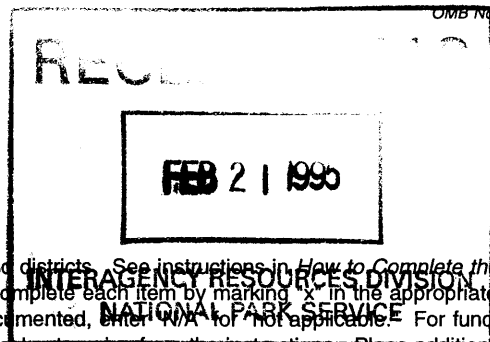


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



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 an 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 (Form 10-900-a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Foght-Murdy House

Other names/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

Street & number: 1403 South Main Street

not for publication

City or town: Aberdeen

vicinity

State: South Dakota Code: SD County: Brown Code: 013 Zip code: 57401

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature and title of certifying official

Date

SD STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
State or Federal agency and bureau

2-8-95

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

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Date of Action

for  
Edson H. Beall 3-23-95

Entered in the  
National Register

Foght-Murdy House  
Name of Property

Brown, SD  
County and State

**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**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

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

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

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

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

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

**7. Description**

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

LATE 19TH & 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS:  
Tudor Revival

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation concrete  
walls Wood  
stucco  
roof asphalt  
other \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

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

Foght-Murdy House  
Name of Property

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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.)

Property is:

- 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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1924

**Significant Dates**

1924

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

unknown

**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

**Acreege of Property** less than one

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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| | See continuation sheet

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

### 11. Form Prepared by

Name/Title: Brad Tenant w/ tech assistance by M. Dirr, shpo staff  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: December 1994  
 Street & Number: 4002 Camino Real Telephone: 605-229-6835  
 City or Town: Aberdeen State: South Dakota Zip code: 57401

#### Additional Documentation

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.)

#### Property Owner

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street & Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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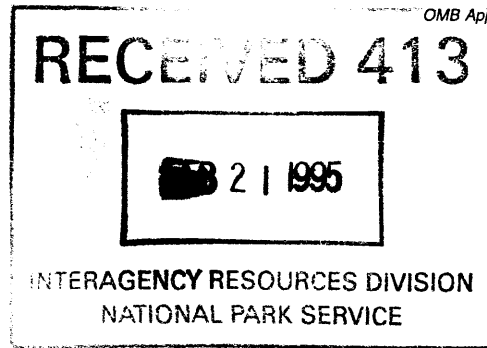
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### Narrative Description:

Situated just two blocks from the campus of Northern State University is the Foght-Murdy House. This house was one of several that Dr. Harold Foght, president of Northern State Teachers College, built. Dr. Robert C. Murdy, a local physician, then purchased the house from Foght. Built in 1924, this impressive two-and-one-half story house is now shaded by the many trees that dot the south end of Main Street. Rising from a concrete block foundation, this rectangular, wood frame building is accentuated by strapwork over stucco. This half-timbered effect is most noticeable in the steep gable of the enclosed west entry and in the similarly steep main gables facing the north and south. The lower story of the house continues this strapwork on all four facades. A fireplace and chimney protrude from the north facade. On the south side, a door leads to the kitchen from the courtyard. Two small shed dormers extend from the east roof, while one extends from the front side.

A series of pillars flank both sides of the driveway creating a small courtyard to the south of the house. Two of the five pillars have recently been joined by a wood fence that encloses the courtyard. Also, a small concrete bench is located in the northeastern corner of the yard. Dr. Foght had this bench, which is the same as those found throughout the nearby university campus installed.

The interior of the house includes an assortment of original features which have not been altered since its initial construction. In the living room, an elegant brick fireplace is flanked by built-in book shelves. High baseboards are found throughout most of the rooms. Beautiful French doors lead from the living room to the dining room. A door for the coal chute is still intact. Another original feature of the house is a built-in shoe shine stand which pulls out of the wall in the upstairs bathroom. The only extensive remodelling has taken place in the kitchen area.

The garage (noncontributing) has been covered by stucco so that it matches the house.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance:**

The Foght-Murdy House is locally significant under the National Register of Historic Places criterion C. Built in 1924, this house is an excellent example of vernacular "Old English" or Tudor Revival style. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the property relates to the following historic context: V. Depression and Rebuilding, A. 3. Residential Changes: development of suburbs, new building materials, and pattern book architecture.

Brown County was organized in 1880 in the plains region known as the James River, or Dakota basin. Aberdeen was founded in 1881 and benefited from the influx of population to the area during the Great Dakota Boom. With the extension of the railroad, Aberdeen soon became known as the "Hub City" with rail lines extending in a variety of directions from the city. This availability of transportation allowed Aberdeen to continue its growth and become a leading regional center.

The Tudor Revival style was very common in many American cities during the 1920s. Although the style experienced a brief revival in the late 1940s and 1970s, its popularity of the 1920s has not been matched. Consequently, because this house was constructed in 1924, it is an outstanding example of the style and period. The term "Tudor Revival" in general includes a variety of elements of the late English medieval styles. Tudor Revival elements that characterize the Foght-Murdy House include the stucco-covered wood frame, half-timbering strapwork accenting the exterior, and the steep gable above the west entry and similarly steep main gables found on the north and south ends. All of these features contribute to the architectural significance of this structure.

Locally, the Foght-Murdy house typifies this period of construction and remains the only and best example of the small scale vernacular Tudor Revival style. The period of significance for the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in 1924.

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**Verbal Boundary Description:**

The nominated property is contained within the legal description as recorded in the Brown County Register of Deeds office: The north 15 feet of the west 80 feet of Lot 9 and the west 80 feet of Lot 10, Block 3, College Subdivision of blocks 10 and 11 and part of 8 and 9, Simmons First addition, City of Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota.

**Boundary Justification:**

The boundaries of the nominated property are based on the legally recorded lot lines of the parcel historically associated with the property.



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Brown County, SD

By: John Rau

December 1993

State Historical Preservation Center

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View of southeast, camera facing northwest

2.

Detail view of entrance on east, camera facing west

3.

Detail view of courtyard

4.

View of interior

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View of interior