

Superior Coal Mines,
Frame House
Sections 28, 29, T21N, R102W
Horse Thief Canyon
Old Superior Mines and Townsite
about 1/4 mile north of South Superior
Sweetwater County *South Superior Vicinity*
Wyoming

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Frame House: 48SW4068, Structure R (SE/SE/NE/NE Section 29, T21N, R102W 12/668360E/4625940N).

Structure R is a partially dismantled wood frame house. The house is located at the end of a small southwest to northeast trending valley along the south side of Horse Thief Draw. The structure is located approximately 1/2 mile northwest of Superior.

The structure is a wood frame house which has been partially disassembled through abandonment and vandalism. The house is an L-shaped wood frame structure on a concrete foundation. The house is basically rectangular with the long axis running north to south. A small south wing extends south from the south end of the house. The overall dimensions are, including the south wing, 49 feet 10 inches north to south, by 20 feet 4 inches east to west. The south wing is 9 feet 10 inches long north to south by 8 feet 0 inches east to west. The roof of the structure is a hipped roof with a smaller hipped roof covering the south wing and merging with the main roof.

Structure R has windows in all elevations, however, the spacing of these windows is not uniform or systematic. Along the east elevation three windows are present. Due to the removal of wood siding and wooden studs, any additional openings are no longer evident. The southernmost window in the east elevation is located 2 feet 11 inches north of the southeast corner. The glass, wood frames, and surrounds have been removed, however, the opening in the wall is 2 feet 11 inches wide and 4 feet 9 inches tall. Two openings for windows were found in the north end of the east wall with one being found 5 feet 3 inches south of the northeast corner and the second being found 15 feet 1 inches south of the northeast corner. Both windows lack glass panes, wood frames, or surrounds, however, both openings are similar in size to the southern window opening. If a doorway was present in the east elevation, all traces of it have been removed.

The north elevation has one opening, a large window located 9 feet 10 inches west of the northeast corner. This window is 6 feet 7 inches wide and 4 feet 10 inches tall. All glass as well as wooden frames and surrounds have been removed.

Much of the west elevation, especially in the northwest corner of the house has been removed. Four openings were noted in the west elevation consisting of three windows and a doorway. The northernmost window is located 29 feet 2 inches south of the northwest corner. The window is 3 feet 3 inches wide and 4 feet 8 inches tall. All glass as well as frames and surrounds have been removed. Two windows and a doorway were found in the southern portions of the west elevation. One window is located 12 feet 8 inches north of the southwest corner and the second window was located 18 feet 4 inches north of the southwest corner. Both windows are 3 feet 3 inches wide and 4 feet 8 inches tall. Both

have had all glass as well as wooden frames and surrounds removed. A doorway was also noted in the west elevation. The doorway is 6 feet 7 inches north of the southwest corner. The door is 3 feet 4 inches wide and 6 feet 7 inches tall. The door and door frame have been removed.

The south elevation of the south wing has a single opening. This is a window. The window is located 3 feet 4 inches west of the southeast corner of the wing. The window is 1 foot 11 inches wide by 2 feet 4 inches tall. The glass as well as the frames and wooden surrounds are missing.

One opening was noted in the foundation of the east elevation of the south wing. This opening is a window. It is located 5 feet 7 inches north of the southeast corner of the south wing. The window is 2 feet 11 inches wide and 1 foot 11 inches tall. The window has a frame of plain 2 inch x 4 inch boards, however, the glass has been removed.

Finally two windows are present in the south elevation. One is located in the foundation and the second is located in the elevation itself. The window in the foundation is located 7 feet 6 inches west of the southeast corner. The window is 2 feet 2 inches wide and 1 foot 11 inches tall. The glass has been removed, however, a frame of 2 inch x 4 inch boards remains in the opening. The second window is found in the elevation. This window is located 4 feet 7 inches west of the southeast corner. The window is 3 feet 3 inches wide and 4 feet 8 inches tall. The glass frames and surrounds have been removed.

The interior of the frame house contains a ground floor and a basement. The ground floor floor plan has been impacted through the removal of several internal dividing walls either as a result of abandonment, or later by vandalism. The internal walls consist of pink painted plaster and lathe while the flooring is tongue and grooved wood planking. The ground floor consists of two large rooms, one covering most of the north half of the structure and one covering much of the south half. The dividing wall between the two has been largely removed, although small sections of it may reflect closets. The north room measures 11 feet 6 inches north to south by 20 feet 1 inch east to west. Two small rooms are located in the northwest corner of the house adjacent to the north room. Both have access to the north room, however, because most of the exterior wall in the north end of the west elevation is missing, it is not known if these rooms provided access from outside. The northernmost of the northwest rooms is 6 feet 9 inches long north to south by 4 feet 3 inches wide. A doorway 2 feet 11 inches wide by 6 feet 6 inches tall is located at the north end of the east wall providing access to the north room. The south room is 10 feet 6 inches long north to south by 4 feet 3 inches wide. A doorway 2 feet 11 inches wide by 6 feet 6 inches tall is located in the center of the south wall.

The south room located directly south of the north room is also relatively large. The room is 27 feet 3 inches long north to south by 27 feet 5 inches wide. Portions of dividing walls in the northwest corner of the south room may represent the wall dividing the south room from the north as well as closets. One dividing wall extends 12 feet 2 inches eastward from the west wall. It may originally have extended further. A doorway is located 5 feet 3 inches east of the west wall. The doorway is 2 feet 11 inches wide and 6 feet 6 inches tall. No door remains of this doorway. A second small section of wall 5 feet 1 inch long is located 4 feet 3 inches south of the first dividing wall section. On this wall as well as the first wall all that remains are the wooden studs and some small sections of lathe and plaster.

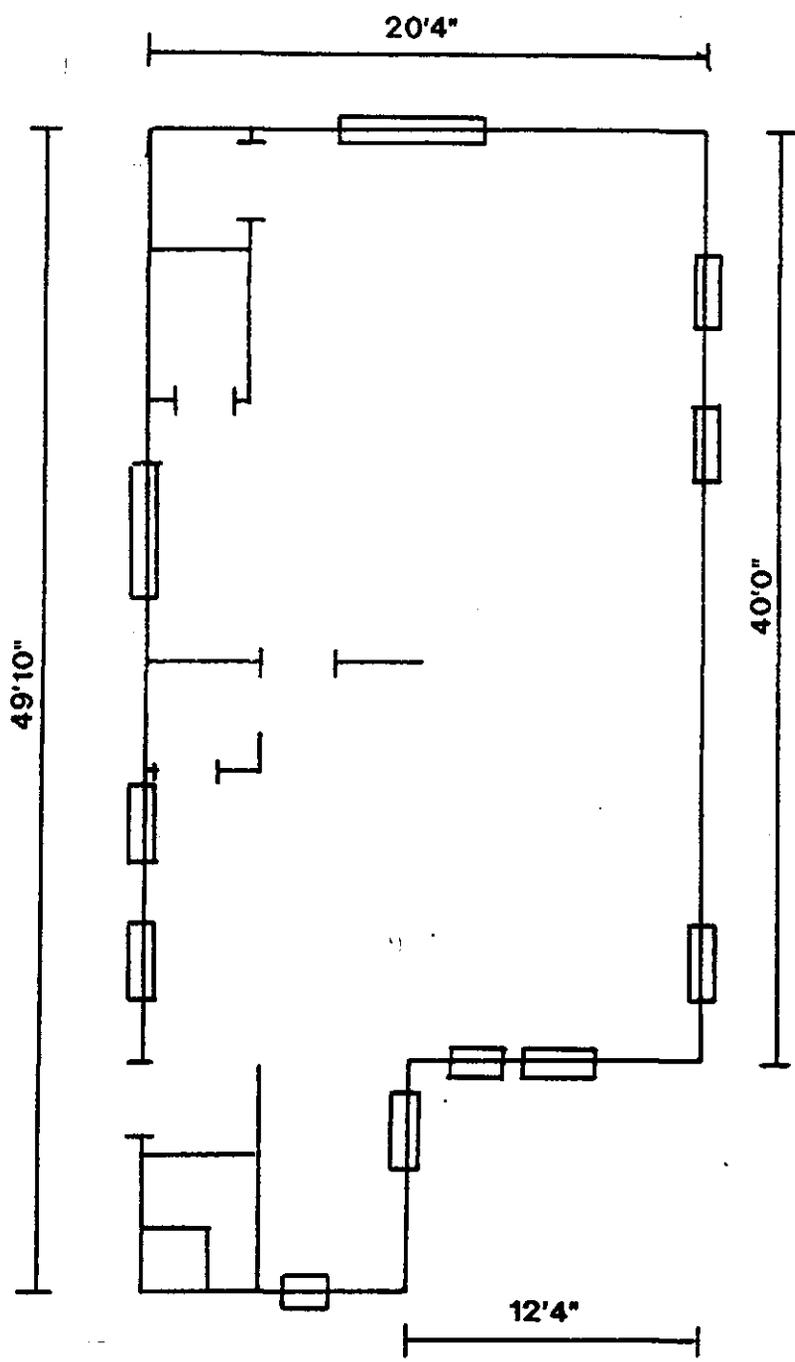
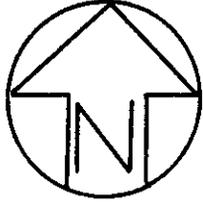
Two small rooms fill the south wing of the house. The room in the west half of the wing is 5 feet 11 inches long north to south by 5 feet 1 inch east to west. This room contains an opening permitting access to the basement. The east room in the south wing is 5 feet 11 inches long north to south by 7 feet 1 inch east to west.

In addition to the ground floor, the frame house also has a basement which runs the length of the structure. The basement is divided into four sections. The northernmost is a shallow cement lined crawl space comprising the northern section of the north room. This portion of the basement has concrete walls on all four sides preventing access to the remaining sections of the basement. The depth of this portion of the basement is 2 feet 11 inches. Most of the flooring above this crawl space has been removed.

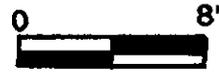
South of this enclosed crawl space is the largest portion of the basement. Its overall length is 27 feet 3 inches and its width is 24 feet 3 inches. This area is largely filled with earth and the gap between the floor and ground level is slightly more than one foot. The main portion of the basement is found under the south wing and southwestern portions of the house. This consists of two rooms, a larger western room measuring 10 feet 6 inches east to west by 22 feet 0 inches north to south and a smaller east room measuring 5 feet 11 inches by 5 feet 11 inches. Access to the basement was via wooden steps in the southwest corner. These steps have collapsed. Access from the west basement room to the east room was through a doorway 11 feet 9 inches north of the southeast corner of the west room. The doorway was 3 feet 3 inches wide by 6 feet 6 inches tall. The east room contains a wooden pallet on the floor. No other features were found in the basement.

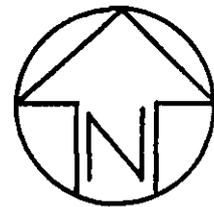
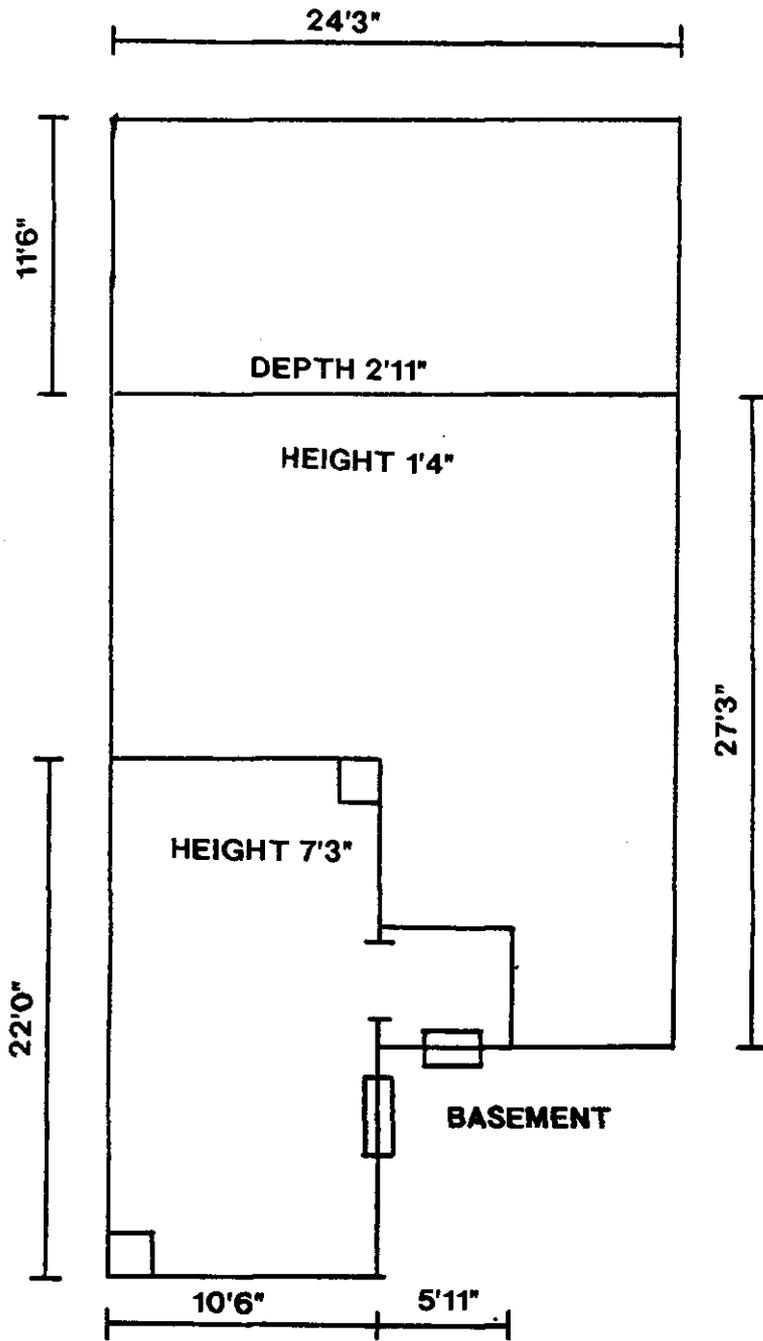
The frame house is in poor condition. Much of the wooden siding as well as exterior frames and interior dividing walls have been removed. Doors and windows have also been removed as has been sections of the floor. This has compromised the structural integrity of the building, causing it to be a hazard to passersby.

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