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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 05000036

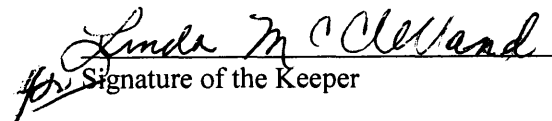
Property Name: Walton Ranch

County: Lawrence State: South Dakota

N/A

Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

May 30, 2005  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 7: "Late Victorian: Italianate, Queen Anne" is, hereby, entered under Architectural Classification.

Section 8: The Period of Significance is, hereby, revised to read, "1888-89, ca. 1900" to include the date when the irrigation canal was constructed and the property's development commenced.

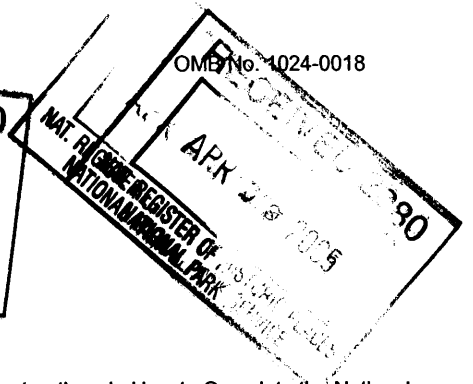
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The South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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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 Walton Ranch  
other names/site number Johnson Ranch

**2. Location**

street & number 221 Upper Valley Road not for publication n/a  
city or town Spearfish Vicinity n/a  
state South Dakota Code SD county Lawrence code 081 zip code 57783

**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. Voigt 04-20-2005  
Signature of certifying official Date  
South Dakota SHPO  
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:
- 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: *Imma McCullard*  
 Date of Action: *5-30-05*

**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>7</u>	<u>0</u>	Buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Objects
<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register  
 Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) n/a

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic	Sub: Single dwelling
Agriculture/subsistence	Animal facility
Agriculture/subsistence	Agricultural outbuilding
Agriculture/subsistence	Processing
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic	Sub: Single dwelling
Work in Progress	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

No style \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Stone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roof Wood and asphalt shingle \_\_\_\_\_  
 Walls wood \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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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)

Architecture

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**Period of Significance**

1889, ca.1900

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**Significant Dates** Circa 1888,  
1889, circa  
1900  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person** n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation** n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder** n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(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: n/a  
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Walton Ranch  
Name of Property

Lawrence County, South Dakota  
County and State

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property** 2 acres

### UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>13</u>	<u>588935</u>	<u>4929003</u>	3	<u>13</u>	<u>589004</u>	<u>4928992</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>13</u>	<u>588935</u>	<u>4928960</u>	4	<u>13</u>	<u>589010</u>	<u>4928950</u>

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

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Chris Nelson  
organization SD State Historic Preservation Office date 1 July 2004  
street & number 900 Governors Drive telephone 605-773-3103  
city or town Pierre state SD zip code 57501

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## Additional Documentation

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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)

Walton Ranch  
Name of Property

Lawrence County, South Dakota  
County and State

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**Property Owner**

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

name Robert Bates  
street & number 225 Main telephone 605-722-3972  
city or town Spearfish state SD zip code 57783

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**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.



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The Walton Ranch complex consists of a house, a barn, a lean-to shed, a outbuilding/creamery, an icehouse, a smokehouse, and a privy. The complex is located on the western edge of Spearfish. There is an irrigation canal that runs directly to the east of the property. There is a residential area to the east of the complex.

## House Contributing 1889

The house has a sandstone and concrete block foundation, wood clapboard siding, and a hipped roof with asphalt shingles. There are two historic additions on the rear (west elevation) of the house. In the center of the hipped roof are two chimneys with a corbelled brick design.

The façade (east elevation) has double parlor doors in the center of the first story flanked by cottage windows. The second story has a central door flanked by one-over-one double hung windows. The façade historically had a two-story porch.

The north elevation has a pair of four-over-four double hung windows and a one-over-one double hung window on the first story. The second story has two one-over-one double hung windows.

The south elevation has a bay window with four one-over-one double hung windows and a pair of four-over-four double hung windows on the first story. The second story has two one-over-one double hung windows.

The west elevation has a one-over-one double hung window on the second story. There is a hipped roof addition on the elevation with a smaller addition on the addition. The east elevation of the addition borders the house. The south elevation has two one-over-one double hung windows. The north elevation has a one-over-one double hung window. The west elevation has a one-over-one double hung window and a door. There is another small addition at the southwest corner of the addition. The second addition has a four-over-four double hung window on the south elevation and a door on the north elevation. The west elevation has no openings and the east elevation is attached to the other addition. Both additions were added in circa 1940.

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**Barn**  
**Contributing**  
**1889**

The barn has a stone foundation, vertical board and batten siding, and a pyramidal hipped roof with wood shakes. There is also a pyramidal hipped roof cupola on the peak of the roof.

The façade (east elevation) has two sliding doors and four-pane window. The north elevation has two four-pane windows. The south elevation has a four-over-four double hung window. The west elevation has a partial four-over-four double hung window frame.

**Shed**  
**Contributing**  
**Circa 1900**

The shed has a dirt foundation, vertical board and batten siding, and a shed roof with wood shakes. The north elevation has no openings and shares part of a wall with the barn. The west elevation has a door. The south and east elevations have a fixed two-pane window.

**Outbuilding/Creamery**  
**Contributing**  
**Circa 1889**

This outbuilding has a dirt foundation, wood clapboard siding, and a pyramidal hipped roof with wood shakes. There is also a pyramidal hipped roof cupola on the peak of the roof. The east and west elevation have a two-over-two double hung window. The north elevation has no openings and shares part of the wall with the shed. The south elevation has a door and a pair of fixed four pane windows. The interior of the creamery has a lathe and plaster finish.

**Icehouse**  
**Contributing**  
**Circa 1900**

The icehouse has a stone foundation, wood clapboard siding, and a gabled roof with wood shingles. The west elevation has a door and a small square opening in the gable. There are no openings on any other elevation.

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**Smokehouse**  
**Contributing**  
**Circa 1900**

The smokehouse has a dirt foundation, vertical board and batten siding, and a gable roof covered with wood planks. There is a wood plank door on the east elevation. The north and south elevations have small rectangular screened openings in the central lower portions of the elevations. The west elevation has no openings.

**Privy**  
**Contributing**  
**Circa 1900**

The privy has a dirt foundation, wood clapboard siding, and a pyramidal hipped roof with wood shingles. There is a door on the east elevation. The south elevation has a square window opening. The north and west elevations have no openings.

**Irrigation Ditch**  
**Contributing**  
**Circa 1888**

There is a ditch that runs across the front of the property.

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The Walton Ranch is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C. It is eligible under Criterion C as it embodies distinctive architectural characteristics of the Italianate and Queen Anne styles for the house. The other outbuildings are representative of the type of structures built during the turn of the century in western South Dakota.

Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota, is located on the northern edge of the Black Hills at the mouth of Spearfish Canyon. Spearfish was founded in 1876 as result of General George Armstrong Custer's expedition that confirmed the existence of gold in the Black Hills. Although Spearfish lacked the rich gold deposits of areas directly to the south, the town grew by supporting the mining towns. Farming, raising livestock and mercantile business became the primary vocations. Today, agriculture, livestock production, and tourism are integral facets of the economy.

The first owner of the property was John E. Walton who was granted the property in 1888. The property was included in the Cooper-Walton Irrigating Ditch Company. Edwin "Shock" Hall purchased the land in 1898 after he left Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders. The property was purchased by William J. Johnson in 1913; a descendant, Louise Johnson, still lives there as of 2004.

The house is a mixed style that historically contained Italianate and Queen Anne elements. The house most closely classifies as a simple hipped roof subtype of the Italianate style. Features of the Italianate style found on the house include: paired doors, rectangular boxed shape, a hipped roof, and façade openings that are three-ranked. Elements representing the Queen Anne style include the bay window and the corbelled chimney pots. Also, the façade originally had a two-story porch with turned posts and spindle work. Walton was a successful early businessman in the area; it is likely this was the first house built on the claim as no known claim shacks or dugouts exist on the property.

The barn and the creamery/outbuilding architecturally resemble the house. Both structures have a pyramidal roof and square footprint. The barn and the creamery/outbuilding also both have wooden cupolas; they were also built in 1898 at the same time as the house. The remaining outbuildings are simple utilitarian structures; Ms. Johnson believes the other outbuildings were constructed around 1900 when Shock Hall owned the property.

The farm complex reflects the agricultural practices that occurred in western South Dakota. The barn and then the house were the most important structures on the ranch. The other buildings were located for convenience for their intended purposes. This area of South Dakota focused more on livestock production because most of the land wasn't suited for raising crops. This trend is evident by the lack of farming buildings such as granaries or grain bins that would be found on farm complexes in eastern South Dakota. The crops that were raised in the area were aided by irrigation.

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The Walton Ranch is representative of the type of homesteads settlers built to pursue agricultural practices in western South Dakota. The gold rushes in the interior of the Black Hills during the 1870s-80s provided opportunity for the towns on the periphery to grow by supporting the mining industry. Although many of these homesteads would fail, the survivors located on the best land often prospered. The buildings and structures built on these homesteads represent a specific period of agricultural development in South Dakota and are collectively significant.<sup>1</sup>

The materials and construction style for the buildings on the Walton Ranch are representative of the type of structures built in the area at the time. Unlike most of western South Dakota, the Black Hills region had a vast supply of timber. By 1876, there were four sawmills already in operation in the northern hills. The availability of finished lumber products in the area allowed for the construction of a variety of types of buildings. The arrival of the railroad in the late 1870s also contributed to the variety of materials and styles that influenced construction in the area.

The Walton Ranch is eligible under Criterion C. It is also eligible under Criterion C as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Queen and Italianate styles and is a fine example of the type of structures built on a ranch complex in western South Dakota. The other buildings on the ranch compliment the overall architectural cohesiveness of the collection.

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<sup>1</sup> Brooks, Allyson and Steph Jacon. *Homesteading and Agricultural Development Context*. (Pierre: SD, South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 1994), 33.

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## Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 10A of Lot 10 Lots 11A and B of Lot 11 E1/25W1/4 of Sub 4-6. Lawrence County South Dakota.

## Boundary Justification

The boundary is the land historically associated with the Johnson Ranch homestead and group of agricultural buildings encompassing approximately two acres. Only the collection of buildings on the homestead are within the boundary as the rest of the ranch has been subdivided and is no longer intact.



- Walton Ranch
1. Privy
  2. Smokehouse
  3. Icehouse
  4. Creamery
  5. Shed
  6. Barn
  7. House
  8. Irrigation ditch

