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**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 How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Garfield Township Hall  
other names/site number N/A

**2. Location**

street & number 46667 306<sup>th</sup> St not for publication N/A  
city or town Beresford vicinity X  
state South Dakota code SD county Clay code 027 zip code 57004

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide X locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Vogt 12-15-2003  
Signature of certifying official Date

South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

**4. National Park Service Certification**

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.
    - See continuation sheet
  - determined eligible for the National Register.
    - See continuation sheet
  - determined not eligible for the National Register
  - removed from the National Register.
  - other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper: Elson H. Beall Date of Action: 1/28/04

**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
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Government Sub: Town Hall  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Work in Progress Sub: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

No Style  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete  
roof Wood and Asphalt  
walls Clapboard  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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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 a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

Circa 1908  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**    Circa 1908  
                                  Circa 1936  
                                  \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
                                  N/A  
                                  \_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**    N/A  
                                  \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Architect/Builder**    Unknown  
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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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 #

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property** 1 acre

### UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Alsen Quadrangle

1	<u>14</u>	<u>674248</u>	<u>4757515</u>	3	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	4	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Lynda B. Schwan  
organization SD SHPO date September 3, 2003  
street & number 900 Governors Dr telephone 605-773-6056  
city or town Pierre state SD zip code 57501

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## Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

**A USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

**A sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Garfield Township Hall  
Name of Property

Clay County, South Dakota  
County and State

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Todd and Jennifer Jones  
street & number 223 S Pine St telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Vermillion state SD zip code 57069

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Garfield Township Hall, constructed circa 1908, is located in rural Clay County near the community of Beresford in Union County. The Hall was altered circa 1936 when the WPA added a basement and the front entry.

The façade faces south onto 306<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Township Hall is constructed of wood with a concrete foundation. The Township Hall consists of a gable roof covered in asphalt shingles, gabled roof entry and a gable roof wing on the rear elevation. Common elements on the Township Hall include two-over-two double hung windows and wood clapboard siding. All of the windows have been covered with wood paneling to protect them from vandalism.

The façade (south elevation) is constructed in three parts. The main block of the Hall has a false front which extends beyond the east and west corners of the façade but does not extend above the gable roof. The gable peak is in-filled with decorative scalloped and diamond shaped shingles. The second floor of the façade has two-over-two double hung windows at the southeast and southwest corners. Between the double hung windows is an ocular window. Directly below the ocular window is the roof of the second part of the façade. This is a one story, three sided, gable roof wing added when the WPA did work on the building. The gable end features gable returns. The east and west elevation of this wing have two small, two-over-two double hung windows. The south elevation has a central entry with a transom window. The third part of the façade is a simple gable porch. Two brick knee walls support square tapered columns. The columns support an unornamented frieze. Above the frieze is an unornamented pediment. The pediment is covered with wood clapboards. The main block of the building and the two parts on the façade all have wood shingles.

The east and west elevation are identical. The basement level has four window openings (please provide type of window). The first floor has four two-over-two double hung windows. The gable roof addition to the rear of the building extends beyond the east and west elevations. Again, both the elevations are identical on the addition. The basement level has an entry at the northeast and northwest corners. The first floor has two two-over-two double hung windows.

The rear elevation has no openings. There is an exterior chimney which extends above the roofline.

### Interior:

The interior has a central staircase that leads both to the basement and first floor. The basement is an open area. The first floor has a ticket booth and restrooms in the vestibule area. The main room is open to the second floor to serve as an auditorium area. The north end of the building has an elevated stage. The south end of the building has a second floor loft for extra seating. The ceiling and walls are covered in pressed metal.

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## Significance

The Garfield Township Hall is significant under Criterion C as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type. It is an excellent example of this a Township Hall in Clay County, South Dakota.

The Dakota Territory was established in 1861 but long before that, Clay County had inhabitants. Clay County fronts the Missouri River and was a useful area for Native Americans. Native Americans had many camps, burial grounds and hunting grounds in the area. They carried their traditional way of life in the area well into the 1800s. Fur trading posts also existed in this area of the Dakota Territory. Vermillion was established as the county seat and had a large population by 1868. Other areas in the county continued to be settled and platted, with Garfield Township being established in 1880.

Characteristically, the Garfield Township Hall does not fit into a style. It is a simple rectangular gable roof building. The façade has decorative scalloped and diamond shaped shingles in the gable end, suggestive of the Queen Anne style. Circa 1936, the Works Progress Administration added a basement and façade to the building. The alteration to the façade stylistically represents the Greek Revival style from the emphasis on the pediment and frieze to the gable returns and porch supports.

Before the construction of the Township Hall, business of the Township had to be carried out in private residences. The new Township Hall in Garfield Township served as an emblem of local government, a venue for community theatre productions, a polling location and a public meeting space, as well as a location to collect and pay property taxes. Originally, there were twelve townships in Clay County—only four had township halls. Garfield Township Hall, along with Bethel and Pleasant Valley Township Halls are some of the few remaining halls in the area because with the passage of the 1996 ADA requirements, the Township Halls could no longer be used unless they were modified. They were abandoned, being allowed to deteriorate, for more modern facilities.

Garfield Township Hall is eligible under Criterion C for its distinctive architectural characteristics. It is an excellent example of a township hall in Clay County.

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## Bibliography

*Architectural History in South Dakota.* South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, 2000.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses.* New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2000.

## Verbal Boundary Description

Clay County, Garfield Township, Section 16, South East Corner T. 94, R.51

## Verbal Boundary Justification

This nomination includes the land historically associated with the Township Hall.