

YANKTON COUNTY SURVEY

NAME Walshtown School

LOCATION SE 1/4, SD 1/4, Section 15, T95N, R55W

OWNER Harold Dobish etal

ADDRESS RR 1
Yankton, South Dakota 57078

DESCRIPTION The Walshtown School House, constructed in 1915, is a clapboard one story pyramidal roof structure that rests on a concrete foundation. It has a projecting hipped enclosed entry, topped by an open bell tower. Wide overhanging eaves protect the transomed, side-lighted entrance, and the windows on the rear of the building. There are no windows on the east and west facades.

STYLE Vernacular (Hip Cottage) DATE 1915

SIGNIFICANCE The Walshtown School House is significant educationally and on a social-service level. It is an example of the one room school houses that were at one time so numerous in South Dakota, and symbolizes a by-gone way of life in rural areas. These buildings represented a key social institution for the farming areas until the 1950's and 1960's, at which time they were phased out and consolidated with larger town schools.

ACREAGE less than 1

BOUNDARIES The nominated property is located 3000 feet west of Walshtown cemetery and on the northwest corner of the intersection of the road running to Mission Hill and the east-west road just south of Walshtown cemetery.

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