

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ingalls Home *Historic*

AND/OR COMMON

Ingalls Home

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

210 3rd Street, West

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

De Smet

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#1

STATE

South Dakota

__ VICINITY OF

CODE
046

COUNTY

Kingsbury

CODE

077

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Bessie Christiansen

STREET & NUMBER

202 3rd St. Joliet Avenue

CITY, TOWN

De Smet

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kingsbury County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

De Smet

STATE

South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1968

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Historical Preservation Center

CITY, TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1887 Charles Phillip Ingalls built a two-story frame home in De Smet, Dakota Territory. The house is comprised of two offset rectangles with asphalt shingled roofs running perpendicular to one another. A lean-to is attached to the rear (north wall) of the home and was used as a coal shed. A single stack of bricks comprises the center straddle ridge chimney. Fenestration consists of double sash windows, which appear singly or in sets of two. Two doors, one on each story of the north wall, are unusual because no steps are built up to either of them presently. Although the house has no concrete foundation, it is in good shape.

The Ingalls home rests upon lot 12, block 10 in Brown's Addition at 210 West Third Street in De Smet, South Dakota. While the Ingalls family lived in the house, a barn and sand-point pump were in constant use. The backyard was covered with fruit trees and vegetables were planted in the adjoining lot. Now large poplar trees provide shade for the house in the Little Town on the Prairie.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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
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<input 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 1887

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Phillip Ingalls

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ingalls arrived in De Smet in 1879. Mr. Ingalls was employed as a time-keeper for the railroad which was then being built. Previous attempts at homesteading and farming in both Wisconsin and Kansas met with failure. The opportunity to work in Dakota was received by the family as one of good fortune. Their first year in De Smet was the subject of Laura Wilder's By the Shores of Silver Lake. The Long Winter and Little Town on the Prairie followed, tracing the family's lives between the years 1880-1882.

In 1885 Laura was married to Almonze Wilder and moved to a nearby homestead. Her father and mother moved permanently to De Smet where they lived in a number of places, some of them built and owned by "Pa" who gave up farming to become a professional carpenter. In 1887 he built a story and a half frame house in De Smet. His daughter Laura Ingalls Wilder moved to Missouri in 1894 but the house is mentioned by her and her daughter Rose in their books about Dakota life.

Charles Ingalls became an active member of the community. He served at various times as town clerk, Justice of the Peace, and deputy sheriff. At his death in 1902 he was mourned as one of the town's earliest pioneers.

The significance of Charles Ingall's house lies in the fact that the real hero of a series of children's books about pioneer life lived there. In addition to "Pa" Ingalls, the house in De Smet was also the last home of Laura's mother and her sister Mary, whose blindness gave her a special part in the stories. Many descriptions of the prairies, the towns and the people in Laura's works are given through her personal descriptions to Mary. In a way, the house Pa Ingalls built is the sequel to all the "Little" books. It tells the final story of the Ingalls family in their struggle to create a decent way of life in The Little Town on the Prairie.

For De Smet, the house is a significant land mark associated with the Ingalls family whose history is also a record of the towns development.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/10 acre

Latitude: 44° 23' 07"
 Longitude: 97° 33' 17"

NO UTM
 CD

UTM REFERENCES

A

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING									

C

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING									

B

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING									

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ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING									

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul Putz, Historical Preservation Assistant; Mrs. Dannenbring, De Smet, South Dakota

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Program

DATE

02-03-75

STREET & NUMBER

USD Alumni House 415 E. Main Street

TELEPHONE

605-677-5314

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.

SIGNATURE

Paul Putz

3-25-75

TITLE

Cultural Preservation Director / SHPO

DATE

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

A. R. W. W. W.

DATE

4/21/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles H. ...

DATE

9/17/75

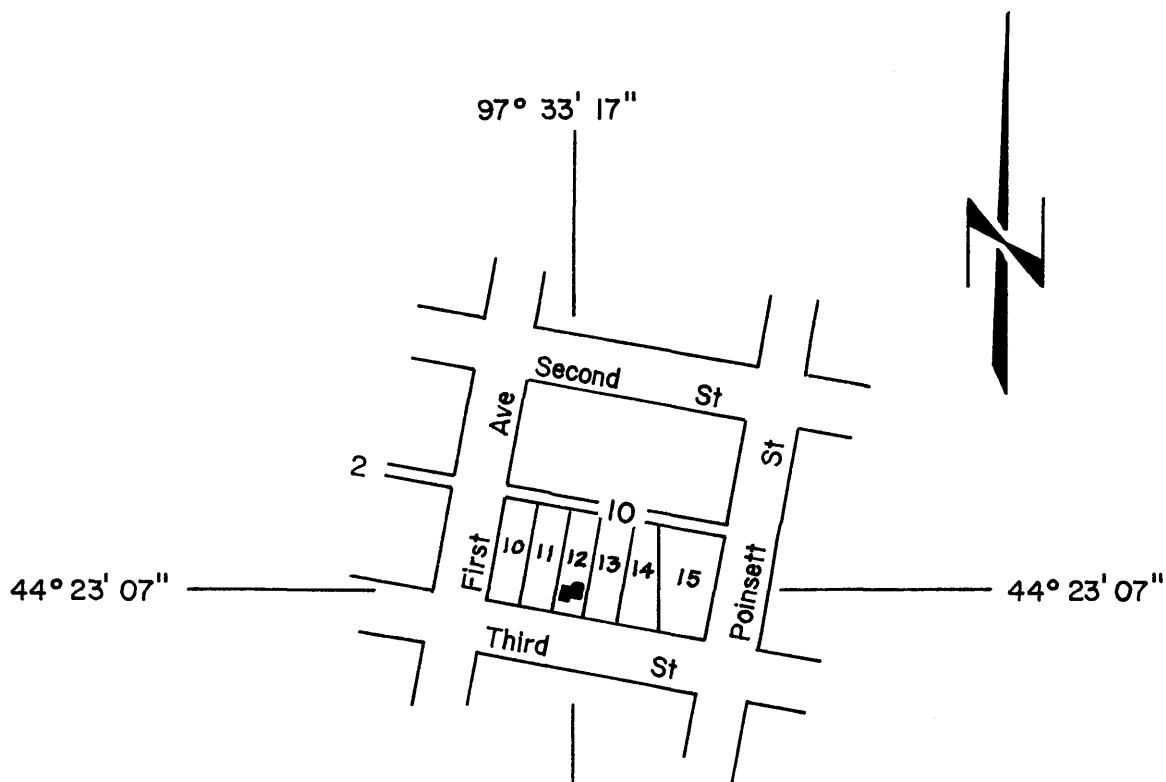
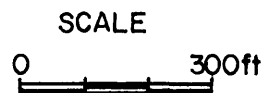
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Ingalis HOME IN De Smet
210 3rd Street West

Lot numbered (12), of Block numbered (10), Browns
Addition to the City of De Smet, in Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Township No. 111
North, Range No. 56
West of the 5" Principal
Meridian, South Dakota



Note: Longitude and Latitude correct to the nearest two seconds

SOURCE: Model Rural Development Program, Watertown, South Dakota