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Site # CZ 24

- 1. Jacob Sedlacek Chalkrock House.
- 2. Tabor Township Tabor Vicinity South Dakota Code: 046 First Congr. District Bon Homme County Code: 009
- Building; Privately owned; NA acquisition; Unoccupied; Restricted access; Vacant.
- 4. Ronald Kreber5. Register of Deeds921 Coastview Drive
Laguna Beach, CA 926515. Register of Deeds
Bon Homme County Courthouse
Tyndall, SD 57066
 - 7. Fair; Unaltered; Original site.

The Jacob Sedlacek House is a chalkrock and pressed brick structure sited on a secluded, abandoned farm. A three-bay coaxial structure, it measures 44'10" by 19'4" and rests on a shallow foundation of rubblestone construction. Initially, the house was a two-bay structure built of dressed chalkrock blocks mortared with clay and concrete. Later, a single bay was added to the west gable end using pressed brick masonry. A plaster veneer covers the outer surfaces of the chalkrock walls. The gable roof is constructed of 23 common rafters with collars and transverse braces, horizonal boards, and wooden shingles. Rafter spacing varies from 1'9" to 2'3". There is a one-foot-high knee wall under the wall plate. Similar to the John Hakl House (CZ 23), chalkrock and pressed brick wall materials are extended into each respective gable, a feature unique to these two buildings within the survey area.

There are two entry doors, both in the central bay one on each axial wall. window openings in the chalkrock bays are tapered and include wooden sills. those in the thinner, brick walls are not tapered, but contain stock windows of the same four-over-four style. Pedimentshaped lintels cap each door opening. The window openings on the brick portion have decorative lintels. Although now painted over and in a state of disrepair, several layers of wallpaper were applied to interior surfaces. Colors include light blue, light green, light

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yellow, pink, and white.

Not far from the house is a traditional vaulted root cellar. Its dimensions are 12'4" in length, 6'5" in width, and 6'1" in height.

8. 1869-1899; Archtecture, Exploration/Settlement, Czech Ethnic.

Specific date unknown. Attributed to Jacob Sedlacek.

Significant in architecture, the Sedlacek House is a good example of the coaxial form discussed in the overview and displays historic linear expansion of such a form. It is also one of only two buildings in the survey area that utilize the same materials in the gables as those used in the end walls. The house survives in good condition exhibiting traditional Czech masonry techniques such as tapered openings, an exterior veneer, clay mortar, and a knee wall. Although now vacant, it is weather-tight and secure from excess deterioration.

The Sedlacek House is also significant in the history of Czech settlement in the state. Jacob Sedlacek came to Dakota Territory from Bohemia some time before 1888. He married the daughter of John Hakl, another early Czech Dakotan (see site # CZ 23). Like his father-inlaw, Sedlacek was a prominent member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and served as a parish officer for several years. Tom Sedlacek, who presently owns the farmstead just west of this site, is the grandson of Jacob Sedlacek.

Major Biographical source: Dvorak (1980), 110, 118, 125, 140.

10.	Acreage: less	than one acrea	Scale: 1:24,000.
	Quad.: Tabor.		UTM: 14/ 606800/ 4754210.

This property is bounded by imaginary lines that connect to form a rectangle centered on the rectangular house. Each line lies 5 feet from each wall of the rectangular house. The site is located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 94 North, Range 58 West, in Bon Homme County.

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SITE PLAN OF FARMSTEAD CONTAINING CZ 24 ON REVERSE SIDE

SITE PLAN (Complete invnetory of <u>all</u> structures, their function, dates & details of construction, and surrounding vegitation) WITH <u>NORTH</u> <u>ARROW</u>

