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SITE PE-4NAME Spring Creek School LOCATION Zeona vicinity Perkins County (105), South Dakota (046) OWNER John S. Marty R.R. Box 118 Prairie City, South Dakota 57649 CLASSIFICATION Building. private, NA acquisition, unoccupied, restricted access, vacant DESCRIPTION Fair condition, unaltered, original site

The Spring Creek School is a classic example of the cube school that was stylistically popular in rural South Dakota from 1915 through 1930. Located about one mile east of Zeona, the school was constructed ca. 1920 from one of the plans in "Standards and laws Pertaining to State Standard Rural Schools and State Consolidated Schools of South Dakota and a Study of Consolidation in South Dakota and Other States". A sign over the front (east) entrance reads "South Dakota Standard School".

Situated in a grassy field, the school is a large wood-frame cube. covered in clapboard and painted white, with a wood shingled hipped roof. A small wood-frame hipped roof addition is A red brick chimney rises from the roof of located on the south. the addition. A bell tower with a pyramidal roof covered with wood shingles rises from the roof above the front doorway. Fenestration includes two large rectangular six-over-six light windows with surrounds on the east facade. four large rectangular six-over-six light windows with surrounds on the north facade and two large rectangular six-over-six light windows with surrounds on the north.

One enters the school through a recessed doorway that leads to two doors that enter into the cloakrooms. The interior of the school retains the original door and window surrounds and other architectural detailing. The original wood floor is intact. United States Department of the Interior **National Park Service** 

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southeast of the school Located to the is the outhouse of wood-frame construction. It has fallen over and is in a state of disrepair.

1900-present, education, architecture SIGNIFICANCE

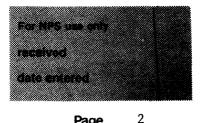
DATE: 1920 BUILDER: John Erikson and Albert Shelstad

Spring Creek School is important to the Zenoa community and The rural Perkins County as one of the best preserved examples of a South Dakota Standard plan rural cube school. This type of cube-shaped school building was popular throughout rural South Dakota from 1914 through 1930. Traditionally, it has more ornamental embellishment than the earlier rectangular school buildings.

The school was named after Spring Creek, a tributary of the North Fork of the Moreau River, the closest water source. Constructed in 1920 from a plan in the South Dakota state standards publication for rural schools, the Spring Creek school replaced earlier school built on the same spot in 1912 . an The original school was held in a sod claim shack that was part dugout. The local ranchers and homesteaders made the school benches and desks, and guled a piece of oil cloth that was painted black to one of the walls to serve as a blackboard. A homesteader in the Govert area of Harding County, Cora Minks, originally from Ohio where she had been a school teacher, was the first teacher in the school which had twenty-two students in 1912.

Part of the Sheffield School District No. 63 the school was later absorbed into the Bison Independent School District. The Spring Creek School was abandoned in 1967 and moved to a nearby trailer. The school closed offically in 1972.

Zeona was founded in 1910 by H.E. Rowson who led a group of settlers to the communtiy during the height of the homestead became the first postmaster of the town that was years. Rowson named after his daughter. Many of the homesteaders who settled in the area left a year later because of the severe drought of 1911.

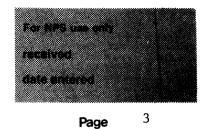


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site is

quarter of Section 9.

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The Sheep Creek School is important to the history of the Zeona vicinity having been used as an educational facility for nearly fifty years before it was closed. The school has begun to deteriorate was abandoned, it does however retain its since it architectural integriy.

QUADRANGLE NAME Zeona, SD UTM 13/ 664870/ 5006370 QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000 ACREAGE Less than one VERBALE BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundaries of the nominated property are considered to be a intersecting imginary lines that lie fifteen feet from the set exterior walls of the structure in all directions. The located in the NE quarter of the NE

Township 14 North, Range 10 East in Perkins County, South Dakota.

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