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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Richards Cabins
other names/site number Dutton Ranch

2. Location

street & number 16901 Moreau River Road not for publication N/A
city or town Faith Vicinity x
state South Dakota Code SD county Perkins code 105 zip code 57626

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. Vogt
Signature of certifying official

12-13-2002
Date

State Historic Preservation Officer
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.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

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Perkins, South Dakota
County and State

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: Carlson H. Beall 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>2</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>2</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.) n/a

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Agriculture/Subs Sub: Animal facility
istence
Agriculture/Subs Agriculture Out
istence building

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

No style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Earth
Roof Wood; earth
Walls Wood
Other _____

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

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

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
Exploration/settlement
Social history

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Period of Significance

1893-1920

Significant Dates

1893-95

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Richards, Frederick and Caroline

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(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

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Name of repository: N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>13</u>	<u>683089</u>	<u>5003293</u>	3	<u>13</u>	<u>683089</u>	<u>5003248</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>13</u>	<u>683107</u>	<u>5003283</u>	4	<u>13</u>	<u>683074</u>	<u>5003251</u>

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

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

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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Name of Property

Perkins, South Dakota
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Property Owner

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

name Harold and Vera Dutton
street & number 16901 Moreau River Road telephone 605-866-4665
city or town Faith state SD zip code 57626

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The Frederick and Caroline Richards Cabins are two one story, one room log structures located on the Harold and Vera Dutton Ranch in Perkins County, South Dakota. The log and earthen structures reflect the native terrain, in spite of their present location amongst more modern non-historic buildings. The Dutton Ranch yard sits on the northern bank of the Moreau River overlooking the land the Richards siblings homesteaded in 1893-94. The log cabins remain in good condition due in large part to the dedication of the Dutton Family.

Frederick's cabin was constructed circa 1893-94 and measures 16'6" by 15'. The cabin's rock/dirt foundation has allowed it to sink slightly into the surface soil. The walls of the house are constructed completely of v-notched joined cottonwood logs, chinked with a mixture of grass, wood shavings, and mud. The façade (west elevation) has a latching double door located at the southwest corner. The north and south elevations each have a single window opening. The east elevation is featureless. The low gable roof is supported by ash and cottonwood poles, split depending on size, and covered with a layer of soil in which native grasses continue to grow.

Caroline's cabin is similar in material and style to Frederick's with a few notable differences. Likely constructed a year after Frederick's in circa 1894-95, Caroline's cabin measures 18' by 15'. A rough lumber-framed door is located at the southwest corner of the west side of the house. There is a small window on the west and south elevations, and two small windows on the east. The north wall is bare.

The interiors of both cabins are simple and rustic. The walls, dirt floors and roofs of the one-room cabins exhibit the same ruggedness as their exterior. The only changes are the chicken boxes and blacksmith wares added after later.

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The Frederick and Caroline Richards Cabins in Perkins County, South Dakota, were originally built in circa 1893-94 by the pioneering siblings. The cabins represent a type of shelter built in the late 19th and early 20th century by homesteaders settling South Dakota west of the Missouri River under the Homestead Act of 1862. Perkins County is a predominantly rural county in West River South Dakota dependent largely upon livestock production. The Richards Cabins represent the type of structures the early homesteaders and cowboys built during the settlement of the virgin prairie in pursuit of this livelihood. The cabins are significant under criterion A for their role in the social history and settlement of the area and also qualify under criterion C for their vernacular architecture.

The Homestead Act of 1862 facilitated the settlement of the plains west of the Missouri River, and Perkins County was no exception. Settlement increased in the 1890s when the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation boundary was moved east, opening up thousands of new acres to the west for prospective homesteaders. Frederick and Caroline squatted on two half-sections of land around 1890, but did not file with the county Register of Deeds until 1912. The cabins were built from the surrounding resources available to homesteaders in this pre-railroad era of settlement in western South Dakota. The railroad ended east of the Missouri River, which limited the materials available for constructing new buildings.

Frederick Richards was shot and killed in 1913 during a dispute with his father-in-law. Another early settler, Frank Stillwell, subsequently bought the land, which included an attached barn and cabin. In 1915, Hiram and Mary Dutton purchased the cabin and barn on the property, relocating them to their homestead approximately one half-mile east. While disassembling the buildings, they carefully marked each piece to ensure proper reconstruction. The barn was used for livestock until it was torn down in 1980. The cabin was used as a blacksmith shop and still contains many tools associated with that trade. Harold, their son, fixed the roof in 1982 using native materials in the repair. After Caroline defaulted on a mortgage taken out to prosecute her brother's killer, Hiram and Mary purchased her property and relocated her cabin to their homestead in 1915. The cabin was used as a chicken house after relocation.

The cabins are significant under criterion C for their architectural contribution to the cultural landscape and important because of their scarcity and construction. The cabins constructed along the rivers, where trees were accessible, are different from the dwellings homesteaders built in the rest of West River South Dakota. They are distinctly different from their sod counterparts built in treeless areas as well as the log cabins built further west in the Black Hills. Although the cabins were relocated in 1915, they still possess historic integrity in physical appearance and setting.

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The cabins also meet the requirements under criterion A for their association with the settlement of South Dakota under the auspices of the Homestead Act of 1862. The 1890 census showed a disappearance of a definable frontier line, ushering in a new era of settlement in much of the west. The days of pioneers, cattle drives, and the nomadic American Indian horse culture of the northern plains were drawing to a close and were all but extinct by the next few decades. The cabins also pre-date the railroad era in western South Dakota, which brought the machines and materials that modernized construction throughout its reach. The availability of milled lumber, iron nails, and the transportation to distribute them soon provided a convenient, less labor intensive construction alternative. These last vestiges of pioneer life represent the crude and makeshift existence characteristic of the homesteaders who arrived around the turn of the century.

The Frederick and Caroline Richards Cabins satisfy the requirements for eligibility under criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places. The cabins are significant under criterion A for the role they played in the settlement and social history of West River South Dakota. The homesteading of the free range changed the dynamic of the land and the relationship between the white settlers and the American Indians indigenous to the area. The cabins also qualify under criterion C for their vernacular architecture.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is an imaginary line encompassing the two cabins. Starting at a point 3 feet northeast of the northeast corner of the northernmost cabin the line runs south to a point 3 feet to the southeast of the southeast corner of the northernmost cabin. The line then runs southwest to a point 3 feet from the southeast corner of the southernmost cabin, it then runs west to 3 feet south of the southwest corner of the southernmost cabin, the boundary then goes north to a point 3 feet northeast of the northeast corner of the southernmost cabin, the boundary then runs northeast to a point 3 feet to the northwest of the northwest corner of the northernmost cabin, the boundary then runs east to its original starting point.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the two homesteader cabins on the Dutton Ranch that maintain historic integrity. The rest of the property has been excluded based on dates of construction and lack of historic integrity.