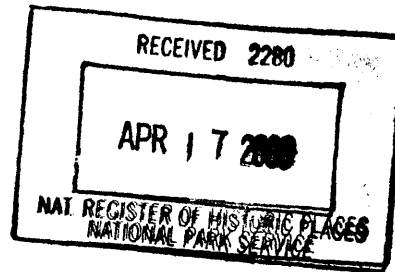


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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 Willow Grove Farm  
other names/site number Silver Creek Acres

**2. Location**

street & number 47480 258<sup>th</sup> Ave not for publication N/A  
city or town Renner vicinity N/A  
state South Dakota code SD county Minnehaha code 099 zip code 57055

**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 04-14-2003  
Signature of certifying official Date

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

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Name of Property

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County and State

**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: *Edson H. Beall*  
Date of Action: *6/30/03*

**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>4</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>6</u>	<u>3</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.) Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic	Sub: Single Dwelling
Domestic	Secondary Structure
Agriculture/Subsistence	Animal Facility
Agriculture/Subsistence	Silo
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic	Sub: Single Dwelling
Domestic	Secondary Structure
Agriculture/Subsistence	Animal Facility
Agriculture/Subsistence	Silo
_____	_____

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: WPA, Gable-Entry Bank Barn  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone, concrete block  
roof Asphalt  
walls Wood clapboard  
\_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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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)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1872-1935  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Significant Dates**    1872  
                                  1890  
                                  1892

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

**Cultural Affiliation**    N/A

**Architect/Builder**    Jonas Olson Nesson-Barn

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property** 47.36 acres

### UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A	<u>14</u>	<u>683399</u>	<u>4835016</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
B	<u>14</u>	<u>683217</u>	<u>4835025</u>

C	<u>14</u>	<u>683208</u>	<u>4834818</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D	<u>14</u>	<u>683399</u>	<u>484799</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

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Lynda B. Schwan

organization SD SHPO date October 23, 2002

street & number 900 Governors Drive telephone 605-773-6056

city or town Pierre state SD zip code 57501

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## Additional Documentation

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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)

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## Property Owner

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

name Michael and Lori Turner  
street & number 47480 258<sup>th</sup> St telephone 605-331-5502  
city or town Renner state SD zip code 57055

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The Willow Grove Farm is located in Minnehaha County. The farm is located in the community of Renner. The farm was homesteaded and established in 1872. This property is a multiple resource district. Located on the farm are the following buildings: main house, privy, barn, and outbuildings. Construction occurred between 1872 and 1935.

### **Main House, Non-Contributing:**

The Main House, constructed between 1872 and 1890, is a gable and wing building with a stone foundation and asphalt shingled roof. The house has been sided with artificial siding and has had windows replaced. The façade (south elevation) has an enclosed shed roof porch at the southwest corner. The gable portion has two one-over-one windows on the first and second floor. To the east is an open shed roof porch with replacement posts. There is a entry door and one-over-one double hung window on the first floor. Above the porch roof is a gable dormer with a one-over-one double hung window.

The east elevation has a three part replacement window on the first floor. The second floor has two one-over-one double hung windows. The gable end has decorative shingles. A hipped roof one story addition was made to the north. This section has a one-over-one double hung window. The north elevation has an enclosed window and an entry door on the hipped roof addition. The gable has two one-over-one windows on the first and second floor. The west elevation has a one-over-one double hung window on the first and second floor. The enclosed porch has a sliding window.

The interior of the house features murals painted on three walls depicting scenes from the Queen Bee Mill in Sioux Falls, Norwegian fjords, waterfalls, ships and pastures all set on a stage with drapes, lanterns and corded tiebacks. The ceiling painting mimics a rug. The artist is unknown but believed to be a local artist, Ole Runing, that lived in the area

### **Gable-Entry Bank Barn, Contributing:**

The barn, constructed in 1892, rests on a stone foundation. The northwest corner of the foundation has been repaired with concrete block. The walls are wood clapboard and the roof has asphalt shingles. The east elevation has an entry door in the center. On either side of the door is a window; to the north is a three-over-one window, to the south is a one-over-one window. The second floor has a square fixed pane window in the southeast corner.



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The north elevation has sliding doors in the center of the first floor. There is a window opening in the gable end. In the center of the gable is a cross gable cupola. Each elevation of the cupola has a double arch opening with louvers. The cupola is clad with wood clapboards.

The west elevation has an entry door, with a transom, on the lower level. To the north of the door is a rectangular window opening with block glass. To the south of the door is a window opening that has been covered with wood paneling. To the south of the window is an another door.

The south elevation has a historic one story hipped roof addition at the southwest corner. It has a stone foundation with a door and window opening. The first floor has two square window openings. The east elevation of the addition has a fixed four pane window. There is a door at the southeast corner of the main barn.

The interior of the barn features an open basement with minimal animal pens. This area houses the cattle. The first floor has a drive-in for machinery. The east end is enclosed for storage. The second floor is used as a hayloft. The building is constructed with mortise, tenon, and pegged joints, no nails were used.

### **Silo, Contributing:**

The silo, constructed circa 1920, is located at the south end of the bank barn. It is concrete with metal bands. It is approximately 20 feet wide and 35 feet high.

### **Garage, Contributing:**

The garage was constructed circa 1910. The gable end building has no foundation, wood clapboard siding and an asphalt shingle roof. The sliding garage doors are located in the gable end. The north and south elevations have two two-over-two double hung windows. The east elevation has no openings.

### **Granary, Contributing:**

The granary, constructed circa 1910, has no foundation, wood clapboard siding and a wood shingle roof. The façade (west elevation) has a door with a transom in the center of the side gable. The south elevation has a small square door on the first floor and a one-over-one double hung window in the gable peak. The east elevation has a shed roof, one story addition. There are no openings on this elevation. The north elevation has a one-over-one window in the gable peak. In the center of the gable ridge is a square opening for grain.

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### **Privy, Contributing:**

Locate behind the house is a WPA constructed privy. This shed roof structure has a door on the east elevation and a square window on the south elevation.

### **Barn, Non-Contributing:**

The metal horse barn was constructed after 1980. It is a gable metal roof, metal sided building.

### **Windmill, Non-Contributing:**

The installation date for the metal windmill is unknown. The base of the structure is extant but the paddles are missing.

### **Pumphouse, Contributing:**

The pumphouse is a simple gable roof building. It has no foundation, wood clapboards and an asphalt shingle roof. There is a door on the east elevation. There is a fixed four pane window on both the north and south elevation. The west elevation has no openings.

### **Statement of Significance**

The Willow Grove Farm is eligible under Criterion C in that it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and period.

### Historical Background

Minnehaha County was officially organized in 1862 by the first territorial legislature. Townships were slowly established within the county. Mapleton Township, which later became the community of Renner, was established in 1864. This area encompasses 23,024 acres of Minnehaha County. The Big Sioux River flows through the county from north to south. The area is excellent for agricultural practices.

Jonas Olson and his wife Anne Langness were the original homesteaders of this property. The homestead house was constructed in 1872 with the barn to follow in 1892. A more elaborate addition was made to the homestead in 1890. The remaining buildings on the property were constructed as the need arose. In 1934, the property transferred to the youngest son of Jonas and Anne, Edwin and Julie Nesson. The farm remained in the family until 1989.

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The Gable Entry Bank Barn, constructed in 1892 by Jonas Olson Nesson, is a design not commonly found in South Dakota. Identifying features of this style of barn include: a ridgeline that runs perpendicular to the hill slope, an upslope entry through the gable end, two floors with a loft, and an entry on every level and elevation. This barn typifies all of the identifying characteristics of this style barn. This style is more commonly found in New England and Wisconsin.

The privy is a typical federal relief constructed privy. It has the identifying shed roof and square window on the façade. The privy is a representative type found throughout South Dakota. According to the *Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota 1929-1941*, roughly \$62 million was spent on WPA construction projects in South Dakota. Of that, only 2.8% was spent on sanitation. This privy is eligible under Criterion C as well as Criterion A for its association with Depression-era federal relief projects.

The remaining historic resources on the ranch complex are vernacular in form and represent a type of construction common to ranches. They do not, for the most part, have any distinctive decorative elements but these buildings and structures are architecturally significant as highly intact examples of typical South Dakota ranch structures. Not only are they good individual examples of various building types but also are noteworthy because of the high degree of integrity in the ranch complex. The buildings on this property reflect the integrity, workmanship and history of rural ranching life in South Dakota.

The Willow Grove Farm is eligible under Criterion C in that it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and period. The Gable Entry Bank Barn represents an uncommon barn style of South Dakota. Other buildings on the property are also significant under Criterion C including the garage, granary and pumphouse.

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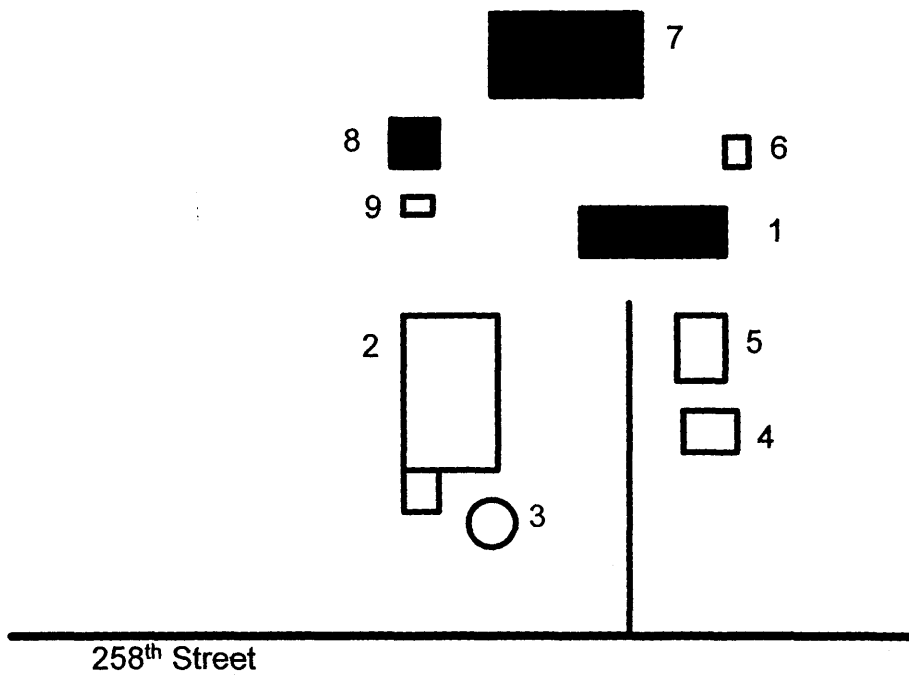
## Verbal Boundary Description

SE ¼ of Section 9, Mapleton Township, Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

## Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all the property that has been historically associated with the buildings on the farm.

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47480 258<sup>th</sup> St  
Renner, Minnehaha County, South Dakota

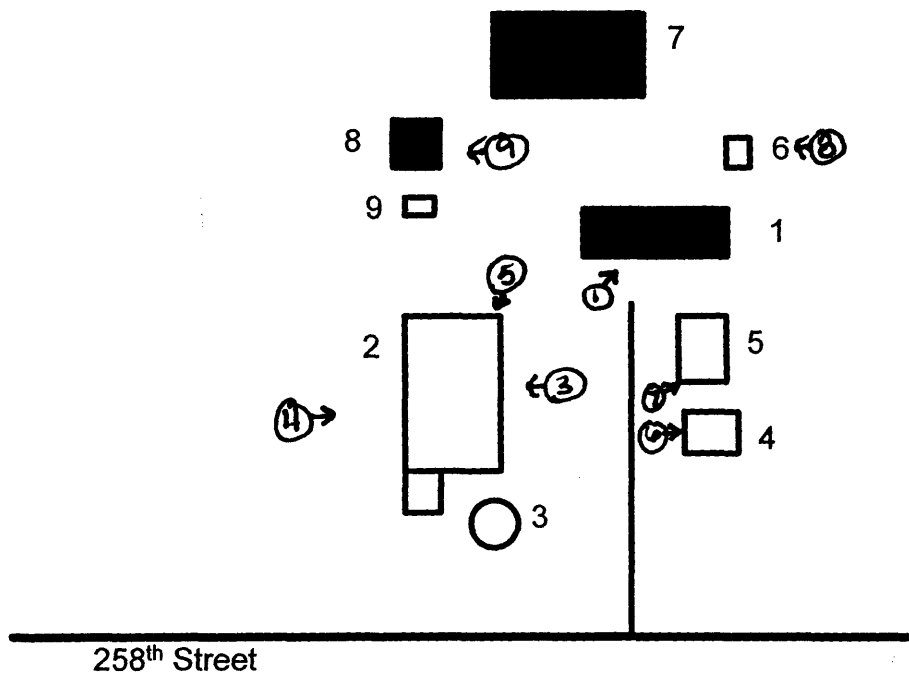


- 1--Main House
- 2--Bank Barn
- 3--Silo
- 4--Garage
- 5--Granary
- 6--Privy
- 7--Barn
- 8--Windmill
- 9--Pumphouse

- Contributing
- Non-Contributing



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