United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form



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

1. Name

historic /	George Few House			
and/or common	Zellers' Resider	nce		
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	208 First Aver	ne E. He East		NA not for publication
city, town	Flandreau	NA_vicinity of	congressional district	First
state Sc	outh Dakota cod	e 046 county	Moody	code 101
3. Clas	sification			
Category district _X building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition MA in process being considered	Status _X_ occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible _X_ yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park X private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	rty	1	
name Ev	verett and Eudora Z	ellers		· ·
street & number	208 East Firs	t Avenue East		
city, town	Flandreau	<u>NA</u> vicinity of	state	South Dakota
5. Loca	ation of Leg	al Description	on	
courthouse, regi	stry of deeds, etc. Moo	dy County Register o	of Deeds	
street & number	100 Eas	t Pipestone Avenue		
city, town	Flandreau		state	South Dakota
6. Rep	resentation	in Existing	Surveys	
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city, town Ve	ermillion		state	South Dakota

7. Description

Condition excellent deteriorate good ruins fair unexposed	_X_ altered	Check one X_ original site moved date	
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The George Few House is a frame, cube-shape house elaborated into an Eastern Stick style design. Located in a residential neighborhood north of the business district, the house is sited to rear of a large lot, near the brow of a ravine. the

The large cube contains a four-room plan from which two bays project, and to which a tower and rear ell are attached. In plan the tower serves as an entry and stairhall. The hall extends beyond the tower and parallel to the front wall and opens into the parlor and library. The rear two rooms of the cube are a pantry or early kitchen and the dining room. The ell contains the kitchen and, at one time, a conservatory was built in c. 1920s on the northeast, but has since been removed.

Two and one half stories in height, the house was originally sheathed in narrow, horizontal board siding and had elaborate stick trim and bargeboard in the gables. The porch had spindle work trim and fish-scale shingles were used as surface decoration. The peak of the pyramidal roof had cresting, since removed. On the tower the finial remains intact. Sided over with slate shingle probably in the 1920s, the house suffered the loss of the three-dimensional trim. The original siding remains beneath the shingling.

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Although the owners are not in a position to remove the siding, they have undertaken extensive maintenance and repair of the house.

The interior remains in near original condition and includes the early light fixtures, pale brown, pink and green stained glass windows, and the grained wood fireplace with covered decorative metal grate. Although the molding is not elaborate, it is well made and has bullseye corner blocks. A decorative plaster strip marks the top edge of the wainscot.

Exterior landscaping details have been restored and repaired, such as the curving front walk.

The present owners have built a garage to the rear of the house and the cement foundation of a 20th century outbuilding is in the rear yard.

8. Significance

1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 _X_ 1800–1899	agriculture _X architecture art	community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration/settlement	military music philosophy	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	1899	Builder/Architect NA		

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built in 1899 for State Senator, George Few, this house is an architectural landmark in Flandreau. The Few residence is significant as the home of an early businessman and politician and is a fine example of Eastern Stick style architecture.

Despite the masking of origianl features by the siding, the building is a lively and richly detailed example of stick style architecture. With its dramatic siting, imposing size and classic stick style proportions, the building dominates the neighborhood.

George H. Few came to Flandreau from Albion, New York, via Iowa in 1878. He worked in the hardware business until 1898 when he retired. By this time he was well established in the business of the city, acting as Vice-President of the Flandreau State Bank, organized in 1891. In 1899 he began building this residence, described in a contemporary publication, "It is the largest in the city, and has all the modern improvements." The house cost \$6000 to build. He also built a two-story commercial block soon thereafter. Among the twelve successive owners was E. F. Henry, owner of Henry's Daylight Store.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Oral interviews, Ann Roshiem, I. F. Locke, Elsie Locke Title and Abstract of Property

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