

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY STRUCTURE FORM**



**SITE INFORMATION**

\*SURVEY DATE: January 8, 2013 \*ADDRESS: 46913 303rd Street  
\*SURVEYOR: Jim Stone \*COUNTY: Clay  
\*CITY: Beresford

LOCATION DESCRIPTION: From Vermillion, South Dakota Highway 50, East 2 miles to Greenfield Road, Turn left (North) 15-1/4 miles, on left (West) side

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bylander Tracts 1 & 2, SE 1/4, NE 1/4, 3 - 94 - 51 Garfield Twp.

\*QUARTER 1: NE 1/4  
\*QUARTER 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*TOWNSHIP: Garfield  
\*RANGE: 51  
\*SECTION: 3  
ACRES: 5.84

OWNER NAME: Karin L. Woltjer  
OWNER ADDRESS: 30337 Greenfield Road  
OWNER CITY: Beresford  
OWNER STATE: South Dakota  
OWNER ZIP: 57004  
QUAD NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER CODE 1: P  
OWNER CODE 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
OWNER CODE 3: \_\_\_\_\_

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE**

\*DOE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*DOE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
REASON INELIGIBLE: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
MULTIPLE PROPERTY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATION STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE LISTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
REFERENCE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
HISTORIC DISTRICT RATING: C or NC  
PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 1: N S L  
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 2: N S L  
CRITERIA 1: A B C D  
CRITERIA 2: A B C D  
CRITERIA 3: A B C D  
CRITERIA 4: A B C D

SIGNIFICANCE NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

**STRUCTURE DETAILS**

\* = REQUIRED FIELD

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SHPO ID: CL00300009

\*PROPERTY NAME: Daniel A. Messler Homestead

OTHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT FUNCTION: Shop

FOUNDATION: Native rock, no mortar

CURRENT SUBFUNCTION: Storage

ROOF MATERIAL: Asphalt shingles over cedar shingles

HISTORIC FUNCTION: Livestock barn

ROOF SHAPE: Gable

HISTORIC SUBFUNCTION: Hay storage

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: Balloon framing  
Gable roof  
Swedish

STYLE: barn

OCCUPIED: Yes  
Yes with

TYPE: Livestock barn  
2x4 R.S. with 1x6

ACCESSIBLE: permission

WALLS: #106 drop siding

STORIES: 2

SIGNIFICANT PERSON: Daniel A. Messler

\*DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Pre 1880

CULTURAL AFFILIATION: Swedish

ALTERED/MOVED NOTES: Original site. Any evidence of milk cow stanchions or stalls has been re-moved. 9'-6"x26' lean-to added on the North side at a later date. Several 2x4 posts have been added in the hayloft to support sagging rafters. Also 2x6 horizontal braces have been added in the hayloft to keep the East and West walls from spreading apart.

INTERIOR NOTES: Has two rows of 6x6 posts, with 4x6's for a beam in the South half of the barn. Has two rows of row of 4" round posts and (2) 2x6's for a beam in the North half of the barn. There is a 2x4 stud wall with 1x8 shiplap, between the North and South sides of the barn. Floor joists are 2x6's.

OTHER NOTES: 2x4 stud walls with 1x6 #106 drop siding. Rafters are 2x4's. Nine single and one double horse stalls are still in place in the South half of the barn. A 5' x 8' granary is still in place in the SE corner of the hayloft. There is a tack room and feed room in the SE corner on the first floor directly below, the granary above. Windows are 8"x10" four light. All of the 2x4's and 2x6's and material in the horse stalls are rough sawn cottonwood. Foundation is large native stones with smaller stones fit between and no mortar.

\*PHYSICAL NOTES: Barn is in fair condition. Needs straightening. Some of the doors need re-built. Some siding needs replacing.

\*UTM ZONE: \_\_\_\_\_

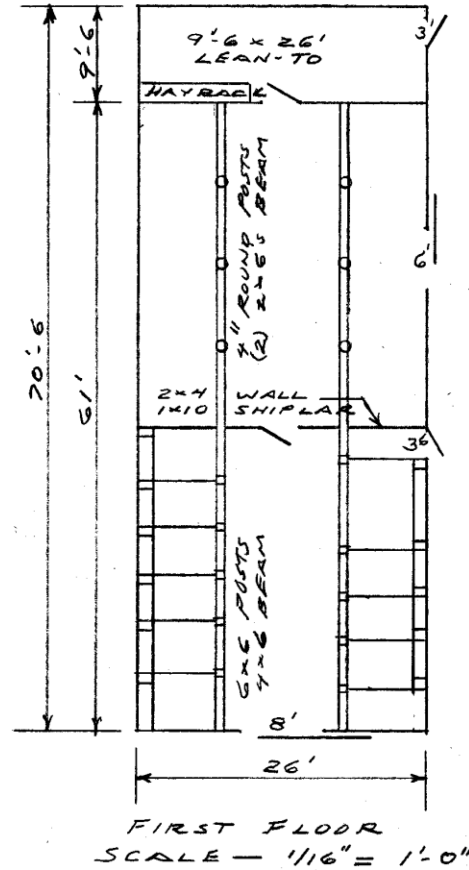
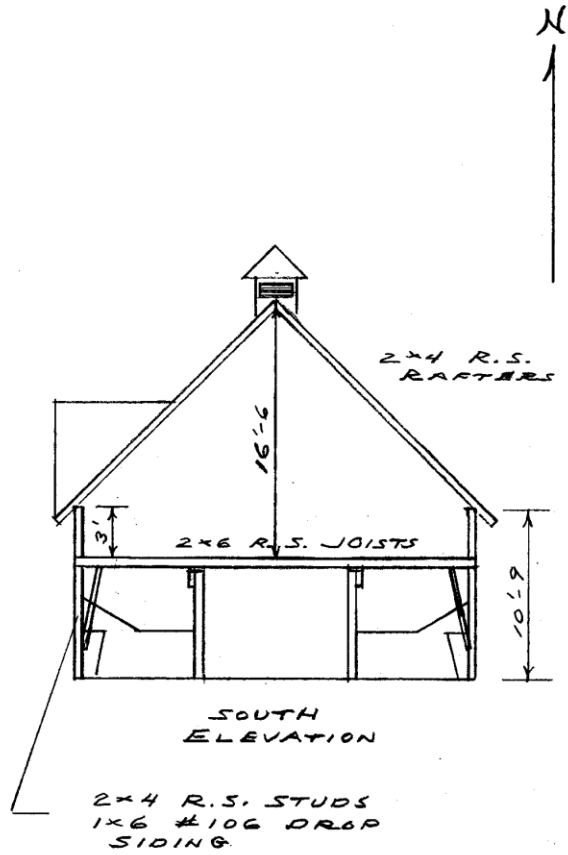
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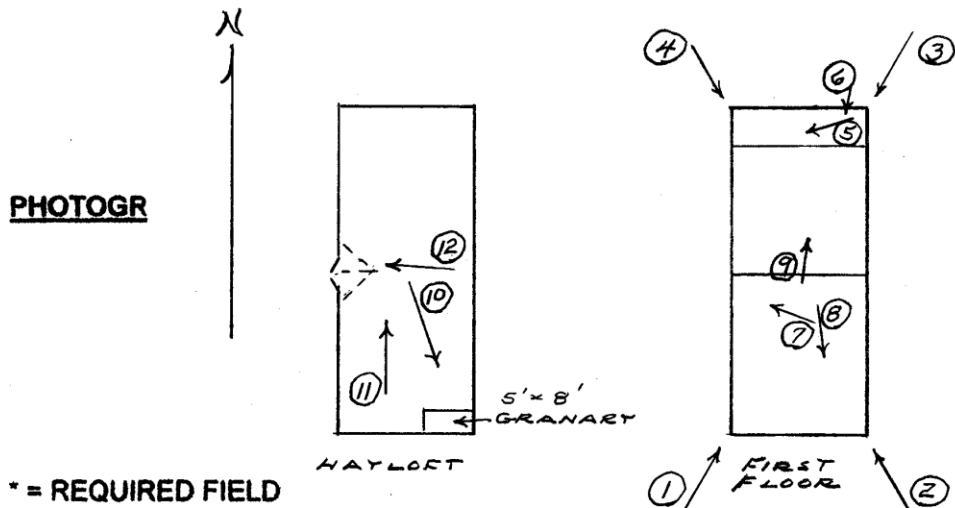
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**SKETCH MAP**



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 1  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Looking NE, SW corner



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 2  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Looking NW, SE corner

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**PHOTO NUMBER:** 3  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Looking SW, NE corner



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 4  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Looking SE, NW corner

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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 5

**CAMERA DIRECTION:** First floor, North lean-to, looking West, Hay feed rack and feed bunk.



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 6

**CAMERA DIRECTION:** First floor, inside North lean-to, looking South, large native stone foundation, no mortar.



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 7

**First floor, looking North,  
horse stalls on the West  
wall in South half of  
barn.**

**CAMERA DIRECTION:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 8

**First floor, looking SE,  
single horse stalls on  
East side in the South  
half of barn.**

**CAMERA DIRECTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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ROLL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHOTO NUMBER: 9

First floor, looking North,  
two pens, any evidence  
of what the North area  
was used for is gone.

CAMERA DIRECTION: \_\_\_\_\_



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ROLL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHOTO NUMBER: 10

Hayloft, looking SE,  
granary in the SE corner  
of hayloft.

CAMERA DIRECTION: \_\_\_\_\_



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 11

**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Hayloft, looking North, 2x4 posts and 2x6 horizontal bracing.



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**DATE OF PHOTO:** January 8, 2013

**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 12

**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Hayloft, looking West, hayloft door on the West side, note bracing to support rafters.

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## **HISTORY**

This farm located in the NE ¼ of Section 3, Garfield Township, Clay County was homesteaded by Daniel Anders Musler. He changed his last name to be more Americanized.

The 1901, 1912 and 1924 Clay County Atlas lists Daniel A. Messler as the owner. Spelling of last name was changed.

The 1937 Clay County Atlas lists Annie and Minnie Bylander as the owners.

The 1948 and 1956 Clay County Atlas lists Minnie Bylander as the owner.

*The following is from the*

### **Beresford Centennial Book 1884 – 1984**

The Messler-Bylander homestead, located on NE ¼, Section 3, in Garfield Township, Clay County was filed upon as a homestead in 1869 by Daniel Messler. Daniel was born in 1844 in Svardsjo Parish, the province of Dalarna, Sweden. He came to the United States with his brother, Erick in 1868 to the State of Illinois. While there, the brothers changed their name from Andersson to Messler. Daniel came to Dakota Territory in 1869 and filed his land claim that year, receiving patent to the land in 1876. He made application for U.S. citizenship in 1869. In the early years, Daniel worked with his brother Erik, on the railroad at Plattsmouth, Nebr., except for the number of days required in residence on the claim. On the claim, he had a dug for a home.

Daniel was married in 1884 to Anna Jansson, who was born in 1851 at Fellingsbro Parish, Narke, Orebro Lan, Sweden. She came to New York in 1882 and worked there before coming to live with a half-brother in Clay County. They lived on the homestead until they retired to Vermillion in 1919. Daniel died after a fall in 1924 and Anna returned to live on the farm until her death in 1937.

Two daughters, Anna, born in 1885 and died in 1889 and Ida (Minnie), were born to the Messlers. Minnie was schooled at the original early Newdale School and the building fallowed. As a child, she remembered hiding beneath a bed when Indians crossed th a spring across the section. She also remembers riding a bicycle or driving a buggy to get the mail once a week at the Alsen Post Office before there was rural mail delivery by horse from Beresford.



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John Bylander was born in 1883 in Ore Parish, Vastergotland, Sweden. He left his rocky rural home at the age of 13 to work in a bicycle factory in Gothenburg, Sweden and immigrated at the age of 16 to the U. S. coming to Chicago in 1900. He became a citizen in 1902 at Denver, Colorado. In 1912 John married Minnie Messler.

The bylanders first lived at Omaha where a son Daniel was born in 1916. They came to the Clay County farm in 1919 when the Messlers retired to Vermillion. Their second son, John was born at the farm in 1919. Both sons attended Newdale School. Daniel Bylander farmed the homestead until his death in 1939. Minnie Bylander continued to live on the farm until she died on 1981 at the age of 92 years.

John was married in 1946 to Elizabeth Howell, Tampa, Florida. After his wartime service with the USAF in the Pacific he was killed in 1949. They had one son John, born in 1948 who now lives a Cleveland, Ohio with his wife and three children. Daniel lived on the farm and actively farmed it from 1939 till retirement on the farm in 1981. He was married in 1949 to L’Nora Bowden, born at Hooker, in 1919 to English and Danish parents.

They have five children all of whom attended for eight years the same Newdale School as their father and grandmother. The five children are; Karin, Des Plaines, Illinois; D. Martin, Austin, Texas; Ruth, San Antonio, Texas; Nancy, Huston, Texas; and Thomas of Columbus, Ohio.

Three generations have lived on the farm since it was homesteaded and in the present house built in 1901. This house is the third residence after the original dugout used for “proving up” the claim.