

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION SERVICES

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SPEARFISH, SOUTH DAKOTA



*Fence detail at the Frawley Ranch*

## SERVICES:

- » Evaluation of significance
- » Condition assessment
- » Treatment recommendations

## CLIENT:

National Park Service

## DATE:

1991

## Frawley Ranch Historic Building Condition Assessment

The Frawley Ranch was one of the largest and most successful cattle ranches in western South Dakota during the late 19th century. By 1900 it comprised more than 5,000 acres. Buildings of seventeen homesteads are included in the holding. The National Park Service recognized its significance by designating the property a National Historic Landmark in 1977.

By the 1990s, however, the property had fallen into disrepair to the extent that the Park Service commissioned a condition assessment to identify high priority needs for restoration and repair. Winter & Company conducted research on the property and then evaluated the condition of the key remaining buildings. Detailed work item recommendations were generated, along with cost estimates. The overall scope of restoration work was then prioritized in a series of phasing categories.



*The main ranch house at the Frawley Ranch*



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