

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Homestead of Stephen George

Other names/site number:

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 86 Peno Road

City or town: Sheridan State: WY County: Sheridan

Not For Publication: Vicinity: Sheridan

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

<p>_____ Signature of certifying official/Title:</p> <p>_____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
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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

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:
___ entered in the National Register
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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

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Site

Structure

Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	_____	buildings
1	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
_____	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Agricultural outbuilding/farm building = Stone barn

Domestic/single dwelling = Brick house

Natural feature/creek = Prairie Dog Creek

Other/Land Western Route = Bozeman Trail

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic/property owner personal use = Stone barn

Domestic/single dwelling = Brick house

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other/agricultural building = Stone barn

Mid-19th Century/Gothic Revival = Brick house

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Stone Barn

Foundation: Stone/limestone

Walls: Stone/fossiliferous limestone

Roof: Wood/Shingle/Metal/Tin

Principal exterior materials of the property: Brick House

Foundation: Stone

Walls: Brick

Roof: Wood/Asphalt

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Homestead of Stephen George comprises of two main buildings, a stone barn and a brick house. The barn is a two-story agricultural building with a square plan and Gable roof. The walls are constructed of fossiliferous limestone and the roof is a combination of wood shingles and metal. The limestone was probably quarried nearby in Sheridan County, Wyoming, since there are similar agricultural structures in the area. The brick house is a two-story Gothic Revival style with an L-shaped Gable roof. The main house structure has the original brick exterior surface and the roof has been rehabilitated with asphalt shingles. The sash windows have the original stone arch lintels. The house does have a recent addition where the exterior kitchen door formerly opened to a screen porch area, which now enters an open living space and basement entrance. This addition has not structurally altered the western exterior wall. The stone barn and brick house are located adjacent to each other on the 44-acre property. The front of the house faces Prairie Dog Creek and is in a cultivated lawn with surrounding flower beds. The front stone barn faces the brick house and is surrounded with open land from previous years of agriculture use. The property area also comprises of a separate garage and outbuildings. The property is in good condition and has small alterations since its original construction.

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Narrative Description

Prairie Dog Creek winds through a portion of the 44 acres of property that was settled for agriculture use on the outskirts of Sheridan. The water source is what made the site prime real estate for homesteading. Before an established homestead was on this site the land was part of the Bozeman Trail route from 1864 – 1865. Artifacts such as an iron horse bit and wagon brake have been found in the creek bed. Further historical and archeological research is needed to place the artifacts in a specific time frame with the site.

The stone barn is estimated to have been built in the late 1800s or early 1900s. The barn has a stone foundation and exterior walls that are constructed of fossiliferous limestone, which was probably quarried locally in Sheridan County. The barn is 31 feet wide and 34 feet deep. The original wooden shingle roof has been covered with metal roofing materials. From a previous property owner, the barn's exterior was painted and the current property owner removed the exterior paint to restore the barn back to the original stonewalls. The barn has 10 windows and 3 doors. The interior of the barn has a wooden slat floor and a newer staircase has been installed for the convenience of getting to the upper level. Electricity is a recent upgrade for the barn structure. The upper area of the barn shows the original roof trusses for the gable roof and the hayloft door opens to allow more light in the upstairs area along with the two small square windows. The barn is connected to a wooden addition that extends out into a fenced pasture area of the property. The agricultural wooden structures were used for a chicken coop and livestock stalls.

It is estimated that the brick house was built in the early 1900s. Local community members have collective memories about the construction of the house and that the bricks were baked onsite. In the area of the stone spring house only a few yards from the brick house, a bare area of ground stood. No grass would grow in that area near the spring house for many years and it is believed to be where the kiln was located to produce the bricks. The house has a stone foundation with basement, and the original brick house is a two-story Gothic Revival style with an L-shaped Gable roof. The brick exterior is in perfect condition and all original sash windows still have their stone lintels. In addition, the front door of the house also has the original stone lintel above the transom window. The roof has been rehabilitated with asphalt shingles. In the late 20th Century, the house had a recent addition where the exterior kitchen door formerly opened to a screen porch area. The screen porch area was extended for an open living space and basement area. This addition has not structurally altered the western exterior brick wall of the original house. The original brick wall can be seen in window cutout areas of the new addition's interior wall. The square footage of the original brick house is 1900 sq. ft. and the new addition including the basement is 1000 sq. ft.

The property area also comprises of a garage that is in between the adjacent house and barn buildings. In the rear of the house area is a small log cabin structure that has been converted into a guest bunk house with a loft, electricity, and bathroom. The cabin structure could have been one of the first buildings on the homestead site in the 1880s before the barn and house were built. The property is in good condition and has small alterations since its original construction.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Criterion A/Exploration/Settlement

Criterion B/Agriculture

Criterion B and C/Architecture

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Period of Significance

1864 – 1865

1881 – 1922

1887

Significant Dates

1864 - 1865

June 1, 1887

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Stephen George

Cultural Affiliation

US Western Expansion

US Western Settlement

Architect/Builder

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The stone barn and brick house represent the development from an 1881 preemption claim to an established homestead site, which began when there were only two houses in then current day Sheridan Wyoming. The original homesteader, Stephen George owned the property for 41 years until passing away in 1922. Mr. George was known as a rancher and a well-known pioneer of Wyoming. He is also associated with the growth and progress of Sheridan County. The homestead site is three miles outside of the City of Sheridan. The site is part of the 1864 – 1865 Bozeman Trail that is a significant route in US Western expansion. During the 1850s and 1860s Sheridan County was part of the last remnant of land where Native Indian Tribes once roamed the Great Plains before the major changes from the Western expansion migration. Through the majority of the 20th century, the Homestead of Stephen George site has been maintained as a regional resource for agricultural production for Sheridan County.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The 1864 – 1865 Bozeman Trail route went through the site of the Homestead of Stephen George. The Bozeman Trail was established in 1863 as a 535 mile short-cut from the Oregon Trail on the North Platte River near current day Casper, Wyoming. The route went through the hunting lands that were east and north of the Bighorn Mountains. These hunting lands were claimed by the Lakota, Northern Cheyenne, Arapaho and Crow tribes. Many conflicts occurred between travelers of the Bozeman Trail and the Plains Indian Tribes. U.S. Military forts were established along the Bozeman Trail to safeguard the travelers along the route. The 1864 – 1865 Bozeman Trail route went north of the Homestead of Stephen George and traveled along current day 5th Street in Sheridan then north toward the Montana State border. In the 1860s the Sheridan area was known as Mandel in the Wyoming Territory.

In 1881, Stephen George had a preemption claim on 160 acres where the stone barn and brick house stand. On June 1, 1887, Stephen George received his patent for 160 acres. Around 1891, Mr. George owned around 800 acres of land. In 1907, he is listed in the Sheridan City Directory as a cattle rancher. Mr. George was born in England in 1828 and grew up in Wisconsin. In 1859 Stephen and his brother Charles traveled west with the news of the gold rush. Mr. George was known as a rancher and a well-known pioneer of Wyoming. He is also associated with the growth and progress of Sheridan County. Stephen George owned the property for 41 years until passing away in 1922.

The stone barn and the brick house in comparison to the log cabin structure on the property visually shows Stephen George's growth as a homesteader to his establishment as a rancher and the ability to build permanent modern buildings at the turn of the century in the American west.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Larson, T.A. *History of Wyoming*. Lincoln, University of Nebraska Press, 1965.
Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, Wyoming Room
Sheridan County Record of Deeds
Stephen George's Obituary. The Sheridan Enterprise. Vol. 14, No. 172, Pg. 3, March 10, 1922

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 44 acres

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 1. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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| 1. Zone: 13 | Easting: 1425290 | Northing: 1886902 |
| 2. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 3. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 4. Zone: | Easting : | Northing: |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundaries of the property are surrounded by Wyoming State Land and two privately owned larger acreage used for agricultural purposes.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Not Known

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 dpi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Homestead of Stephen George

City or Vicinity: Sheridan, Wyoming

County: Sheridan County

State: Wyoming

Photographer: Carrie I. Edinger

Date Photographed: June 11, 2021

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

- 1 of 14. Outside front of stone barn.
- 2 of 14. Outside North side and entrance of stone barn.
- 3 of 14. Detail of outside front of stone barn.
- 4 of 14. Detail of outside exterior fossiliferous limestone.
- 5 of 14. Inside and upstairs facing the front of the stone barn.
- 6 of 14. Inside and downstairs northeast corner of the stone barn.
- 7 of 14. Front of brick house.
- 8 of 14. Detail of front door of brick house.
- 9 of 14. Detail of stone window lintel of brick house.
- 10 of 14. West side of brick house that has the newer addition.
- 11 of 14. Inside entrance area of newer addition of brick house showing original outside brick wall of house.
- 12 of 14. Inside area of newer addition of brick house showing original kitchen entrance and original outside brick wall of house.
- 13 of 14. Outside south side back of brick house.
- 14 of 14. Site artifact, horse bit, found on property in the Prairie Dog Creek.

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for each response using this form is estimated to be between the Tier 1 and Tier 4 levels with the estimate of the time for each tier as follows:

- Tier 1 – 60-100 hours
- Tier 2 – 120 hours
- Tier 3 – 230 hours
- Tier 4 – 280 hours

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