Built in 1926, the school's simple one-room, hipped roof design was typical of late nineteenth century schoolhouse design in South Dakota. Often comprised of donated materials and erected with voluntary labor, it was common for communities to construct schoolhouses with a familiar form and known practices. The design of these structures relied heavily upon the established architectural styles familiar to its builders, primarily settlers who had emigrated from New England and the Midwest. The rural schoolhouse was also viewed as a cultural symbol of the community, giving it a strong connection to the church. Because of this connection, characteristics of the typical rural schoolhouse reflected familiar church architecture. Described as aesthetic, they were simple one-room structures built on temporary foundations with balloon framing, uninsulated weatherboard siding, wainscoting on the interior, and heated by a central stove. According to A Context for Education Development in South Dakota, "a schoolhouse that was well-appointed and carefully constructed, adapting architectural styles familiar to settlers from the East, symbolized the ideal of the community school. Simplicity in design and use of modest materials in construction of the school, however, always reflected the material limitations inherent in Plains settlement." The Jacobson School's design and construction reflects these characteristics.

The Jacobson School also played an essential role in the education of children through the mid-twentieth century. Consistent with contemporary trends, it had a mandatory attendance policy. The State of South Dakota passed a compulsory attendance law in 1915, requiring all children to attend school through the completion of sixth grade, and joined in nationwide efforts to promote civic pride and responsibility among immigrant families during the same period. By 1910, immigrants and their children (generally of Northern European origin) represented more than half of South Dakota's population. To handle this population influx and help immigrant families assimilate into American culture and society, the State legislature enacted a requirement in 1918 that all schools devote one

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hour a week to patriotism. Many school districts also supported individual chapters of the Young Citizens League or YCL, a statewide organization for students that promoted good citizenship, patriotism, and common courtesy.

The Jacobson School was closed in 1967 because of a declining population and local consolidation efforts. It continued to serve as polling place until the early 1980's. The School is eligible under Criterion A for its role in education in Charles Mix County and Criterion C for its rural schoolhouse design.

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Jacobson School

Name of Property

Charles Mix County, South Dakota

County and State

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Being one acre square in the southwest corner of the southwest quarter of section twenty, township ninety-seven north, range sixty-three west of the 5<sup>th</sup> p.m. Charles Mix County, South Dakota.

## BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Jacobson School.