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# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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BOUNDARY INCREASE

Added to the  
National Register

Signature/Date

Keeper

*William Byrd* 3/9/87

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Arriving in South Dakota in 1880, Horace Fishback established a general store and the first private banking institution in the county. The property that was to become the Fishback estate was acquired in 1885. At this time the estate contained approximately 21.4 acres. The land extended north to Eleventh Street and ended at the State College property lines, until Fishback Subdivision was platted in 1955. The home property comprises four and six/tenths acres in 1986. Structures on the property include the Neo-Classical dwelling, the barn (contributing) and a small shed (non-contributing). Built in approximately 1903 to replace an original barn destroyed by a windstorm, the barn was constructed with a double braced rafter system with modified trusses to protect against future catastrophic incidents.<sup>1</sup> This two story rectangular shaped, clapboard frame structure is covered with a gambrel roof that was extended to the east to form an axial shed addition to house the cows. Ten double hung sash windows containing four over four lights are irregularly spaced on three sides of the barn. Eight sash windows with two over two lights are found on all four sides. A louvered coupola with an original weathervane is centered in the asphalt shingled roof.

The construction of the barn was celebrated with a barn dance in the hayloft area. Fishback family members recall that the barn was their "great summer camp and playhouse"<sup>2</sup> and Kennedy documents that the barn was the site of many games, including hide and seek, knock the wicket, kick the can, tag, follow the leader and the tire game.<sup>3</sup> The barn was used to house horses and cows and as a storage area for buggies, surreys and autos on the main floor and as a hay storage area on the second floor. Today, the barn serves as a garage and as a storage area for the original trotting buggy and surrey. The hayloft area contains a basketball court and becomes the site of lively basketball games.

<sup>1</sup>The Greater Fishback Family Members, Historic Preservation Commission Questionnaire, Brookings, South Dakota, 19 February, 1986.

<sup>2</sup>IBID.

<sup>3</sup>Melville Kennedy, A Family Chronicle, Norwich Town, Connecticut, 1963.

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*The boundaries of the Fishback Estate property are contained within the legal description:*

1. *Lots one (1) and four (4), and an undivided one half interest in Lot three (3), all in Fishback Addition to the City of Brookings.*
-  *A Tract of Land in subdivision of Lot D, no frontage, a rear lot, Block nine (9) in Peterson's Second Addition to the City of Brookings.*
-  *Lot "A" of Block nine (9) in Peterson's Second Addition to the City of Brookings.*
-  *West 50 feet of the South 12 feet of the North 480 feet of the East 185 feet of Lot "D", Block nine (9), Peterson's Second Addition to the City of Brookings.*

SOURCE: Abstract (First National Bank, Brookings, South Dakota)  
Property Records (Brookings City Hall, Brookings, South Dakota)

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF MARGARET FISHBACK PROPERTY  
501 Eighth Street

From City Descriptions

1. Lots one (1) and Four (4), and an undivided one half interest in Lot Three (3), all in Fishback Addition to the City of Brookings  
Lot 1 -  $746.66' \times 60' = 44,799.6$  sq. ft.  
Lot 3 -  $10' \times 348' = 3,480$  sq. ft.  
Lot 4 -  $195' \times 398.8' = 77,766$  sq. ft.
- A Tract of Land in subdivision of Lot D, no frontage, a rear lot, Block nine (9) in Peterson's Second Addition to the City of Brookings  
 $65' \times 211.7' = 13,760.5$  sq. ft.
- Lot "A" of Block Nine (9) in Peterson's Second Addition to the City of Brookings  
 $100' \times 611.66' = 61,166$  sq. ft.
- West 50 feet of the South 12 feet of the North 480 feet of the East 185 feet of Lot "D", Block None (9), Peterson's Second Addition to the City of Brookings  
 $12' \times 50' = 600$  sq. ft.

See attached plat map for color coding

TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE: $201,572.1 \div 43,560 = 4.63$ ACRES
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**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The U.T.M. coordinate of the Fishback Estate remains at 14/ 675740/ 4908960, as described in the 1976 nomination. However, a 1986 historic sites survey by Sherry De Boer for the City of Brookings Historic Preservation Commission revealed the need to revise the documentation to ensure that the barn was included on the National Register. The barn as described in the amendment to Item 7 is an integral part of the site and must be incorporated into the boundaries. These boundary limits are detailed in the amended Item 10 and are based on the legal description for the Estate.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY:

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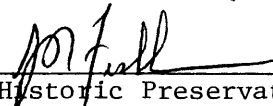
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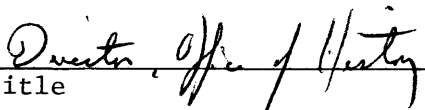
12. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

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 (PL 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.

  
State Historic Preservation Officer signature

  
title

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