

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Cook, Harold J., Homestead Cabin

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEBRASKA, Sioux

DATE RECEIVED: 9/13/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/30/13  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
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REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 10.30.13 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Additional Documentation Approved**

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept  
REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE History  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 10.30.13

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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County and State	N/A
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The Harold Cook Homestead Cabin/Bone Cabin (25SX290/ SX00-28 NRHP listed 1977) was built in 1911 and is located west of Carnegie and University Hills and is directly associated with twenty-five years of fossil excavations there. It is a one-story, wood-frame building with a shallow gable roof over the central portion and shallow gables capping two smaller additions. A shed roof porch, partially enclosed, extends across the main façade on the east. All portions are sheathed with composition rolled roofing. Exterior walls are wood, both vertical board and batten and horizontal flush boards. The windows vary in size and are predominantly multi-pane, louvered or fixed sash. The entire structure now rests on a concrete and stone foundation. Several historic landscape features are within close proximity of the cabin. The fence lines and fence materials date from several different periods, but represent the wood post and barbed wire enclosure that has been historically associated with the cabin since its arrival at the site. The windmill, built in 1942, stands in the same location as the original homestead windmill.

The sites of several outbuildings associated with fossil excavations are included in the existing 1977 National Register nomination for the Bone cabin and they include: American Museum of Natural History shack (museum shack), east of the cabin; storm cellar, southeast of the cabin; larger barn (barn A), southeast of the cabin; privy, southeast of the cabin; and smaller barn (barn B), southwest of the cabin. These five sites were not extant at the time the nomination was written in 1977 and then amended in 1985. The sites were identified through the historical record; however, no surface remains are present to identify the sites or their precise locations. These sites were reevaluated during the research and writing phase of the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument historic district nomination. The 1985 nomination recognizes that by about 1950 these five resources were no longer extant. These sites do not currently provide any potential to yield information under Criterion D, and as such this amendment to the Bone Cabin nomination documents that these properties do not contribute to the site.

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Because there are no longer any surface remains of these sites, and no sub-surface archeological testing is planned for these locations, they are not recommended as contributing resources to the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument historic district nomination, and this amendment form to the 1985 nomination recommends removing them from the resource count of the Harold Cook Homestead Cabin/Bone Cabin National Register nomination. However, future archeological efforts such as ground penetrating radar or subsurface testing may identify features that could contribute to the historic archeology of the site. The existing nomination also identifies the stock tank that was added in the 1950s as a noncontributing resource because of its date of construction. This amendment recommends the stock tank as a contributing feature because it has reached the 50 year age recommendation, and contributes to the function of the Bone Cabin as a ranch and homestead property.

This document includes adding the stock tank as a contributing resource to the Bone Cabin nomination, and removes the American Museum of Natural History shack (museum shack), east of the cabin; storm cellar, southeast of the cabin; larger barn (barn A), southeast of the cabin; privy, southeast of the cabin; and smaller barn (barn B), southwest of the cabin.

