

SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORIC INVENTORY

Historic Name Windsor Block
 Location 625-631 St. Joseph Street
 Historic
 Function various retail shops

Historic Context(s)

Topic IV. Permanent Rural & Urban Pioneer Settlement
 Study Unit 1 D. Urban Development
 Study Unit 2 1. Commerce

Owner's Name Grantor: Glenn A. Plummer
 Owner's Address 629 St. Joseph St. RC 57701
Grantee: Dan & Deborah Senftner
3115 Hazen Court RC 57702
 Owner's Phone # 341 3378 (Senftner)

Dates of Construction and Founding

1886

Roll # 4; 18 Frame # 3-6; 27

Attach Photos Here ↓

The two-story Italianate Windsor Block is concealed behind a 1976 facade.
 The first floor has been altered on both St. Joseph and 7th Streets, and the interior has also been modernized.

Site Number

P.V.		RC		23
County	Township Name	City (Urban)	Neighborhood (Urban)	Number

U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name

Lots 13-16, Block 94, Original Townsite

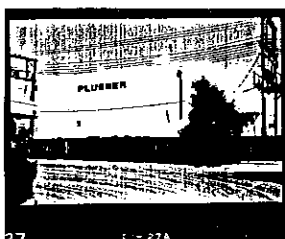
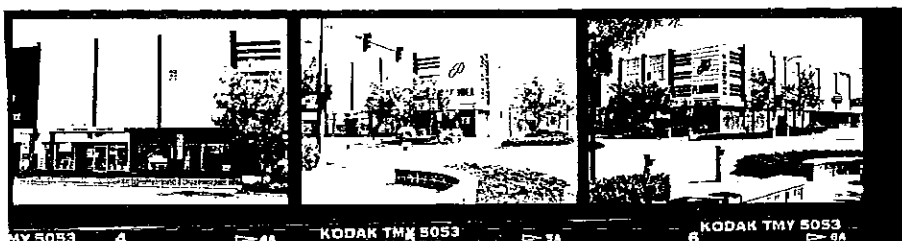
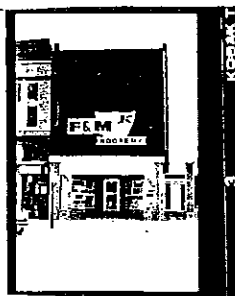
Legal Description

Q1	Q2	Sec	T	R

Surveyors Michael Koop

Date June 1990

NR Eligible	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historic Significance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local <input type="checkbox"/>
Architect. Sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>
Archaeological Sign	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nat'l <input type="checkbox"/>
Urban only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CONTEXT

Site Number/Code PN-RC-23

Statement of Significance As It Relates to the Context Topics & Study Units.

The Windsor Block does not contribute to the significance of the historic district because it has
been seriously altered.

Sources of Information

Oral Interview
(name & dates)

Black Hills Journal 16 April 1886; 12 August 1886 p.4; 3 September 1886
Black Hills Weekly Journal

Atlas
(date & publisher)

County History
(name & pages)

Deed Abstract

Building permit

Tax Records

Assessment in Equalization Office

Sanborn-Ferris
Maps (dates)

1885, 1887, 1891, 1897, 1903, 1909, 1915, 1923, 1930

Census Records

Historic Photos
(description & date)

In Sanford, The Black Hills Source p.42

Manuscripts
(name & date)

Preservation Strengths of Site

- ☒ In use and not threatened
- ☐ In good structural condition
- ☐ Owners protecting site
- ☐ Appreciated by public
- ☒ Valuable to research

Preservation Threats

- ☐ Abandonment
- ☐ Deterioration through lack of resources
- ☐ Vandalism or looting
- ☒ Inappropriate alterations
- ☐ Inappropriate or poor maintenance
- ☐ Fragile or deteriorating construction materials
- ☐ Unsound fragile condition
- ☐ Lack of support (specify by whom)

Environmental situation(s) effecting site (specify what; may include mining, flooding erosion, pollution, acid rain, weather, isolation, settlement, etc.)

Site Number/Code	Date of Bldg.	Function/Bldg.	Photo Info.	Date of Bldg.	Function/Bldg.	Photo Info.	Date of Bldg.	Function/Bldg.	Photo Info.
PN-RC-23	1886	Windmill Block							
Materials	Unknown								
Method of Construction									
Design Details									
Condition	deteriorated altered	poor maint.		deteriorated altered	poor maint.		deteriorated altered	poor maint.	
Materials	brick & metal								
Method of Construction									
Design Details									
Condition	deteriorated altered	poor maint.		deteriorated altered	poor maint.		deteriorated altered	poor maint.	
Materials	tar and gravel								
Method of Construction									
Design Details									
Shape	flat								
Condition	deteriorated altered	poor maint.		deteriorated altered	poor maint.		deteriorated altered	poor maint.	
Interior Features - Moldings, Fireplaces, Org. cabinets, Wall decoration									
Condition	deteriorated altered	poor maint.		deteriorated altered	poor maint.		deteriorated altered	poor maint.	

Wm. Hecht.
L. Davis.
Fred Mohr.
Marble.
Hicks.
Orth.
Whipple.
Church.
Pastor. Sabbath ser-
m. in the Congre-
City Street. Prayer
at 7:30 o'clock.
pal Church.
Methodist Episco-
as. I. Bartholomew,
w church. Preach-
and 7 p. m.
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evenings from 7 to
ona from 4 to 6.
RHEE, Librarian.
ythias.
No. 8, meets every
at Castle Hall.
ordially invited.
BRENNAN, C. C.
K. of R. and H.
F.
ge No. 39, I. O. O. F.
Hall every Thurs-
noon'clock. Visiting
R. McRAE, N. G.
M.
So. 25, A. F. and A.
ic Hall in regular
he first and third
Visiting brethren
PAXSON, W. M.
tary.
O. E. S. meets in
asonic Hall on the
at 7:30 p. m.
ST. FLORMANN.
Worthy Matron.
Grand Army of the
fourth Friday of
Rapid City, 8 p. m.
L. L. Commander.
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Tuesdays.
Sturgis in regard to the matter, and
found him, as the general always is,
courteous and inclined to do anything
in his power for his civilian friends not
in conflict with his duty as a military
officer. He at once said that he would
do his part toward aiding in the cele-
bration of this most important event in
Rapid City's history, and that if he
should be no longer in command at
Fort Meade at the time he would ask
as a favor of his successor that not only
the band be allowed to attend the ad-
vent of the railroad to Rapid City, but
that all the available men at the post
also be allowed to attend, to do honor to
the occasion. If this is carried out, as
proposed, it is probable the soldiers will
be encamped in or near Rapid City for
several days or probably a week. This
of itself, will prove an interesting fea-
ture of a grand celebration of a very
important event. BHW 16 Apr. 86 p. 3
—Mr. Flormann is rushing the work
on the foundations of his new block at
the southeast corner of St. Joe and
Seventh streets, and well he may, for
he is under contract to have it com-
pleted by the middle of July. He has
nearly enough brick on hand to com-
plete this block, and expects to have
plenty more burned in time for the
other block on the opposite side of the
street. WINDSOR BLOCK
School Money.
Superintendent Scriber has just
made out his April apportionment of
school money. There was \$1,531.85 to
be divided among the nine townships
and Rapid City in proportion to the
number of children of school age. This
amounts to a fraction over \$2.00 per
capita, and gives the following amounts
to the various townships:
Rapid City.....\$421 60
Rapid School Township.....269 10
Pactola.....119 60
Rochford.....83 72
Mountain City.....23 92
Mineral.....449 60
Tin.....213 20
Lone Tree.....65 78
Spring Creek.....104 65
Hammettville.....60 81
—W. G. Bower is in receipt of a let-
ter from Carl Gunderson, of Vermillion,
stating that the contract of the latter
for a survey of government land, in-
cluding several townships in Penning-
ton county has been approved, and
that he will commence the work the
board's powers would do a manifest in-
justice here in refusing to consider
these votes which were actually cast so
far as the fact of the voters was con-
cerned.
Mr. Wood made the argument against
the protest, claiming that the board
had no authority to consider the mat-
ter, but must simply add up the tally
sheets and declare the result and issue
the certificates. Each council is judge
of the election of its own members, and
the only thing for Mr. McCarthy to do
is to make his contest before the new
board. He brought out some interest-
ing incidents about the charter and the
history of elections. He was the at-
torney for the town when it was made
a city and given this charter. The
whole matter of form of election was
left to him. The charter provides that:
There shall be elected in said city by
the qualified voters thereof, a mayor, a
clerk, an assessor, a treasurer, a police
justice, and in each ward one alderman.
Mr. Wood decided this to mean that
every voter in the city might vote for
every alderman, and the first election
was so held, one box and one set of
judges and clerks being used. At a
subsequent election under direction of
the council four distinct ward polling
places were used. The last election
presented a still different one of the
possible forms, with its four boxes at
one place. However he thought the
last election legal, since the charter is
susceptible of that interpretation.
On motion of Mr. Mohr, seconded by
Mr. Davis, the council then proceeded
to foot up the poll-books and declared
the result of the election.
—In the contest for the Deadwood
shooting club's gold badge Lige Butter-
field has been victorious, having won
it in three successive matches. His
score in the last shoot was fifteen out
of a possible twenty, in which he tied
Dr. Babcock. In shooting off the tie
Butterfield scored five straight, while
the doctor got but four.
A Sample Assertion.
Better agricultural land lies within
two miles of Deadwood than can be
found in Pennington county, while
Centennial, Spearfish, Falsco Bottom
and Redwater are only a few miles fur-
ther removed. In addition exists the
fact that all mining districts of devel-
oped value in the Hills, with the ex-

HISTORY

Date of founding of institution or of settlement _____

Previous owners of the site _____

First owners Robert Florman
and dates
of ownership 1886-?

Place of origin of owners _____

Date owners came to SD (& USA) _____

Occupation of owners _____

Historic owners: religious affiliation _____

Historic owners: social (fraternal) affiliations _____

Historic uses of the site (& buildings) _____

Builder's name unknown

Architect's name unknown

Date of commission _____ Date of construction 1886

History (attach research materials to file)

When it opened, the Windsor Block had three shops in business: a millinery and painting shop, grocery, and grain store. In 1897 three of the four shops were vacant.