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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Corbin, James A., House
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 345 Main Street [NA] not for publication
city, town Spearfish [NA] vicinity
state South Dakota code SD county Lawrence code SD 081 zip code 57783

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
[xx] private	[xx] building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
[] public-local	[] district	2	0 buildings
[] public-State	[] site		sites
[] public-Federal	[] structure		structures
	[] object		objects
		2	0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [x] 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.
[] See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official *[Signature]* Date 9/22/90

State or Federal agency and bureau South Dakota SHPO

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. [] See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
[x] 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] Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 10/25/90

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
 Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
 Domestic/Hotel

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 (enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
 walls Brick

roof Asphalt
 other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Situated on a corner lot near the south end of the original commercial core on Main Street in Spearfish, the James A. Corbin house is a two story vernacular dwelling of mixed stylistic influence. Rising from a parged stone foundation, the rectangular wood frame building is covered with a brick veneer. It is capped by an intersecting gambrel roof covered with asphalt shingles. The front porch has a stone foundation and railing with a concrete cap. Three unadorned square brick columns support free style segmented concrete arches that in turn support the overhanging second floor. A one story brick addition with an enclosed wood frame porch projects from the rear (west) facade. It is capped by a hipped roof covered with rolled asphalt roofing material. Fenestration is generally balanced, consisting mainly of single and paired one-over-one double-hung windows with pre-cast concrete lintels and sills. Located at the northeast corner of the front facade is a fixed sash picture window with an overlight. The floor plan is asymmetrical. The main floor has been opened up into one room and has been modernized.

To the west a few yards is a one story cast stone masonry garage built at about the same time as the house. It is capped by an asphalt shingled gable roof with a Jerkin Head configuration on the north end above the main entry door. An open shed-roofed lean-to and a small gabled wood frame addition projects from the garage on the east and west facades respectively. Drive in entrance (on the north) is provided via a wooden tri-fold door with small multiple-light windows.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Period of Significance
1918

Significant Dates
1918

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the James A. Corbin House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is a good example of vernacular domestic housing in Spearfish, South Dakota, in the early 20th Century. Using a mixture of stylistic components, it is one of the few brick or brick-faced houses in the city. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the property relates to the historic context labeled: V. Depression and Rebuilding, A.3 Residential Changes: Development of Suburbs, New Building Materials, and Pattern Book Architecture.

The Craftsman and Prairie School traditions developed side-by-side during the first two decades of the 20th Century. After World War One, however, these high style movements, emphasizing craft and functional domesticity, blended with revivals of historical styles to form a more eclectic architecture. Although influenced by historicism, vernacular housing at this time often did not reflect any one style. This freedom from specific style, combined with new inexpensive construction technologies and widely-advertised store-bought plans made housing more available to the masses, and domestic comfort no longer was the privilege of just the wealthy. The Corbin House illustrates this eclectic trend by merging Craftsman rustication with a slight attempt at Colonial symmetry in a simple, affordable brick-faced dwelling.

The garage, too, represents early 20th Century changes in domestic life. Few if any inventions had more impact on everyday life after 1900 than did the automobile. Even in domestic housing accommodations for the new contraption were necessary. Sometimes an outdated carriage house would be converted for storing the automobile, but usually a new building was constructed. Size and scale of these auxiliary buildings depended on the wealth and needs of the property owner. Although generally simpler in detail, the garage was often designed in a style reminiscent of the main house. Eventually the porte cochere and the attached garage became popular. At minimum, however, the garage would be a simple detached building with room enough to store at least one automobile. The garage at the Corbin House represents that simpler form. It was built at about the same time as the house of cast concrete, a material that was becoming popular then. The Jerkin Head roof line in some ways mimics the gambrel roof of the house. In addition, the tri-fold door is an excellent unaltered artifact from that period of construction.

Spearfish, located on the eastern rim of the Black Hills, was founded in 1876 in response to the emerging gold rush. It quickly grew into a vital service community for the area miners and ranchers. In the mid-1880's the city became the home of Black Hills Normal School, now known as Black Hills State University.

The house was constructed for James A. Corbin about whom no genealogical or historical information could be found.

The period of significance of the nominated property does not extend beyond the date of construction, 1918.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Some History of Lawrence County. Deadwood, SD: Lawrence County Historical Society, 1981. (printed in Pierre, SD, by State Publ. Co.) Passim.

Blumenson, John J.-G. Identifying American Architecture. Tennessee: American Association for State and Local History, 1979.

McAlester, Virginia & Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1985.

Whiffen, Marcus. American Architecture Since 1780. Massachusetts: The M.I.T. Press, Inc., 1977

Deed Records. Lawrence County Clerk and Recorder's Office

"Map of Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota." New York: Sanborn Map Company, May 1923.

[] See continuation sheet

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:
- [xx] State historic preservation office
 - [] Other State agency
 - [] Federal agency
 - [] Local government
 - [] University
 - [] Other
- Specify repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A	13	590830	4926330
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			

	B	
	Zone Easting	Northing
	D	

[] See continuation sheet

Quad: Spearfish Scale 1:24000

Verbal Boundary Description

The property is bounded by lot 1, block 64, Original Addition, City of Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota.

[] See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary is based on legally recorded property lines historically associated with the property.

[] See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Section number Photos Page 1

Corbin, James A. House

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

Photo No. 1: James Corbin House
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
June 1989
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking southwest at the front facade.

Photo No. 2: James Corbin House
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
June 1989
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking south at the dwelling.

Photo No. 3: James Corbin House
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
June 1989
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking southeast at the dwelling.

Photo No. 4 James Corbin House
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
June 1989
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking east at the dwelling.

Photo No. 5: James Corbin House
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
June 1989
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking northeast at the garage.

Photo No. 6: James Corbin House
Spearfish, Lawrence County, South Dakota
Photographer: James R. McDonald
June 1989
Neg.: James R. McDonald Architects PC
Looking southeast at the garage.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Corbin, James A., House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: SOUTH DAKOTA, Lawrence

DATE RECEIVED: 9/28/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/09/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/25/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/12/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001651

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 10/25/90 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 applicable criteria
 justification of areas checked
 relating significance to the resource
 context
 relationship of integrity to significance
 justification of exception
 other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



JAMES A CORBIN HOUSE, LAWRENCE CO., S.D. No 1



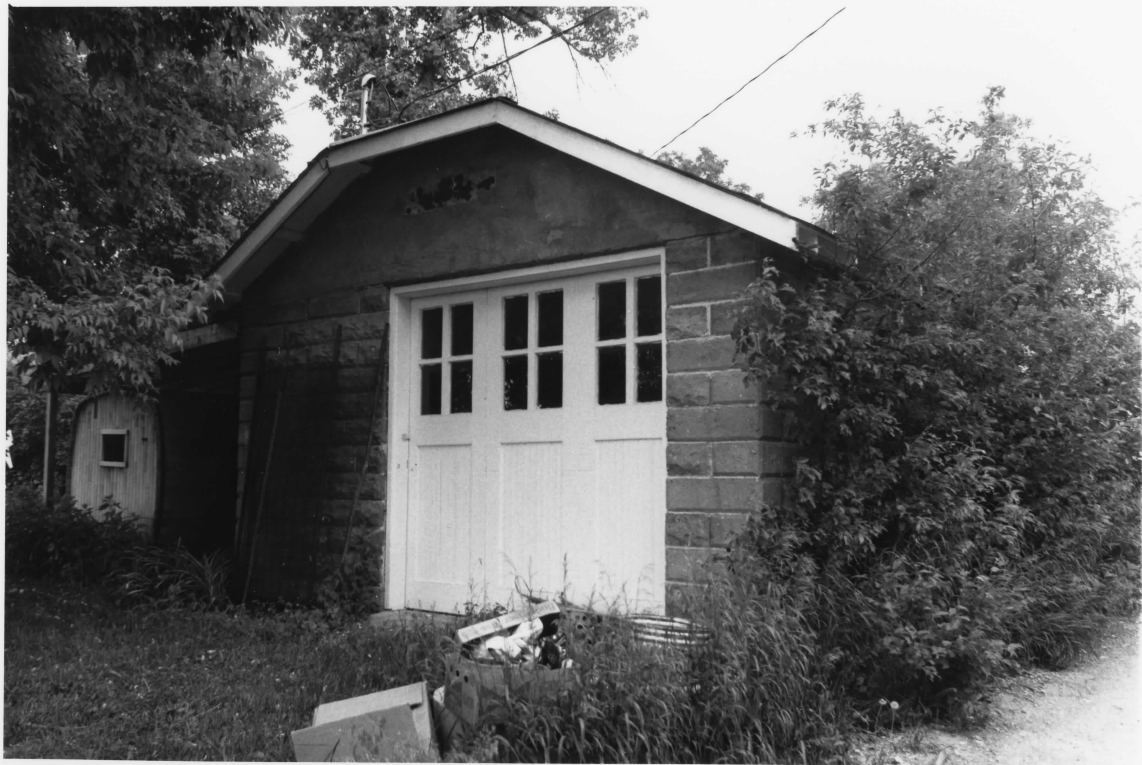
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JAMES A. CORBIN HOUSE, LAWRENCE CO., S. D., NO 3.



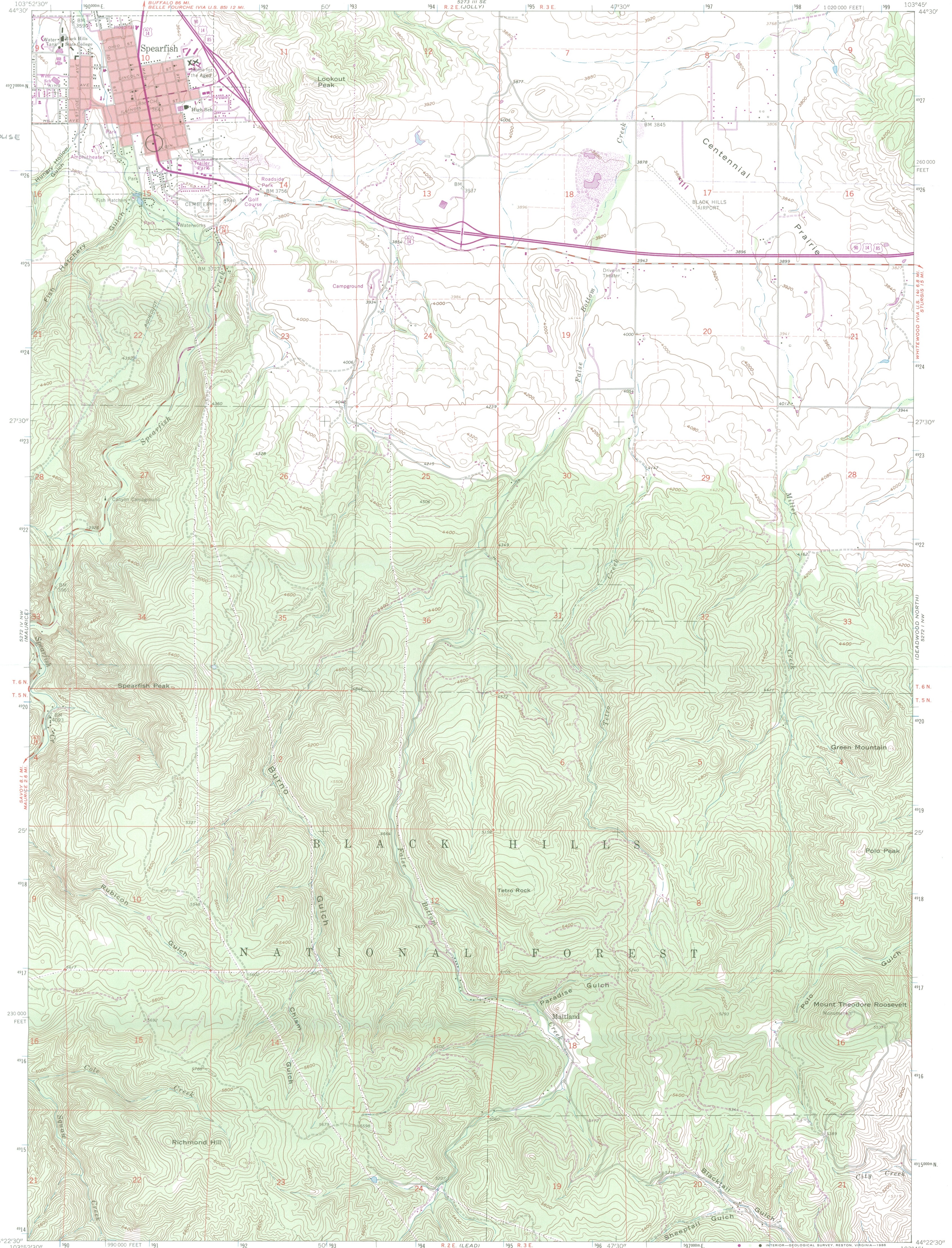
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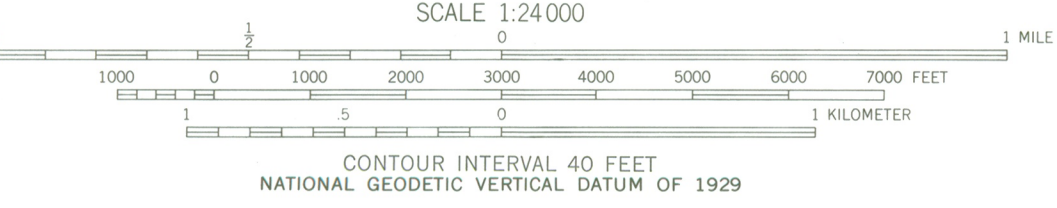
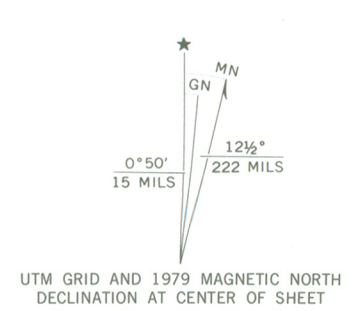


JAMES A. CORBIN HOUSE, LAWRENCE CO., S. D., NO. 6.



JAMES A CORBIN HOUSE
590830 E.
4926330 N.

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Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1958. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on South Dakota coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 13, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

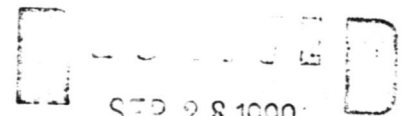
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taken 1976 and other source data. This information not
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September 20, 1990

Carol Shull, Chief of Registration
U. S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
P. O. Box 37127
1100 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find the enclosed twelve (12) nominations of South Dakota properties to the National Register of Historic Places as approved by the State Review Board on September 7, 1990. The nominated properties include the following:

Dairy Building, Beadle County,
Eureka Lutheran College, McPherson County,
Zoar Norwegian Lutheran Church, Day County,
Harold A. Doyle House, Yankton County,
Tom Jones Ranch, Jackson County,
Oliver Ainsworth House, Lawrence County,
Mary Whitney House, Lawrence County,
James Sunderland House, Lawrence County,
Spearfish City Hall, Lawrence County,
Arthur Hewes House, Lawrence County,
James Corbin House, Lawrence County,
Henry Court House, Lawrence County.

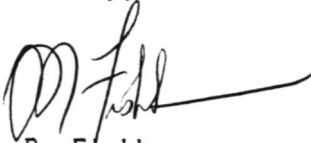
The Jackson County Board of Commissioners have submitted negative comments concerning the nomination of the Jones Ranch. Under South Dakota state law, owners of National Register properties are entitled to an eight-year moratorium on property tax assessment for improvements. The commissioners are opposed to any device that lowers their potential for increasing the tax rolls of their county. Their comments do not address the eligibility of the property. Copies of correspondence to and from the commissioners concerning this matter are enclosed for your review. It is our opinion that the property is eligible and should be listed in the National Register.

The nominations for the Lawrence County properties were written by James R. McDonald of Missoula, Montana, on a word processor format approved by your office for Historical Research Associates, a firm with which Mr. McDonald is associated. For reference, a copy of the letter from you to Janene M. Caywood of HRA approving that form is enclosed.

Shull
September 20, 1990
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Please review these documents at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact the staff of the State Historical Preservation Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. R. Fishburne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. R. Fishburne
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures