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SITE BU-36

NAME Carl Friederick Gartner Homestead

LOCATION 3 miles west of South Dakota Highway 79 on an east/west section road, East Butte Unorganized Territory, Butte County (019), South Dakota (046)

OWNER Julius and Elaine Viken
RR 1 Box 137
Newell, South Dakota 57760

CLASSIFICATION Building, private, NA acquisition, unoccupied, restricted access, agriculture

DESCRIPTION Excellent, altered (slightly), one structure moved to site in 1890s from across the street

The Carl Friederick Gartner Homestead was originally settled in 1882 and proved up in 1892. The structure of primary interest at the site is a one room log structure (contributing) which was originally located on a timber claim south of the section road which bounds the site on the south.

The log structure, built in 1882, was moved to the present site in the 1890s when the Gardners moved there homestead site location closer to Horse Creek. In 1949 the structure was placed on a concrete foundation with a concrete floor. The date 19H9 (sic) was scratched into the concrete entry pad and a red brick chimney was added. Dowel and sockets between the logs were added when the structure was moved to correct the structural damage. The original homestead also consisted of a log barn and dugout which were destroyed many years ago. Timber for all the log buildings was hauled to the site from the Black Hills.

The log structure is a one room rectangular pen with full notch dovetail construction, has hewn logs, and a cedar shingle roof. The one door is located in the south elevation, and is constructed of three verticle planks. One window is located in the south elevation. The structure has been stuccoed over on sheets of chicken wire on the east and west elevations to protect the logs from weathering. The entire structure is painted white. The interior space is unpainted, has a concrete floor and is used as a combination storage/work room.

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The log building is situated within a contemporary ranch setting composed of nine additional buildings (non-contributing). Although the house was built by the Gartners in 1911, it has been extensively remodeled, and several modern outbuildings are located east of the house. They include: a plywood storage shed, a concrete block garage, a machine shed, a barn, granary, two large chicken coops and an outhouse.

SIGNIFICANCE 1800-1899, 1900-Present, Architecture, Early Settlement

DATES 1882, 1949 BUILDER Carl Gartner, Julius Viken

The Carl Frederick Gartner homestead is significant because it represents a form of vernacular architecture which was once very common in the survey area, and is now quite rare. The log structure is the only example of full dovetail notching located during the survey.

Although the structure was moved by the builder approximately ten years after its construction, it still retains its integrity as the site location is very similar to its original location. The building was moved to its present location near the south bank of Horse Creek from a site located a few hundred yards to the south across the section road according to Mr. Viken, the present owner.

In 1881 Carl Frederick Gartner immigrated to Dakota Territory from Germany. One year later Mrs. Gartner immigrated and they homesteaded near Horse Creek about five miles southwest of Newell. On January 18, 1892 Friedrich received his patent on the property, Homestead Certificate Number 1111. Two years later on January 8, 1894 Friedrich received a patent for adjacent property to the south, one hundred and sixty acres, Timber Culture Certificate Number 96.

The couple had six children which explains the need for the larger cube house which was built in 1911. Mrs. Gardner died in 1922 and Mr. Gardner died in 1930.

The site represents a continuous period of occupation and an important early frontier architectural style. The log structure is a very rare surviving example of a once popular western South Dakota building tradition. In most instances the early homestead shack was abandoned as soon as economically feasible and was destroyed, either for lumber to use in new construction or as

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a health hazard after it had begun to deteriorate. A new wood-frame house was generally erected to replace the log cabins. The wood-frame cube house built in 1910 represents one of the most popular house forms in South Dakota at that time. It was also constructed just after the railroad arrived in southern Butte County.

QUADRANGLE SCALE Newell, South Dakota UTM REFERENCE 14/619680/4951400

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:2400 ACREAGE Less than one

PHOTO REFERENCE NUMBER

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The site is located within a contemporary chicken farm. The site is bounded by imaginary lines which lie ten feet from the exterior walls of the structure on the north, east and south sides; and the exterior of the east wall of the garage on the west side. The site is located in the SE quarter of the SE quarter of Section 27, Township 9 north and Range 5 east in Butte County.

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