

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**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 Pettigrew Barns
other names/site number Severtson Barns

2. Location

street & number 309 East Broad not for publication N/A
city or town Flandreau vicinity N/A
state South Dakota code SD county Moody code 101 zip code 57028

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Vogt 03-23-2004
Signature of certifying official Date

South Dakota 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

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

Date of Action

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.) South Dakota's Round and Polygonal Barns and Pavilions

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Agriculture/Subsistence Sub: Animal Facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Agriculture/Subsistence Sub: Animal Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Wisconsin Dairy Barn and Polygonal
Barn

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
roof Asphalt Shingles
walls Wood Clapboard
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)

Agriculture _____
Architecture _____

Period of Significance

1901 _____

Pettigrew Barns
Name of Property

Moody County, South Dakota
County and State

Significant Dates 1901

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder unknown

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

Name of repository: n/a

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Name of Property

Moody County, South Dakota
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1 acre

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>14</u> Zone	<u>693035</u> Easting	<u>4879448</u> Northing	3	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing
2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </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)

Pettigrew Barns
Name of Property

Moody County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

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

name Craig Severtson
street & number 23075 SD Highway 13 telephone 605-997-2108
city or town Flandreau state SD zip code 57028

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The Pettigrew Barns are located just outside the town of Flandreau in Moody County. This property includes a large Wisconsin Dairy Barn and an eight-sided polygonal barn. The Wisconsin Dairy Barn is on the east end and connects to the polygonal barn on the west end.

The polygonal barn is constructed of wood with a concrete foundation. The barn has a conical asphalt shingled roof. Common elements on this barn include multiple windows, sliding doors and wood clapboard siding.

The west elevation of the polygonal barn has a center sliding door with a one-over-one double hung window on either side of the door. The south elevation has no openings. The east elevation is opening to the Wisconsin Dairy Barn. The remaining five elevations each have three one-over-one double hung windows. The top of the polygonal barn is crowned with a polygonal cupola. Each elevation of the cupola has three small one-over-one double hung windows.

Interior:

The interior of the polygonal barn has a working scale at the east end. In the center of the barn is an auction area. The outer portion of the interior served as a large open space for exhibiting the cattle.

The two story Wisconsin Dairy barn is constructed of wood with a concrete foundation. The barn has a gambrel asphalt shingle roof. Common elements on the barn include sliding doors on the east and west elevations, wood clapboard siding, and square windows. The Wisconsin Dairy Barn is connected to the polygonal barn with a gable roof at the west end of the Wisconsin Dairy Barn.

The north elevation has a door at the northwest corner of the first floor. The remainder of the first floor has thirteen square window openings. Some have four vertical pane windows, others have no windows. The second floor has two small hay doors at each end. There is a roof loading hatch at the northeast corner of the roof.

The east elevation has a central sliding door and a hay hood.

The south elevation has three large cattle door openings at the southwest end. The remainder of the south elevation has 3 four-pane windows.

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Interior

The east end of the interior has grain bins. The west end has three separate cattle pens.

Statement of Significance

The Pettigrew Barns are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for the role the barns played in the agriculture practices in Flandreau and Criterion C as they are excellent examples of both the Wisconsin Dairy Barn and a polygonal barn in South Dakota. They exhibit many distinctive characteristics of these styles. The Pettigrew Barns continue to provide a sense of architectural appeal that made them noteworthy in 1901.

The community of Flandreau's origins date back to the settlement started in 1869 by 25 Santee Sioux Indian families who moved into the area from Nebraska. Shortly after the Sioux moved into Flandreau, white families followed. The town of Flandreau, Moody County's seat of government, is the largest town in Moody County. Most of Moody County remains agricultural lands while only five towns exist within the county.

Giles Elon Pettigrew was born in York Township, Fillmore County, Minnesota, December 8, 1861. He came with his family from Ludlow, Vermont, and arrived in Flandreau June 3, 1873 to make this city his home for the rest of his life. After the Flandreau House was built, he took an active part with his father in running the hotel. After the railroad came to Flandreau he ran the hotel bus which met the trains. Eventually, Giles married, raised a family and operated a farm which played an important role in agriculture in Flandreau.

The oldest herd of Registered Herefords are located in Flandreau. The herd originated in 1901 when G. E. Pettigrew purchased the first registered Herefords and brought them to the farm on the south edge of Flandreau. Pettigrew was not satisfied with the brand he had and in 1912 he bought Polled Herefords and introduced this brand into the county. In 1914 his son J. M. Pettigrew joined him in the venture. In the same year Pettigrew and Son bought from a firm in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, for \$1350 a nine-month-old bull named Gemnation II.

In 1955 Ron and Gloria Severtson entered into partnership with J. M. Pettigrew and the firm bought PPHR Trailblazer 23, with which the good foundation cows already in the herd, started to build the reputation which the Pettigrew and Severtson herd earned. In 1955 this firm began showing at fairs -- Huron, Spencer, Rapid City, Sioux Empire in Sioux Falls, and numerous county fairs; and also at the Watertown Winter Show and the Aberdeen Hereford Show. The herd won champion and reserve champion awards at many.

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In 1966 the Severtsons gained full possession of the herd. In 1968 a bull from their herd was the grand champion and top selling bull at the Watertown winter Stock Show. The Severtsons held their third sale March 18, 1969 at which they sold 49 animals to herds in Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota. Starting in the 1920's and running through the 1950's, weekly sales of cattle, sheep and hogs were held in the polygonal barn. These sales were not just on the local level but on an international level as well. Cattle continued to be sold at this location through the 1980's.

The Pettigrew barns not only played an important role in the development of new agricultural practices in Flandreau but also represent important architectural styles in Moody County. The barns comprise two distinctive architectural styles: the Wisconsin Dairy Barn and the Polygonal Barn.

The Wisconsin Dairy Barn was a popular form from the turn of the century until the late 1930's. It featured a long rectangular plan, gambrel roof, stanchions on either side of a large central aisle and rows of windows on the long sides. Frequently this barn type had roof ventilators. It commonly measured 34 feet by 56 feet.

The Pettigrew Wisconsin Dairy Barn exhibits these common elements. The large hay loft still retains its open design. Barns of this type were susceptible to roof sags but the Wisconsin Dairy Barn has withstood the harsh South Dakota winds and remains in good condition. The barn was originally used to house horses, cows and to store loose hay and grain.

Round and Polygonal Barns in South Dakota are termed very rare according to the South Dakota's Round and Polygonal Barns and Pavilions MPL. Approximately 40 barns of this type were constructed in South Dakota. Less than 30 identified resources remain. Construction dates in South Dakota range from 1903 to 1921 with the majority constructed around 1910 and 1917-21. While the MPL clearly states that round/polygonal barns were first constructed in 1903, further research reflects that the Pettigrew Polygonal Barn was constructed before 1903.

Early examples of this type are wood frame, polygonal with no interior silo and a roof that may or may not be self-supporting. The Pettigrew Polygonal Barn is identified as the Early Period Polygonal Barn which is a specialized barn. This property type has a sectional roof, a smaller interior diameter, a smaller cupola and no interior silo. As this barn was constructed in 1901 its construction methodology clearly places it into the Early Period.

The barn was originally used as a sale barn for the farm. The barn no longer functions as its historic use but is used as a calving pair protection area.

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According to the South Dakota's Round and Polygonal Barn MPL, the Early Period barns are significant under Criterion C in the area of architecture as examples that embody the distinctive characteristics of the first stage of round/polygonal barn building in South Dakota. These resources illustrate how and when South Dakota farmers and ranchers first embraced this new form and which details and features from the available literature they selected to incorporate into their barns. This property type is the first embodiment of the polygonal barn phenomenon in South Dakota, providing the basis for and helping define these period resources.

The Pettigrew Barns are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for their role in agricultural development in Flandreau, Moody County and under Criterion C for their significant architectural styles of Wisconsin Dairy Barn and Polygonal Barn. The Wisconsin Dairy Barn was found throughout the United States from the early 1900's through the late 1930's in the Midwest. The Polygonal Barn is a significant architectural style. The barn retains its distinctive design and retains its rural setting. These barns are excellent examples for Moody County.

Bibliography

Architectural History in South Dakota. South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, 2000.

Homesteading and Agricultural Development Context. South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, 1994.

South Dakota's Round and Polygonal Barns and Pavilion, MPL. 1995.

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is an imaginary line encompassing the barn. It begins at a point five feet northwest of the northwest corner and runs east to a point five feet north of the northeast corner. It then runs south to a point five feet southeast of the southeast corner. It then runs west to a point five feet southwest of the southwest corner. It then runs north to the original starting point.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary includes only the Wisconsin Dairy Barn and Polygonal Barn. No other buildings on the property are included in this boundary.