

ANDERSON DAIRY RANCH, HOUSE
Frawley ~~Historic~~ Ranch, National Historic Landmark
Centennial Valley, R. R. 2
Spearfish Vicinity
Lawrence County
South Dakota

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Location: Approximately 2.6 miles west of Whitewood, South Dakota, immediately south of Interstate 90.

Present Owner: Frawley Ranch, Inc.
R. R. 2
Spearfish, SD 57783

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The house, along with the springhouse and barn, show a continuity in the use of native cut stone and is an excellent example of rural architecture.

Part I. Historical Information

A. Physical History:

1. Date of Erection: Ca. 1888
2. Architect: Not known.
3. Owners: James Anderson
4. Builder, Contractor, Supplies: The builder and contractor are unknown. The stone was obtained from a quarry located to the north of the ranch. The wood was cut from trees on the ranch.
5. Original plans and construction: The house, as shown on a Ca. 1888 photograph, was constructed of native limestone walls and a wood shingle roof.
6. Alterations and additions: Exterior alterations include the removal of the original bay window assembly and awnings. Some of the bay window components were reused in the existing window. A concrete slab has been constructed over a new lower level room located on the East Side of the home. The slab creates an entry porch to the upper level of the home. The interior has been significantly altered in the 1980s. Most of the interior partitions were removed or had all finishes removed. Some new wood framing has been added in non-historical locations. The interior of the stone walls has been covered with a hydraulically applied concrete coating.

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B. Historical Context: The regular coursed cut stone home was constructed Ca. 1888 as the residence for the Anderson Family. The home, built into the hillside above the springhouse, is adjacent to the wagon trail to Deadwood. It, along with the springhouse and barn, is evidence of the success of the Anderson Family.

Part II. Architectural Information

A. General Information

1. Architectural Character: The house is of architectural merit based on the integrity of its exterior, which makes it an excellent example of rural architecture.
2. Condition of Fabric: Good with the exception of the doors and windows which are in poor condition.

B. Detailed Description of Exterior

1. Overall Dimensions: The overall dimensions of the floor plan are 28'-7" x 30'-5".
2. Foundations: Foundation constructed of native limestone of loose rubble with minimum depth below grade.
3. Walls: The stone walls are constructed of native limestone, double wythe in coursed pattern. The openings have brick segmented arches and limestone window sills.
4. Structural System, framing: The walls are load-bearing stone walls. The second floor structure consists of 2 x 8 joist and 1" thick sheathing boards. The roof is constructed of 2 x 6 wood rafters and 2 x 6 collar ties serving as ceiling rafters.
5. Chimneys: A brick chimney is located in the center of the roof.
6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: The panel doors, which vary in size, are located on the east and west elevations. The frames are 2 inch dimensional lumber of varying depths with wood panel doors.
 - b. Windows: The frames are 2 inch dimensional lumber of varying depths with one over one wood sash.
7. Roof:

- a. Shape: The hipped roof is covered with wood shingles.
- b. Eaves: The eaves are constructed of wood fascia and soffit materials.

C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: The two story plan is almost square in shape. Due to the change in the plans, it is difficult to determine the original layout of the rooms.
2. Stairways: There is a single stair from lower level to upper level.
3. Flooring: There is concrete on the lower level, and 1 x 6 tongue and groove flooring on the second floor.
4. Wall and Ceiling finish: The walls are exposed native limestone covered with a concrete coating. All ceiling finishes have been removed.
5. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: All interior doors have been removed.
 - b. Windows: There is no interior trim.
6. Hardware: All the original hardware has been removed.

Part III. Source of Information

A. Architectural Drawings: None Available.

B. Early Views: Two early photographs of the Ranch exist, both are included (See HABS No. SD-22-2 and HABS No. SD-22-3). The photographs were obtained from Henry Frawley III. The earlier photograph, Ca. 1877, shows the original Dairy Ranch Complex. The later photograph, Ca. 1888, shows the existing stone home and barn.

C. Interviews: Henry Frawley III was interviewed September 29, 1998 at the Frawley Ranch House. He is the grandson of Henry Frawley, Sr., and Catherine Anderson Frawley.

D. Bibliography:

National Historic Landmark Condition Assessment Report, Frawley Ranch, Anderson Dairy Ranch, Spearfish, South Dakota, 1990-1991.

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1998.