

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Lead Historic District

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: SOUTH DAKOTA, Lawrence

DATE RECEIVED: 11/08/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/25/13
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 74001892

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 12.24.13 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept
REVIEWER Edouard Beall DISCIPLINE History
TELEPHONE _____ DATE 12.24.13

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this nomination ____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property ____ meets ____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local
Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B C D

<u>Jay D. Vogt</u>	11-06-2013
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
<u>South Dakota SHPO</u>	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property ____ meets ____ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide x local
Applicable National Register Criteria:

 x A B x C D

Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.	

Signature of commenting official:	Date

Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>419</u>	<u>164</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>420</u>	<u>164</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 419

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late Victorian: Folk Victorian, Vernacular

Late 19th and 20th Century American Movements: Bungalow, Craftsman, American Foursquare, Prairie School

Late 19th and Early 20th Century Revivals: Colonial Revival, Mission Revival, Tudor Revival

Modern Movement: Minimal Traditional, Ranch Style

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: **Concrete:** poured, block; **Stone;** **Wood:** shingle;

Asphalt: shingle; **Wood:** weatherboard, shingle; **Stucco;** **Synthetics:** vinyl; **Glass;** **Metal**

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Narrative Description

The powder house is located in Lead, Lawrence County, South Dakota. It is located in the Lead Historic District. In the original nomination, an error was made and it was not included. This likely occurred because the powder house did not have a street address. It is now 437 Hearst.

The powder house has a rectilinear footprint and gable roof. It is constructed of locally quarried sandstone. It has synthetic shingles. The east and south elevations have no openings. The north and west elevation have modern glass and wood doors. A deck on the north and west elevation was added when the property was converted to residential use.

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Significance

The areas of significance of the Lead Historic District are **architecture, mining, and community development**. The powder house is significant under **Criterion A** for its mining connection and under **Criterion C** for its architecture.

The powder house was constructed circa 1890 to house blasting powder used at the Homestake mine, the largest gold mine in the world. As the *Lead Historic District National Register of Historic Places* nomination points out, “Mining was the economic foundation for Lead and the surrounding communities, and the history of mining and the development of the Homestake Mining Company are intimately associated with the history of Lead and its resources.”

Powder houses held dynamite and other blasting-related materials. Because of this use they were designed to be sturdy structures. Unlike most mining-related buildings in Lead which were constructed of wood, powder houses were built of stone or brick. They were built with thick walls to lessen the impact of an explosion should something go wrong. The thick walls and limited openings also kept the powder at a more cool and constant temperature for safety purposes.

Powder houses were located throughout the large holdings of the Homestake claim. They were not located in proximity to each other for safety purposes. As mining locations and techniques changed over the years, powder houses became obsolete. Because they were not being used, many fell into disrepair or were sold. Consequently, few of these building remain in the district or throughout the locality.

There are also very few buildings remaining in Lead from the early mining era. Mining, by nature, is a constantly evolving technical process. Once a building or technology becomes obsolete, it is removed. Powder houses are one of the few resources that have not changed over years. When the mine finally closed in 2002, many mining structures and buildings were razed as part of reclamation. Buildings like the powder house remain as a testament to Lead’s mining past and the glory of the Homestake – the largest gold mine in the world.

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Photo Log

Name of Property: Lead Historic District Powder House 437 Hearst

City or Vicinity: Lead

County: Lawrence

State: SD

Photographer: CB Nelson

Date Photographed: 1 August 2013

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 3.

SD_LawrenceCounty_LeadHistoricDistrictPowderHouse437Hearst_0001	West
SD_LawrenceCounty_LeadHistoricDistrictPowderHouse437Hearst_0002	East
SD_LawrenceCounty_LeadHistoricDistrictPowderHouse437Hearst_0003	South

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