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## YANKTON COUNTY SURVEY

NAME Jencks Farmstead

LOCATION NE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 30, T94N, R55W

OWNER Florence L. Lee

ADDRESS Route 2, Box 303  
Yankton, South Dakota 57078

DESCRIPTION The Jencks Farmstead consists of the main house and four period out-buildings. Of these, the original 1880 house is the most important. It is a 1 1/2 story brick-faced dwelling with running bond course work. Although the structure was originally rectangular, the addition of a gabled extension to the rear converted the plan to a T-shape. Some of the house's features included a small central open porch, two gabled wall dormers, and an irregular stone foundation. Compound arched lintels and slipsills serve as window surrounds. The back facade's gable addition has pseudo-brick tar paper facing. A small gable barn, two chicken coops, and a granary are also present on the property. A hand-dug well, about 26-28 feet deep, is still in use on the property.

STYLE Vernacular DATE 1880

SIGNIFICANCE The significance of the Jencks Farmstead is three-fold: architecture, agriculture, and settlement. Architecturally, the building is important as a good example of brick construction of homes during the 1880's. Its original appearance has been retained and for this reason it is an important dwelling illustrating architectural types within the nominated area. Agriculture and settlement are tied together because the farmstead shows the development of both these categories over the last 100 years. H.F. and L.M. Jencks, father and son, purchased the property in 1881 and it has been retained in the Jencks family ever since. This creates an important link of the past to the present through generations of ownership of the property.

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BOUNDARIES The nominated property is located 3200 feet northeast of the radio facility at Chan Gurney Municipal Airport in Yankton, and 5400 feet east of U.S. Highway 81

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