UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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| Third Street                     |                                   |                       |                                       |                |
| CITY, TOWN                       |                                   |                       | CONGRESSIONAL DISTR                   | ІСТ            |
| Keystone                         |                                   | VICINITY OF Second    |                                       |                |
| STATE                            |                                   | CODE                  | COUNTY                                | CODE<br>103    |
| South Dakota                     |                                   | 46                    | Pennington                            | 103            |
| CLASSIFIC                        | ATION                             |                       |                                       |                |
| CATEGORY                         | OWNERSHIP                         | STATUS                | PRES                                  | ENTUSE         |
| DISTRICT                         | X_PUBLIC                          | _XOCCUPIED            | AGRICULTURE                           | MUSEUM         |
| X_BUILDING(S)                    | PRIVATE                           |                       | COMMERCIAL                            | PARK           |
| STRUCTURE                        | ВОТН                              | WORK IN PROGRESS      | X_EDUCATIONAL                         | PRIVATE RESIDE |
| SITE                             | PUBLIC ACQUISITION                | ACCESSIBLE            | ENTERTAINMENT                         | -RELIGIOUS     |
| OBJECT                           | IN PROCESS                        | YES: RESTRICTED       | GOVERNMENT                            | SCIENTIFIC     |
|                                  | BEING CONSIDERED                  | X_YES: UNRESTRICTED   | INDUSTRIAL                            | TRANSPORTATIO  |
|                                  |                                   | NO                    | MILITARY                              | -OTHER:        |
| <b>OWNER OF</b>                  | PROPERTY                          |                       |                                       |                |
| NAME                             |                                   |                       |                                       |                |
|                                  | <u>ool District #51 - 2</u>       |                       |                                       |                |
| STREET & NUMBER                  |                                   |                       |                                       |                |
| P.O. Box 659                     |                                   |                       |                                       |                |
| CITY, TOWN                       |                                   |                       | STATE                                 | ·····          |
| Hill City                        |                                   | VICINITY OF South Dak | ota                                   |                |
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| COURTHOUSE,                      |                                   |                       |                                       |                |
| REGISTRY OF DEEDS, E             | <sup>ETC.</sup> Pennington County | Courthouse            |                                       |                |
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|                                  | 604 Kansas City St                | root                  |                                       |                |
| CITY, TOWN                       |                                   |                       | STATE                                 |                |
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Keystone School is a two-story frame structure, which has served as a grade school since it was constructed in 1900. The classrooms are grouped in a recti-linear central block under a hipped roof, and in a wing which joins the center of the rear of the building that is covered by a hip roof with a small gable at the ridge. A smaller wing in the center of the south facade contains the main entrance and has a staircase on each side of the hall. Foliated carving decorates the caps of the stair newell posts in the style common to the turn of the century. The entrance/stair wing has a gable roof with a bell cupola. The central block has two bays with three light windows. The front of this wing and the rear wing have sash windows with transoms. Narrow clapboards were used for siding with a band of vertical beaded siding below the first floor windows and a band of rounded wood shingles between the first and second floor windows. These shingles were also used in the gables and the small triangular dormers. Supporting the terrace on which the school is sighted, is a stone retaining wall. The wall which runs flush with the central section of the building and the east wall of the basement is fully exposed with several large windows and doors.



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**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW** 

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| PREHISTORIC  | ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC    | COMMUNITY PLANNING      | LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | RELIGION                               |
| 1400-1499    | ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC       | CONSERVATION            | LAW                    | SCIENCE                                |
| 1500-1599    | AGRICULTURE               | ECONOMICS               | LITERATURE             | SCULPTURE                              |
| 1600-1699    | XARCHITECTURE             | XEDUCATION              | MILITARY               | SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN                    |
| 1700-1799    | ART                       | ENGINEERING             | MUSIC                  | THEATER                                |
| 1800-1899    | COMMERCE                  | EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | PHILOSOPHY             | TRANSPORTATION                         |
| X_1900-      | COMMUNICATIONS            | INDUSTRY                | POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | OTHER (SPECIFY)                        |
|              |                           | INVENTION               |                        |  |
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| SPECIFIC DAT | <sup>ES</sup> 1897 - 1900 | BUILDER/ARCE            | Eli Shomaker,          | contractor                             |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Significant in the areas of education and architecture, the Keystone School is a well-preserved and less common example of a frame rural school at the turn of the century. Built over a three year period, the school cost \$10,000 by the time it was completed in 1900. In that year, the community of Keystone had a population of 1500, as well as two churches, three hotels, and numerous saloons. The school, which dominates the town from its hillside position, is unusually large for schools of its day. Unlike its more urban counterparts, it was built of frame milled locally. The large blocky mass of the building is broken with projecting bays, a rather complex roof plan and an interesting use of contrasting treatments of the wooden trim. The scale shingles and exterior wainscoting or watertable compliment the horizontal board siding, while the tower completes the composition of the roof plan.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Oral Interview, Edwald Hayes, Summer 1980 Oral Interview, Edith Petterson, Summer 1980 School Records, Rapid City Courthouse Oral Interview, A. I. Johnson, Summer 1980

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| Hill City School Distr<br>STREET & NUMBER   | 100-31-2   |                                       | 6 November 1<br>TELEPHO  | DNE  |
| P.O. Box 659  |  |                                       | (605) 574-254<br>STATE   | 5  |
| Hill City   |  |                                       | South Dakota   |  |
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