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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME** \*  
 HISTORIC \*  
 Redfield Light Plant and Fire Station  
 AND/OR COMMON  
 Redfield Fire Station

**2 LOCATION**  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 614 1st Street East  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Redfield  
 STATE  
 South Dakota  
 VICINITY OF  
 CODE  
 046  
 COUNTY  
 Spink  
 CODE  
 115  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 2nd  
 NOT FOR PUBLICATION

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

|   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <b>CATEGORY</b>                                 | <b>OWNERSHIP</b>                           | <b>STATUS</b>                                | <b>PRESENT USE</b>                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE           | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED          | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE              | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH              | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS    | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                  | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                            | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS        | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED     | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED  | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED   | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL                  |
|   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO       | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY                    |
|   |  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Fire Sta. |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
 NAME  
 City of Redfield  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Redfield  
 STATE  
 South Dakota  
 VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
 Spink County Courthouse  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Redfield  
 STATE  
 South Dakota

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
 TITLE  
 South Dakota Historic Site Survey  
 DATE  
 July 1976  
 DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS  
 Historical Preservation Center  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Vermillion  
 STATE  
 South Dakota  
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Redfield Light Plant and Fire Station is a one story brick faced structure with two additions. The first of these occurred in the early 1920's; it is a one story structure with structural clay tile brick facing, a shed roof, and lintel and lugsill surrounds. At the same time a small enclosed entry was built on the west side. The other addition has a flat roof, concrete block walls and one large garage door. The city had this constructed in 1960.

The original structure is rectangular in plan with a bellcast hip roof and larger masonry units are used for the foundation. The brick walls display a running bond with a brick dentil course.

There are several entrances: four for vehicles; two on the front, one on the back and one on the east side, and two other entries, one on the north(front) facade and one on the west facade. The main door is four paneled with a large transom.

Compound segmental arches surround rectangular shaped double hung windows with six over six sash windows. All but the front one have large top lights above. Lugsills are also present.

On the back of this lot is a 5 story fire tower that is utilized for training purposes. The four top levels have a pair of windows, and clapboard facing appears on the front while the rest is open. A multi-paneled door appears on the first story and that section is enclosed. The structure is ten feet square with a false building front and is structurally supported by an iron tubular frame with diagonal cable bracing.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD                                    | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |  |   |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC      | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION                  | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS                     | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION                     | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING                   | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT        | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                      | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION                     |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES *ca. 1900*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Redfield Light Plant and Fire Station building, built in the early 1900's, is significant for having housed two operations that are essential to community planning: the city owned electrical company and the volunteer fire department. Its second importance is that the old fire station provides a different and interesting type of vernacular architecture for the state. A third significant aspect is engineering as applied to the construction of a five story training tower.

From around 1900 to 1917 the building served as the light company; this included turning off the electricity everynight at eleven. In 1920 additions were made on the building and then the fire station took over the building. By 1921 the building housed the city's first two motor driven fire vehicles; a hook, a ladder, and a pump. Redfield utilized these vehicles until 1959.

Over the years the fire whistle has sounded many times bringing the volunteers to the station and then racing to the fire. For a long time an artesian well was the water source and this provided so much force the hoses were often difficult to control. At present the station is or has been abandoned but many people are interested in preserving the old building and its fire tower. For both of these are unusual for the state.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brown, Leotine, personal interview, 1 September 1976, with Scott Gerloff

Brown, Leotine, "The Redfield Fire Department," unpublished paper, Redfield, South Dakota.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

UTM REFERENCES None Available

|   |      |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|------|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| A |      |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C |      |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|   |      |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|------|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| B |      |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D |      |         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Longitude  $98^{\circ} 31' 1''$   
Latitude  $44^{\circ} 52' 34''$

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Scott Gerloff, Survey Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

DATE

January 1977

STREET & NUMBER

USD Alumni House

TELEPHONE

605/677-5314

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

# 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 (Public Law 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

10/19/77

TITLE

Director, Historical Preservation Center

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-25-78

ATTEST:

DATE

3-10-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER