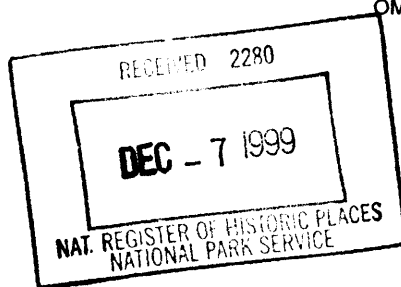


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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 Calumet Hotel
other names/site number Wasta Hotel and Wasta Hotel & Meat Market

2. Location

street & number Ash and B Avenue not for publication _____
city or town Wasta Vicinity _____
state South Dakota Code SD county Pennington code 103 zip code 57791

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
Signature of certifying official

10-22-99
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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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 1-7-00

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>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</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.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic	Sub: Hotel
Commerce/	Restaurant
Trade	Specialty store
Secondary	Privy
Structure	

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic	Sub: Multiple dwelling
	(Vacation Home)

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation	Stone
Roof	Tin over Tar
Walls	Metal: Tin
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)

Commerce

Entertainment/Recreation

Period of Significance

1908-1949

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Significant Dates 1908
 1914

Significant Person 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: _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

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 South Dakota SHPO date 07/02/1999

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city or town Pierre State SD zip code 57501

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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Property Owner

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

name Lloyd and Margaret Willey

street & number PO Box 39

Telephone 605-993-3149

city or town Wasta

State SD

zip code 57791

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Description

The Calumet Hotel is located in the town of Wasta in South Dakota. This community is located off of Interstate 90 and the Cheyenne River. The hotel is a vernacular two-story wood building located on the corner of Ash and B Avenue. It is five bays wide by two bays deep and is the largest existing building in Wasta's former business district.

Its foundation material is comprised of local stone and concrete mortar. The exterior walls are cedar, covered with clapboard and pressed tin. Tin does not cover the eastern portion of the north elevation, evidenced by exposure of the clapboard. The roofing materials is tar and paper covered with tin. Interior walls of the hotel are constructed with lathe and plaster. However, the lathe and plaster of the lobby and dining room walls are covered with wood paneling painted white. There are hardwood floors on both levels of the hotel.

There were two additions to this building. The first was completed on the west end of the north elevation in 1920. This one-story L-shaped concrete block addition was used to store goods during a period that the hotel also served as Wasta's meat market. The construction for the second addition on the east elevation was completed in 1922. This addition was part of an expansion and remodeling effort by a former owner, George Eames.

A small wooden privy on the northeast section of property is the only outbuilding associated with the hotel. It is wood framed with horizontal clapboard and has an asphalt shingled shed roof. There is a small rectangular opening on the upper portion of the privy door.

The south facade has two aluminum doors symmetrically placed towards the middle of the building. These serve as storm doors for two separate wood-paneled entrance doors. The west door has a fixed sloped awning above it. Transom windows above each of these doors have been replaced with wood. On the west section of the first floor are two, one-over-one double hung windows in aluminum sash. There is a grouping of three, one-over-one double-hung windows in wood sash between the two doors. East of these doors are two, one-over-one double-hung windows in wood sash. The second floor has a string of seven wood sash one-over-one double-hung windows, which are not symmetrically spaced. An original front porch of this facade has been removed, but not replaced.

The first floor of the east elevation has a centrally located wood paneled door. In front of this entrance is a small painted wood porch. Above this door is a transom window in wood sash. On each side of the door is a one-over-one double hung window in wood sash. On the second floor are three symmetrically spaced one-over-one double-hung windows in wood sash.

The west elevation is connected to the 1920 addition. The first floor has five window openings. On the southern part of this elevation is a group of two windows. They both are one-over-one double hung windows, but the southern most window is in aluminum sash while the other is in wood sash. North of this window grouping is a single one-over-one double hung window in wood sash. On the concrete block section of this elevation are two window openings. Both windows are two-over-two double hung windows in wood sash.

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South of these windows is an entrance doorway that is presently covered with wood. The second floor of the west elevation has two window openings. They are symmetrically spaced and are one-over-one double hung windows in wood sash.

The north elevation is also the attached to block addition. This addition has a sloped aluminum shed roof. On this elevation of the addition is a single one-over-one double hung window in wood sash. It is located on the eastern section of the addition. To the east of the window is a wooden staircase leading to a door on the second floor. There are six symmetrically placed windows on the first floor, which are all one-over-one double hung windows in wood sash. A wood paneled door is located between the first floor windows with three windows placed on either side of it. The second floor has five symmetrically placed one-over-one double hung windows in wood sash. The wooden steps and hand railing on the western portion of this elevation lead to a second story wood paneled door.

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Statement of Significance

The Calumet Hotel is historically significant under Criterion A because of its long association with the development of commerce and civic life in Wasta. The hotel falls under South Dakota historic sub-context IV Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement, A Claim Era. Homesteaders moving into Pennington and Meade Counties in the early twentieth century frequently resided at the Calumet hotel while making claims to their lands or having homes built in the area. This building has contributed to the daily life of Wasta since the time of its construction in 1908 until the local school closed in the early 1980's. It has served as a restaurant, boarding house, meeting place, meat market, and hotel. There have been seven owners of this hotel in its ninety-one year history. When the building ceased operation as a hotel it became a vacation home for annual family reunions held in Wasta.

T.J. Ryan, the second owner of the building, was the secretary of Wasta's commercial club in the 1920's. He was instrumental in securing the passage of a \$50,000 bond issue to finance a bridge for automobile traffic over the Cheyenne River in Wasta. Meetings for the commercial club occasionally took place in the café of the hotel. In 1912 Wasta's commercial club traveled to Rapid City to lobby government officials for a portion of a road from Pierre to the Black Hills to pass through the town. Wasta was able to solidify its position for the road after its bond issue passed and the bridge was built.

This community was planned north of the Chicago/Northwestern Railroad lines. It seems uncertain where the town's name has come from, but to the Sioux Indians who use to inhabit parts of this area, Wasta means nice. The first buildings in the town were the Wasta Mercantile Store and a grocery store owned by Edward Morris. Both were constructed in 1902. In 1906, C. Condon built a small tarpaper shack restaurant on the eastside of town. He later built the Calumet Hotel across from the Wasta Mercantile Store in 1908. The town grew and more businesses became attracted to Wasta's commercial district. Initially Wasta was a typical railroad town, but with the production of the automobile and the development of better roads between Pierre and the Black Hills the town grew. When the bond issue passed for a highway bridge across the Cheyenne River in 1912, the new road was built connecting Wasta to Pierre in the east and to Rapid City in the west. This road has changed in size and name several times and was originally known as the Black and Yellow Trail. Later its name was changed to the Black Hills Road, the Custer Battlefield Highway, Federal Highway 16, United States Highway 14, and most recently Interstate 90. This thoroughfare initially contributed to Wasta's growth but the town's good fortune was short lived.

On August 9, 1914 a fire destroyed most of the downtown commercial district. The Wasta Hotel survived this catastrophe unscathed. However, the town never fully recovered from this disaster and grew sparingly over the next 40 years. The Calumet Hotel seems to have initially benefited from this disaster. The two additions to the building allowed to the hotel to also become the town's commercial meat market during the 1920's and 30's. As highway traffic through Wasta increased the hotel made modest profits off of tourists passing through the area on their way to the Black Hills. However, the lack of industry and commerce would contribute significantly to the decline of the town during the post World War II era. By the late 1950's many of

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the community's younger generations began to move to urban areas where employment was easier to find. Tourist traffic and boarders associated with the Wasta School allowed the hotel to continue its commercial operation until the early 1980's. During winter months of the school year students and teachers from outlying areas lived in the hotel but this practice stopped in 1982 when the Wasta School closed. The closing of the school ended the hotel's public use.

Wasta is now home to 82 people and the Calumet Hotel is sparingly utilized. This hotel contributed significantly to the commercial development and settlement of the community. It was often the first place early settlers stayed when they came to Pennington and Meade Counties and Western South Dakota. It is the only intact building associated with the early growth and evolution of the town and its association with events and the history of Wasta makes it a reminder of what was once the "live town on the Cheyenne."

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Verbal Boundary Description

Original town of Wasta, Block 4, Lots 11, 12, 13.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Calumet Hotel.