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Site # CZ 20

1. Martin Honner Chalkrock House.

2. Tabor Township	First Congr. District
Tabor Vicinity	Bon Homme County Code: 009
South Dakota Code: 046	

3. Building; Privately owned; NA acquisition; Unoccupied; Restricted access; Vacant.

4. Roman Honner	5. Register of Deeds
Tabor, SD	Bon Homme County Courthouse
57063	Tyndall, SD 57066

7. Fair; Unaltered; Original site.

The Martin Honner House is a three-bay, L-shaped chalkrock structure with dimensions of 18'7" by 35'7" by 32'1" by 33'7". It rests on a rubblestone masonry foundation mortared with clay, rising about one foot above ground level. There is no cellar below the house. The dressed chalkrock walls mortared with clay display historic repair techniques on the east and north facades, where a pressed brick and cement veneer was applied to a height of about four feet. An intersecting gable roof is constructed of 27 common rafters with triangular collars at the peak, horizontal boards, and wooden shingles. No wall plate is visible, but the rafters are set into a two-foot high knee wall. The plate is probably buried in the knee wall. There are two pressed brick chimneys in the house.

Fenestration is composed of three entry doors and nine windows. The door openings, which all appear to be original, are located on the north, south, and east facades. A porch was later added to the east and south facades. It covers the entry doors on those facades. Both windows and doors have jack arches and tapered openings. Most windows have double sills of two-inch thick boards the full depth of the window opening. At one time, another wood frame porch was attached to the north side of the house. A concrete pad and telltale paint lines are all that remain of this entry.

Wooden floors in the house were originally painted gray and later covered with linoleum. Interior walls bear evidence of an original white paint

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followed by a series of blue, green and gray hues. The northwest bay which contains the stairway to the loft is painted a bright yellow. Two bays have post-World War II acoustical ceiling tile.

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

Specific date unknown. Martin Honner, builder.

Significant in architecture, the Honner House is good example of the traditional Czech L-shape house. Besides categorically fitting the form outlined in the overview, it displays many of the special features common to Czech houses in the survey area. It incorporates masonry jack arches, tapered fenestration openings, and a knee wall. Although the house is presently unoccupied, it appears to have been used as a residence until the 1950's or even later. This property is not beyond reach of preservation efforts.

The Honner House is also significant in Czech settlement history. Martin Honner was the son of Linhart Honner, who was born at Cakovec, Bohemia, in 1825 and brought his family to Dakota Territory in 1870. The Honners were charter members of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Parish in Tabor, SD. Both Linhart and his wife died before 1920 and left the farm to their sons Martin and Frank. Martin is responsible for constructing this house sometime in the late 19th Century. It may, therefore, be a relatively late example of this building form. Martin's son Albert was born in this house in 1897 and died in 1983. He is the father of the present owner, who still lives in Tabor and is proprietor of the family implement business.

Major biographical source: Dvorak (1980), 116, 121. Taped interview with Albert Honner by Stephen Ward, 8-13-1973 at Tabor, SD, South Dakota Oral History Center, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD.

10. Acreage: less than one a. Scale: 1/24,000.
Quad.: Tabor. UTM: 14/ 607920/ 4756365.

This site consists of an L-shaped house with an attached porch on the east facade. The western boundary is an imaginary line lying 10 meters from the westernmost wall of the house and running parallel to that wall. The northern boundary is an imaginary line lying 10 meters from the northernmost wall of the house and running parallel to that wall. The eastern boundary is an imaginary line lying 10 meters from the easternmost wall of the house and running parallel to that wall. The southern boundary is an imaginary line lying 10 meters from the southernmost wall of the house and running parallel to that wall. The site is located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 94 North, Range 58 West, in Bon Homme County.

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SITE PLAN OF CZ 20 ON REVERSE SIDE

