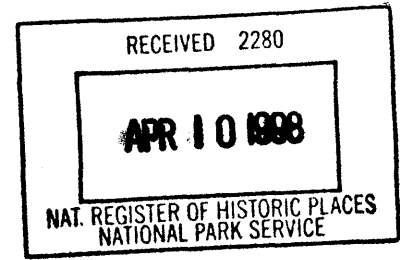


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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 Delmont Pumphouse
other names/site number Delmont Powerhouse, Delmont Firehouse

2. Location

street & number West Main St. not for publication
city or town Delmont vicinity
state South Dakota code SD county Douglas code 043 zip code 57330

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

Jay D. Vogt 03-30-98
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

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

- 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:)

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	
1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	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.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Industry/ Processing/ Extraction	Sub: waterworks
Government	fire station
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Rec/Culture	Sub: museum
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

No style _____

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	concrete
roof	wood shingle
walls	brick
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)

Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance

ca. 1900-1948

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Significant Dates 1903
 1907

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: Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Dr., Pierre SD

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County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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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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organization Historical Society of Delmont date November 24, 1997
street & number PO Box 213 telephone (605) 779-2211
city or town Delmont state SD zip code 57330

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)

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Name of Property

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Property Owner

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

name Historical Society of Delmont
street & number P.O. Box 213 telephone (605) 779-2211
city or town Delmont state SD zip code 57330

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Delmont Pumphouse
Delmont, Douglas County, SD

Narrative Description

The Delmont Pumphouse is a one-story brick rectangular step-gabled building located perpendicular to Main Street in Delmont, South Dakota. Built circa 1903 the building housed the compression tank for the town's water well and housed the town's Volunteer Fire Department. The building remains largely unchanged but shows the evidence of neglect.

The front (north) facade faces Main Street and consists of a center door flanked by a single-paneled tongue-and-grooved garage door (left side) and a large single-paned window (right side). The door and the window are capped with subtle brick moldings. The front is topped by a stepped gable that hides a roof which extends the length of the building.

The west wall continues the length of the building and shows evidence of the front addition which included a door opening now closed in. When the building was constructed the pressure tank was rolled into the interior of the building and the wall was constructed enclosing the pump mechanism and tank. The south wall contained two small additions (wood and metal), since deteriorated and removed, and a wood exterior door on the right side. The west wall contains two 2/2 double-hung windows and a recently closed in door opening in the front addition.

The interior contains three rooms, the largest of which contains the compression tank at the rear of the building. The front section was added in 1907 and is divided equally by a garage built to house the Fire Department's hose cart, on the left (east) side, and an entrance room utilizing the front door on the right (west) side. This room contains a finished concrete floor, an interior door to the garage and an opening to the pump room.

The building retains its original character as the town waterworks and firehall.

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Statement of Significance

The Delmont Pumphouse is historically significant under National Register criterion "A" for its role in the community of Delmont and its long historical association with the local Volunteer Fire Department. Although built as the village's wellhouse, occupation by the Fire Department began shortly after the building was constructed. The Delmont Pumphouse relates to the South Dakota Historic Context under V: Depression and Rebuilding (1893-1929), C. Civic Improvements and New Government-Related Structures.

Delmont was founded in 1886 as a result of the Milwaukee Railroad. The railroad had established a route between Armour and Tripp earlier in the year and Delmont was platted at the halfway point. The town quickly became an important point for marketing and purchasing of supplies following the arrival of the first train on November 20, 1886. As buildings for businesses and homes were constructed and more people arrived, the need became evident for an organized fire department.

On November 23rd, 1903 a number of citizens met at the business place of Fred Schnabel to organize a fire department. S.A. Daily was elected temporary chairman and Paul Misterek as temporary secretary. A committee was appointed to draw up necessary rules and by-laws for the next meeting, which was set for November 30 in the town "Well House." At that meeting, the by-laws were adopted and election of officers was held. Regular meetings were held every second and fourth Monday. The young organization quickly adopted rules and asked the Town Council for supplies. Drills were held in early December and the city obliged by providing 25 rubber buckets, two axes, two ladders, and a bell for the hose cart.

Fund-raising was necessary to provide for additional equipment and dances and oyster suppers became important events in the town. In April of 1906 it was decided to appoint a committee to find out prices for a good fire bell and then approach the City Council to buy it. On March 12, 1906, the firemen voted to put up a 50-foot tower, obtain prices of bells, and purchase a pulley to pull up the hose to dry them out. A bell was purchased from Armour in 1907 for \$25 and an additional room was added to the Pumphouse to house the hose cart, which was the first equipment used and had to be pulled by the men.

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The Fire Department also joined the state Firemen's Association in 1905. Membership was \$2 and dues were \$1. A group of the firemen attended the state convention of the Firemen's Association in 1906 in Sioux Falls. The constitution was officially adopted and state standards were met on April 25, 1907. On May 13, 1907, \$17 dues in the Firemen's Association were paid.

In 1925, a major fire was fought in Delmont. Beginning at 6:45 a.m., March 5, the meat market caught fire and burned, next the Flote Lumber Co., and then J.J. Joachim, J. Weisz Bldg, J.D. Hand Furniture Store all were a total loss.

Equipment continued to be needed. In 1931 a chemical cart was built at a cost of \$73. In 1939 a hose trailer was built for \$69. Following a major fire in September, 1940, the need for a pumper fire truck was realized, since surrounding city fire departments had to be called in for aid. The Department's first pumper, a 1923 Luverne, was purchased in 1941. That truck, nicknamed "Bertha," was still in service in the late 1980s, but today is used in parades only.

In 1946 the Rural Fire Association was formed and a 1946 model truck was purchased, to be manned by the volunteers for the protection of rural and city homes alike. The truck was replaced in 1954 by a GMC truck still in use in the 1970s.

During the 1950s and 1960s the front room of the firehall was used for Boy Scout meetings, as a polling place, and meeting room for other social and civic activities. The city council meetings also used to take place there, as well as the fire department meetings.

In 1968, plans were started for building a new fire hall. It was completed in 1969 and the operation of the fire department moved from the old building into the new. The Pumphouse then became a storage building for both city and fire department equipment. With its continued use as a museum, the Delmont Pumphouse will continue its vital role in the community.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Lots 6 and 7 of Block 6

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the property historically associated with the Pumphouse.