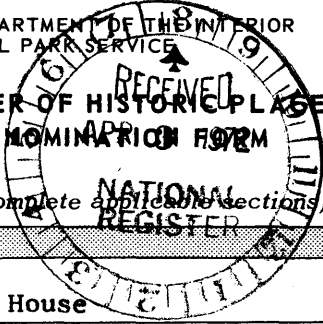


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**1. NAME**

COMMON: **Bogk (Frederick C.) House**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Congressmen to be notified:  
Sen. William Proxmire  
Sen. Gaylord A. Nelson  
Rep. Henry S. Reuss**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2420 North Terrace Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Milwaukee**

STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55** COUNTY: **Milwaukee** CODE: **079**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Elsner, Jr.**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2420 North Terrace Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Milwaukee** STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Milwaukee County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**901 North Ninth Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Milwaukee** STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic American Buildings Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Washington**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **District of Columbia** CODE: **11**

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CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

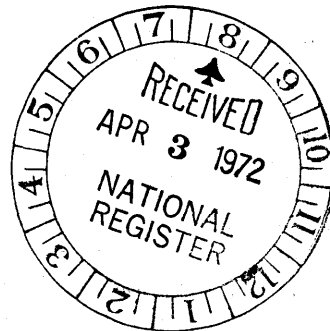
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bogk House was planned by Frank Lloyd Wright. It is a two-story building, ~~47 feet wide (north-south) by 76 feet, 6 inches long~~ and is crowned by a hipped roof with broad, overhanging eaves. Walls, fireplace, and chimney are built of tan tapestry brick laid with unusually wide mortar joints; lintels, sills, and capstones are precast concrete. Throughout the composition rectilinear patterns predominate, not only in plans and elevations, but also in details--the concrete relief ornament on exterior and interior, the wood trim, the leaded glass windows, and the Wright-designed fixtures and furnishings.

Both the blocky, closed, compact massing and geometrical ornamentation of the facade call to mind Wright's Unity Temple in Oak Park, Illinois, while the interior, with first-story spaces articulated about a central fireplace mass, is reminiscent of his Prairie houses. The principal entry is on the north. To the left (west) of the foyer is the living area, occupying the entire west end of the first floor and opening onto a walled terrace at the front of the house. To the east, beyond the fireplace, are dining area, kitchen, and pantry. Bedrooms and baths occupy the second story.

The house has been carefully maintained and has undergone only minor alterations during its 55-year history. For the present owners it has been handsomely refurbished under the direction of Wright's widow and Taliesin Associated Architects of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1916-17**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although it is not without interest that its original owner, Frederick C. Bogk, was a successful local businessman and Milwaukee Alderman, this house's significance derives primarily from the fact that Frank Lloyd Wright drew the plans. It is, moreover, the great architect's finest early work in Milwaukee County and survives in admirable condition. The Bogk House became an officially designated Milwaukee Landmark in 1968 and a year later was recorded for the Historic American Buildings Survey.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Wietczykowski, Mary Ellen, "Historic American Buildings Survey, Milwaukee Project 1969," Wisconsin Architect, XLI(1):14-21, January 1970.  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		N 43° 03' 40"	W 87° 52' 38"	
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **0.15**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Mary Ellen Wietczykowski, Chairman**

ORGANIZATION: **Milwaukee Landmarks Commission**      DATE: **Feb. 20, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**210 West Michigan Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Milwaukee**      STATE: **Wisconsin**      CODE: **55**

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National     State     Local

Name: James Morton Smith  
 Title: Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin  
 Date: MAR 20 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Tuttle  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/18/72

ATTEST:  
William Stewart  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10-16-72

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816 State Street

Madison, Wisconsin

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