

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Gambrill Storage Building

and/or common Black Hills Novelty Company

2. Location

street & number 822 Main Street NA not for publication

city, town Rapid City _____ vicinity of

state South Dakota code 046 county Pennington code

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<u>NA</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Black Hills Novelty Company (As of November 30, 1983)
(Roy F. Thurston)

street & number 322 2nd Street (15 Holden Court)
(Portola Valley, CA)

city, town Rapid City _____ vicinity of South Dakota state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pennington County Courthouse

street & number St. Joseph Street

city, town Rapid City _____ state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on a commercial block next to a 50' vacant lot, the two-story rectangular brick building measuring 25' X 110' exemplifies Renaissance Revival architecture with its symmetrical composition and classical detailing.

The front (south) facade has a central entrance and five double-hung rectangular windows capped with arched lintels. Dark brown brick was used for both the lintels and the decorative trim in order to contrast with the tan brick facade. The original access to the second floor was via a set of stairs on the outside of the east facade which has since been removed. When the second floor was remodeled into apartments in 1940, a door topped with a broken pediment was installed at the southeast corner to an enclosed stair. A garage was also added onto the back of the building in the 1970s.

On the interior, the lower level ceilings are approximately 12 feet. The floor systems were designed to accommodate the load of a forklift and the storage of beer kegs and cases of soft drinks. The basement walls are constructed of 24" solid stone which is exposed to the interior space.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1910 **Builder/Architect** Horace C. Gambrill

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Gambrill Storage building is significant in the areas of both commerce and architecture. When it was built in 1910 by Horace C. Gambrill, the building was the only storage/warehouse in Rapid City.¹ It was later (c. 1940) converted into several different cafes and then used by both biscuit and bottling companies. The building presently functions as a novelty store with upstairs apartments (built c. 1940; currently vacant).

Characterized by its symmetrical composition and classical detailing, the building is a modest yet almost completely intact example of commercial Renaissance Revival architecture. The building retains its original rectangular windows capped with arched lintels and its contrasting colored brick (dark brown trim over tan) on the front facade. The building is a visual asset to the central downtown business district.

¹
Rapid City Journal advertisement, 1910.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1915 - Rapid City Seasons Greetings
1927 - 1983 Polk Directory
Rapid City Journal
Building's Former Tenants
Adjacent Buildings' Owners and Tenants

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Rapid City East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 22, 23, 24 of Block 72 of Original Plat, to the town, now city, Rapid City, S.D., County of Pennington.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title R. Fred Thurston, Architect

organization Architecture by Thurston

date October 24, 1983

street & number 601 Main Street

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city or town Rapid City

state South Dakota

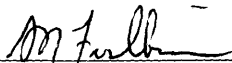
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Director, Office of Cultural Preservation

date 1/16/84

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

Entered in the National Register

date

2/23/84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration