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United States Department of the Interior -- National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES -- REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering "NA" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Small, Charles and Eleanor, House
other name/ site number: BU-BF-BF-83

2. Location

street & number: 825 Fifth Avenue /NA/ not for publication
city, town: Belle Fourche /NA/ vicinity
state: SOUTH DAKOTA code: SD county: Butte code: SD 019 zip code: 57717

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property:		
		Contributing	Noncontributing	
/XX/ private	/XX/ building(s)	1		buildings
/ / public-local	/ / district			sites
/ / public-state	/ / site			structures
/ / public-federal	/ / structure			objects
	/ / object	1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing: NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

11. Form Prepared by

name/title: Aneitta Albright, owner; w/technical assistance by John Rau, SHPO staff
organization: date: July 2, 1991
street & number: 825 Fifth Ave. telephone: 605-892-4910
city or town: Belle Fourche state: SOUTH DAKOTA zip code: 57717

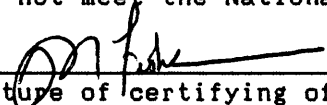
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property name

, Butte
county

, SOUTH DAKOTA
state

4. 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. ☐ See continuation sheet.


Signature of certifying official

9/26/91
Date

South Dakota SHPO
State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria.
☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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) _____

~~Entered in the~~
~~National Register~~

 11/1/91

Signature of the Keeper

Date

, SOUTH DAKOTA
state

DOMESTIC/Single Family

Describe present and historic physical appearance: /XX/ see continuation sheet

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and periods of significance noted above /XX/ see continuation sheet

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9. Major Bibliographical References /XX/ see continuation sheet

Previous documentation by 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:

/XX/ State historic preservation office
/ / Other State agency
/ / Federal agency
/ / Local government
/ / University
/ / Other

Specify repository:

South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: Less than one acre

UTM References:

A = /13/ /590-940/ /4946-620/
C = / / / / /
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B = / / / / /
D = / / / / /
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

Quad: Belle Fourche

Scale: 1:24000

/ / see continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description:

/XX/ see continuation sheet

Boundary Justification:

/XX/ see continuation sheet

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Situated just north of the Butte County Courthouse along U. S. Highway 85 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, the Charles and Eleanor Small House is a one-and-one-half story, late 19th Century Queen Anne dwelling. Rising from a stone foundation, the walls of the rectangular building are clad with clapboard siding and a variety of ornamental shingles. The house is capped by a hipped roof with several gabled dormers and bays projecting from the roof creating an irregular configuration. Roof surfaces are covered with asphalt shingles. An original brick chimney with an ornamental brick cap rises from the center of the roof. A modern brick and concrete chimney rises from the northeast corner of the building. Sprawling across the west (front) facade is an unembellished screened porch capped by a shed roof. On the east (rear) facade is a small enclosed porch and a shed-roofed dormer, both constructed shortly after 1923. A large, blocky one-story bay window projects from the south gable end. Fenestration is irregular consisting mostly of one-over-one double-hung windows. A small fixed-sash window with an ornate multiple-muntin glazing pattern punctuates the center of the broken-return gable of a two-story cut-away bay on the northwest (front) corner.

Sporting an asymmetrical floor plan, the interior features numerous period appointments including parquet floors, ornate woodwork, and built-in bookcases. Various historic lighting fixtures including a Victorian "shower" fixture are located throughout the house. A unique enclosed curved staircase provides access to the upper floor.

A concrete and rubblestone retaining wall of later construction and modern concrete sidewalks lie along Highway 85 several feet to the west of the house. Only the house is included within the boundaries of the nominated property.

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Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the Charles and Eleanor Small House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is a good local example of modest late 19th Century Queen Anne domestic architecture. Constructed in circa 1895 for a prominent local haberdasher and his wife, it is believed to be the oldest extant house in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan, the nominated property relates to the historic context IV. Permanent Rural and Urban Pioneer Settlement, D. 2. Urban Development/Residential Living.

During the last two decades of the 19th Century, Queen Anne styling dominated domestic building throughout the state and the nation. Influenced by the work of English architect Richard Norman Shaw, Queen Anne houses provided increased comfort and domesticity for single-family households. Prominent aesthetic features of the style include asymmetrical facades, irregular roof lines, multiplicity of siding materials especially the use of fishscale shingles, and decorative treatments to gable ends, porches, and projecting bays. The front facade is usually divided into uneven squares or planes. Fenestration is generally asymmetrical, often consisting of a number of shapes and sizes of windows. Interior spaces emphasize richness and comfort. The Small House illustrates these design traits in relatively unaltered form. Outstanding features of the house include decorative shingled gables, a cut-away two-story bay, a massive bay window, and several fine interior appointments.

Butte County, created in 1881 and organized in 1883, consists mostly of treeless plains dotted by several prominent hills or buttes, from which the county takes its name. Wouldbe prospectors, merchants, and speculators homesteaded in the county and adjoining Wyoming and Montana counties after the nearby Black Hills placer mines were no longer profitable. It became a region of cattle and sheep ranches and widely-scattered support communities. One of these settlements, Belle Fourche was founded in 1890 by the Pioneer Townsite Company. The city soon became the seat of government and the major transportation and retail service center of the county. It was in this thriving community that Charles and Eleanor Small made their home and raised their family.

Charles Sidney Small was born the son of Connecticut emigres in Colfax, Iowa, in 1871. As a young man he worked in the mens' clothing business in Newton and Des Moines, Iowa, until 1891 when he came to the infant town of Belle Fourche. Here he worked at T. A. Vaughn's clothing store. In 1894, he married Eleanor Castleman (b. circa 1869) of Newton, Iowa. In 1895, Small founded his own haberdashery and developed a business that prospered for over forty years. At about the same time, the family moved to a new house on then remote Fifth Avenue, which is the property nominated here. The house was constructed by local carpenter, Al Challis.

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Charles and Eleanor Small were active in community civic and church affairs. Mr. Small served on the chamber of commerce and city council and was instrumental in establishing the Black Hills Round-Up, an annual regional agricultural and trade fair. Mrs. Small was a teacher by training but also was a noted local nature artist and sportswoman. She served various terms on the city's school boards. In addition, the Smalls were involved in the local Masonic and Eastern Star lodges. They raised four children. Mr. Small sold his business in 1944 and retired. He died in 1950. Eleanor Small continued to live in the house on Fifth Avenue until her death in 1957.

The house is now owned by Aneitta Albright, who is restoring it.

The period of significance of the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in circa 1895.

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Johnston, Sally. Personal Correspondence to Aneitta Albright. November 4, 1990.

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Map of Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Sanborn Map Company. New York. 1903, August 1915, July 1923.

Widdoss, William. Personal Interview by Aneitta Albright. August 1990.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nominated property is bounded by a set of imaginary lines that intersect to form a rectangle around the rectangular house. The western boundary line lies five feet west of the westernmost surface of the west (front) porch and runs parallel to that surface. The northern boundary line lies five feet north of the northernmost wall of the house and runs parallel to that wall. The eastern boundary line lies five feet east of the easternmost surface of the east (rear) porch and runs parallel to that surface. The southern boundary line lies five feet south of the southernmost wall of the house and runs parallel to that wall. The property is located in Outlot C-6 of the Original Town of Belle Fourche, Butte County, South Dakota.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION: Since the parcel historically associated with the nominated property has been subdivided and since the property as nominated is limited to the house only, the boundaries have been set to include the house and to exclude any other private or public features.

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by John Rau
February 1991
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center
West facade, camera facing east
Photo No. 1

2.

Charles and Eleanor Small House
Belle Fourche, Butte County, South Dakota
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Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center
East facade, camera facing west
Photo No. 2

3.

Charles and Eleanor Small House
Belle Fourche, Butte County, South Dakota
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February 1991
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center
Detail of gable, west facade, camera facing east
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