

SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

Historic Name _____

Address/Location 920 ST. JAMES ST.

Common Name _____

Historic Function _____

Historic Context(s) _____

Owner's Name _____

Owner's Address _____

Owner's Phone # _____

Date(s) of Construction _____

Photographer _____

Roll # _____ Frame #'s _____
(Attach Photographs Below)

Site Number

PN RC RC WB 384
CTY TWP CIT NBH NUM

DBASE _____

U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name _____

Legal Description

Q1 Q2 SEC TWP RNG

Urban LOT _____ BLK _____
Only ADD _____

Surveyors _____

Date _____

NR Eligible Yes _____ No _____
Future NR Yes _____ No _____

Significance

HIST ARCH ARCE
 NATL STAT LOCL

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Function House

Historic
Context(s) VI. The Great Depression

Site Number
PN -RC -RC -WB -00384
CTY TWP CIT NBH NUM

DBASE 0000000000

U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name

Legal Description
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Q1 Q2 SEC TWP RNG
Urban Only BLK 39
LOT E80' L21 + alley
ADD West Boulevard

Owner's Name Lorina L. Skulborstad

Owner's Address 920 St. James Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Owner's Phone # (605) 348-5049

Date(s) of Construction 1937

Photographer D. Martin
Roll # 2 Frame #'s 14A & 16A
(Attach Photographs Below)

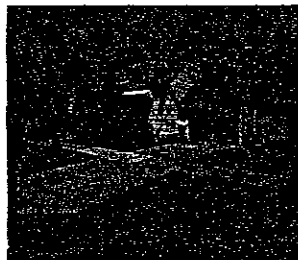
Surveyors
D. Martin/RTI

Date 07/01/1992

NR Eligible Y

Future NR Y

Significance HIST, ARCH
LOCL



Miscellaneous Historical Information:

Research indicates the house was built in 1937. Boyd Leedom received a water permit for the property in that year, but no further documentation was found to confirm if Leedom ever resided at this address.

Bibliography:

Oral Interview (Name, Date & Relationship to Site)

Atlas (Date & Publisher)

County History (Title & Pages)

Deed Abstract

Tax Records Assessors' Card: 1937

Sanborn-Ferris Maps (Dates)

1923 & 1930: vacant

Census Records

Historical Photos (Description & Date)

Manuscripts (Name & Date)

Directories (Type & Date)

R.L. Polk: 1939

Other Sources Rapid City Public Works, Water Permit #2535: Boyd
Leedom, 29 April 1937

General Information:

Building # 1

Site No. PN-RC -RC-WB-00384 Date of Construction 1937 Photos 14&16A
 Function House & garage Plan Form Rectangular + garage Height (Stories) 1
 Method of Overall
 Style Minimal Traditional Construction Wood-frame Condition E

Additions & Alterations (Types & Dates)

Evaluation of Specific Elements:

Foundation: Materials Concrete Condition E

Walls: Cladding Masonite siding Condition E

Windows: General/ Unique	Type	Glazing Pattern	Condition	Location
G	Double-hung, wood-sash	1/1, 6/1, & 6/6	E	
U	Fixed w/ sidelights	Single	E	South

Doors: Type	Glazing Pattern	Condition	Location
Wood-paneled		E	South

Roof: Form Side gable Materials Asphalt shingles Condition E

Dormer: Type Condition
 Location(s)

Chimneys/Ventilators: Materials Brick chimney Condition E
 Location(s) Interior: north slope

Porches: Materials	Condition	Height (Stories)	Roof Configuration	Location
Open: concrete stoop	E	1	none	South

Bays/Towers: Form Condition Height(Stories) Location(s)

Significant Exterior Details:

Attached garage (east): masonite siding; fixed windows with 2x3 panes; overhead garage door; and gable roof

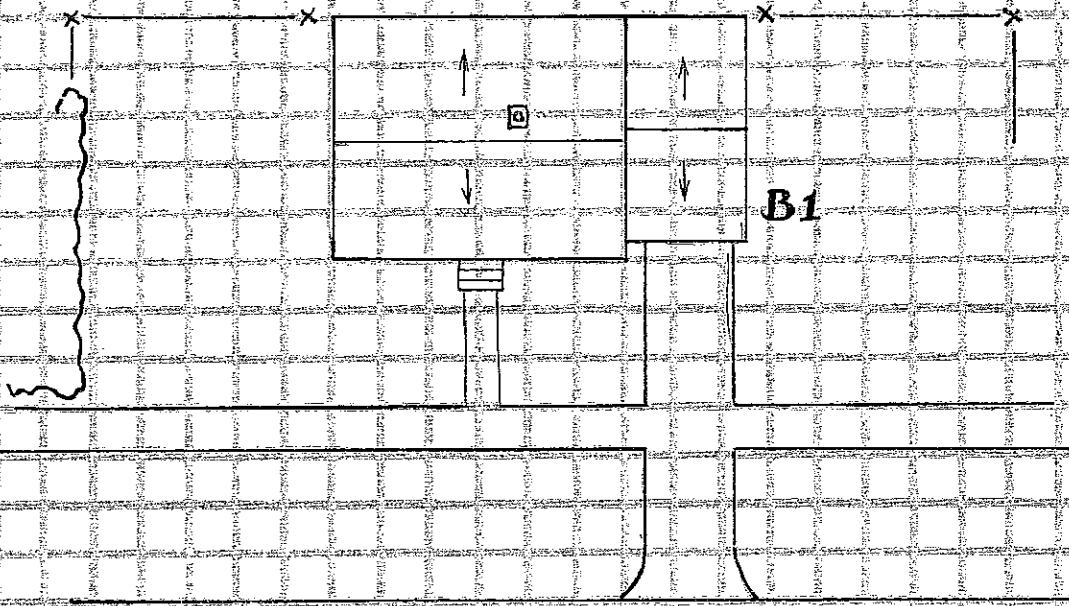
Significant Interior Details:

Not accessed

Site Plan: Indicate all door and window openings, roof shapes, and landscape features.



Indicate North



ST. JAMES ST.

Preservation Strengths of the 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 Condition
- Lack of Support (Specify by Whom)

Environmental Situations Effecting Site (Specify What: May Include Mining, Flooding, Erosion, Pollution, Acid Rain, Weather, Isolation, Development, Etc.)

Dates:

Founding of Institution or Settlement 1876
Town and Addition Plated 1877 1886 Initial Construction of Structure 1937

Original Owners:

Name (Include Spouse if Known)
Place of Origin
Date Arrived in S.D. 0000 In USA 0000

Occupation(s)

Religious Affiliation
Social/Fraternal Affiliation

Other Previous Owners:

Names and Dates of Occupation Charles & Dorothy Swander (R.L. Polk,
1939: lists Charles as store manager for
Swander Baking Company)

Structural History:

Architect's Name and
Date of Commission

Builder's Name
Pattern, Book and Number/Name

Historic Uses of the Site House

Changes in Use

Statement of Historical Significance: (Including Relation to Historic
Context Topics and Study Units)

This house has the potential to contribute to the West Boulevard Historic District. It is significant for its association with the development of the West Boulevard neighborhood in Rapid City from 1878 to 1942. Built in 1937, the house corresponds to the Great Depression, a time of economic uncertainty across the nation. Rapid City experienced limited construction in the early Depression years. In the mid 1930s, however, its construction industry revive largely because of the city's relatively healthy and diverse economy; many new homes were built in the West Boulevard neighborhood. This house helps to illustrate the economic vitality of the city during the Depression, as well as the varied social and economic status of those living in the West Boulevard neighborhood. It also serves as a representative example of the Minimal Traditional style, widely built across the nation in the years immediately proceeding and following World War II.