

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

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County

Township Name

City (Urban)

Neighborhood (Urban)

Number

U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name

Lots 13-16, Block 94, Original Townsite

Legal Description

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Surveyors Michael Koop

Date June 1990

NR Eligible

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Historic Significance

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Urban only

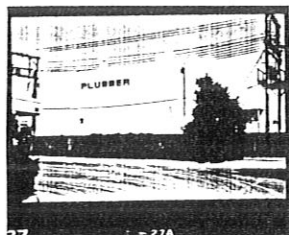
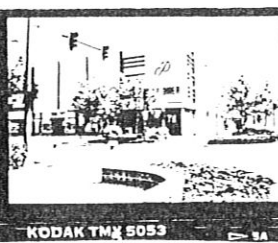
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CONTEXT

Site Number/Code PN-PC-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 officeSanborn-Ferris
Maps (dates)1885, 1887, 1891, 1897, 1903, 1909, 1915, 1923, 1930

Census Records

Historic Photos
(description & date)In Sanford, The Black Hills Souvenir p.42Manuscripts
(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.
PN-RC-23	1886	Windsor Block						
Materials	FOUNDATION	Unknown						
Method of Construction								
Design Details								
Condition		deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	
Materials	WALLS	brick & metal						
Method of Construction								
Design Details								
Condition		deteriorated _____ altered _____ ✓	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	
Materials	ROOF	t.o. 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	INTERIOR							
Condition		deteriorated _____ altered _____ ✓	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	deteriorated _____ altered _____	poor maint. _____	

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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 celebration 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 advent 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 feature of a grand celebration of a very important event. *BHN 16 4p 26 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 completed by the middle of July. He has nearly enough brick on hand to complete 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 50
Rochford	83 72
Mountain City	23 92
Mineral	449 50
Tin	213 29
Lone Tree	65 78
Spring Creek	104 65
Hammettville	50 83

—W. G. Bower is in receipt of a letter from Carl Gunderson, of Vermillion, stating that the contract of the latter for a survey of government land, including several townships in Pennington county has been approved, and

justice here in refusing to consider these votes which were actually cast so far as the fact of the voters was concerned.

Mr. Wood made the argument against the protest, claiming that the board had no authority to consider the matter, 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 interesting incidents about the charter and the history of elections. He was the attorney for the town when it was made a city and given this chapter. 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 Butterfield 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, False Bottom and Redwater are only a few miles further removed. In addition exists the fact that all mining districts of devel-

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HISTORY

Date of founding of institution or of settlement _____

Previous owners of the site _____

First owners Robert Floorman
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)

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