

SOUTH DAKOTA'S ORIGINAL

1880 TOWN

22 MILES WEST OF MURDO, SOUTH DAKOTA



1880 Town shows travelers life in the past



Explore More Than 30 ORIGINAL BUILDINGS AUTHENTICALLY FURNISHED WITH THOUSANDS OF UNIQUE RELICS

When you are traveling across South Dakota on Interstate 90, there's a good place about 22 miles west of Murdo to stretch your legs. Fact is, you can stretch them clear back to 1880 as you walk down main street at 1880 Town.

When Richard Hullinger bought 14 acres at Exit No. 170 back in 1969 he had no plans for an attraction. In 1972 a gas station was built at this location along with forming an idea of an old west attraction. Later, an additional 80 acres was purchased.

About that time a movie company came to a small town nearby to film an 1880 era movie. A main street set was constructed from old buildings and a number of Indian relics and antiques were borrowed from Clarence Hullinger, Richard's father. Winter set in and the filming was abandoned. The movie com-

pany returned home giving the main street set to Clarence for the use of his artifacts. The movie set was moved to the 80 acres and the 1880 Town was born.

Along with the beginning of 1880 Town began years of collecting what is now an authentic 1880 to 1920 era town from buildings to contents. Clarence and Richard have kept historical value on an equal balance with public appeal, choosing buildings that are not only interesting to look at but are also historical-



14-SIDED ROUND BARN



ly correct for an early South Dakota town. The displays and buildings range from Indian relics from the 1870s to the fourteen-sided barn built in 1919.

A tour of the town begins here. The barn boasts an automated hay and manure handling system. It took three days and thousands of dollars to move the 45 miles from its original location south of Draper. In the barn you will see fine antique buggies, toys, stalls with horses in them, a working, turn-of-the-century, coinola, saloon piano from Deadwood.

From the barn, the whole town lies before you in a beautiful panoramic view. The first building on the north side is the Vanishing Prairie Museum. The museum was built to house the more valuable collections, many from the General Custer period. Items displayed are a pair of boots and an old army saddlebag from the Custer battlefield that were found at an Indian campsite, parade helmets worn by U.S. Cavalry Indian Scouts with the crossed arrow insignia, Indian dolls, arrowheads, a complete authentic cowboy outfit, photographs, and selected interiors of fine



VANISHING PRAIRIE EXHIBITS

Dakota homes. The collection also includes Buffalo Bill items and a tribute to the late Casey Tibbs, 19-time World Champion Rodeo Cowboy.

From there going down main street are the buildings which were part of the movie set that started 1880 Town. Each has a completely authentic display inside depicting normal 1880 life, from the playing cards on the barroom table to the merchandise on the general store shelves.

The Dakota Hotel was moved from Draper. Built in



WELLS FARGO OFFICE

1910, it still carries the scars made by cowboys' spurs on the staircase.

The Gardel & Walker Livery Barn holds a variety of early engines and two wagons from the Indian war era. On an open lot next to the livery is the antique machinery display.

St. Stephan's Church, built in 1915, was moved from Dixon, South Dakota, with everything intact, from the stained glass windows to the bell (which, along with the school and fire bell, you are free to ring).

The C&N-W Depot, Express Agency, and Telegraph Office was relocated from Gettysburg, S.D. It is filled with railroad equipment right down to a piece of wood with "Tex

K.T." carved by the king tramp in 1927.

Next on the tour through time is the land office; a completely restored national bank; the jewelry store, which was built in 1891; and the newspaper office.

The little fire company contains fire fighting rigs, reminiscent of a small town. Most of the equipment is hand pulled and operated.

In 1977 several scenes from the documentary "Love for the Land", produced by Clint Roberts, were shot at 1880



MAYOR'S OFFICE

The one-room schoolhouse will bring back many memories for those who were lucky enough to attend one. Ring the bell and step inside to see the ink-well desks, textbooks, reciting bench, and roll-up maps. Up front by the blackboard sits the huge stove that never did heat the back of the room and the view through the windows is still the same beautiful prairie that lured the attention from many a young student's studies.

About a quarter of a mile east of the town is a homestead complete with windmill, corrals, barn, house, and of course, an outhouse.

For the tourist, history buff, or antique collector, 1880 Town on Interstate 90 is a good place to stretch your legs and your imagination. The sign at the entrance reads: 1880 Town, Dakota Territory, elevation 2391 feet, population: 170 ghosts, 9 cats, 3 dogs, and 3905 rabbits. Perhaps added to that should be "And a whole lot of Western Heritage."

1. Dakota West Vol. III No. 2 Summer 1977 "Westward the Churches"

2. Dakota West Vol. III No. 3 Fall 1977 "Love for the Land"



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as told by:

ANTHON HERALD

"The ultimate trip for fans of 'Dances With Wolves'"

RAPID CITY JOURNAL

"A town typical of a time that's fast fading into history"

Smithsonian's Guide to Historic America

Pittsburg County (Okla.) News

South Dakota High Liner

Rapid City Journal

Mitchell Daily Republic

Murdo Coyote

Associated Press

Western Horseman

Shining Mountain Sentinel

South Dakota Hall of Fame

Sioux Falls Argus Leader

New York Times

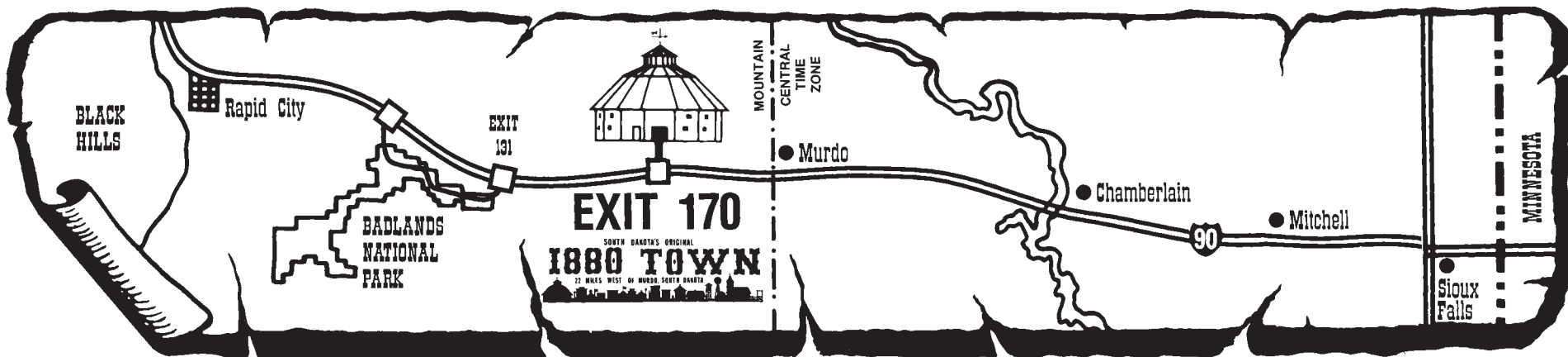
Time

Film location for:

★ Internationally televised 1994 Buick Park Avenue commercial

★ Discovery Channel Rediscovering America

★ Gateway 2000 video



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LONGHORN RANCH

A visit to the 1880 Town gives you the opportunity to view a herd of registered Texas Longhorns grazing on 1,200 acres of rolling prairie surrounding the town.

50's Train Diner

ENTER THROUGH MILWAUKEE DEPOT

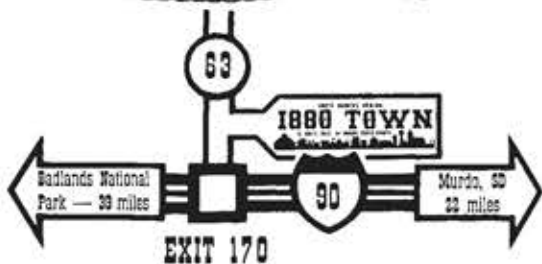
- CAFETERIA IN A 1950's RAILROAD DINING CAR
- 1950's MEMORABILIA
- BLACK HILLS & BADLANDS INFORMATION

... ADDITIONAL SERVICES ...

SHELL C-STORE

- Gas • Ice • Snacks • Beer
- Ice Cream
- Gifts - T-Shirts - Souvenirs

CAMPING 1/4 MILE NORTH
150 SITES, POOL, LAUNDRY
STORE, MILE LONG LAKE
EVENING BUFFALO BBQ



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and Longhorn Ranch

TOWN OPEN DAILY
MAY THRU OCTOBER

MAY - 8 AM UNTIL SUNSET
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST - 6 AM TO 9 PM
SEPTEMBER - 7 AM UNTIL SUNSET
OCTOBER - 8 AM UNTIL SUNSET



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| 1. 14-Sided Barn
Town Entrance Ticket Office | 13. U.S. Marshal's Office | 25. St. Stephen's Church | 39. Wagon Shop |
| 2. Movie props from
"Dances With Wolves" | 14A. Potter County Jail - 1896 | 26. Steam Locomotive
Cattle Cars, Caboose | 40. Journal & Print Shop |
| 3. Vanishing Prairie Exhibits | 14B. Jo & Lil Walker Home | 27. Water Tower | 41. Fire Company |
| 4. Barber Shop & Bath | 15. Draper Hotel | 28. Sand Tower | 42. Town Hall |
| 5. Culpepper Saloon | 16. Cowboy Line Shack | 29. Stockyards | 43. Lumber and Coal |
| 6. C.H. Hullinger Home
(1929-1933) | 17A. LONGHORN SALOON | 30. Log Cabins | 44. Pioneer Home |
| 7. Wells Fargo Stage Barn
(Concord Coaches) | 17B. Dry Goods Store
(Costume Rental) | 31. Tee Pees
from Movie "Hidalgo" | 45. Miniature Burros |
| 8. Sign Shop | 17C. Saddle Shop | 32. C & N.W. Depot - 1886 | 46. One-room School House |
| 9. Wells Fargo & Co.
Express Office | 18. Gardel & Walker Livery Barn | 33. Portrait Studio | 47. Timmons Freight Wagons
from "Dances With Wolves" |
| 10. Blacksmith | 19. Antique Machinery Display | 34. Oahe Mission
Post Office - 1881 | 48. Tee Pee from "Dances With
Wolves" |
| 11. General Store | 20. Big Foot Pass
Presbyterian Church | 35. Land Office | 49. Picnic Area |
| 12. Doctor's Office | 21. Observation Tower | 36. National Bank | 50. Milwaukee Depot
(entrance to 50's Train Diner) |
| | 22. Old Homestead | 37. Jewelry Store - 1892 | 51. Jim & Jake, lead mules
from "Dances with Wolves" |
| | 23. Longhorn Ranch | 38. Feed and Seed | |
| | 24. Lulu the T-Rex | | |

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