

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

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**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 Bulow, Governor William J., House

and/or common Nygaard, Doug and Carol, House

2. Location

street & number 207 W. Hemlock Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Beresford

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

code 26

county Union

code 127

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Doug and Carol Nygaard House

street & number 207 W. Hemlock Street

city, town Beresford

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds Office

street & number Union County Courthouse

city, town Elk Point

state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A

state N/A

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

Situated on a corner lot in a shaded residential district, the Governor William J. Bulow house in Beresford is a two-story frame foursquare resting on a stone foundation. The house has a wraparound front and side porch supported by Doric columns, a small back porch, and a hip roof with overhanging eaves and a brick chimney. Dormers with diamond pane windows project from the attic floor on the north (front), east (side) and west (side) facades. All the rectangular windows have retained their original frame surrounds. The wood front door is also intact. A frame garage (contributing) is located to the rear of the house.

On the interior, the first floor has a front vestibule, living room, dining room, utility room with half bath, kitchen/family room and rear vestibule. Some first floor moldings are intact. The second floor has four bedrooms, a full bath and a sun room/sitting room over the west side porch. There are transoms over the interior doors leading to the bedrooms. A stairway leads to the attic which stores Bulow's Congressional Records.

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1893; 1898 **Builder/Architect** Not Available

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The William J. Bulow house in Beresford is significant for its associations with William J. Bulow (1869-1960), U.S. Senator and 12th Governor of South Dakota. Bulow resided in this house throughout his political career in the state which spanned from 1898 until 1942.

A native of Clermont County, Ohio, Bulow received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1893. He moved to Beresford, South Dakota, the following year where he commenced practicing law. After his marriage to Katherine Reedy in 1898, he purchased a large frame dwelling at 207 W. Hemlock which had been built in 1893. (1) Bulow served as Union County Judge before being elected in 1898 to the State Senate on the democratic ticket. Defeated for a second term as State Senator, Bulow's political activities for the next 20 years were limited to county and municipal government. He was City Attorney of Beresford from 1902 to 1912, and Mayor of Beresford from 1912 to 1913, during which time he again served as Union County Judge on a temporary appointment. Bulow became City Attorney again from 1913 until elected governor in 1926. After serving two, two-year terms as governor, Bulow won the election to the United State Senate in 1930 and was re-elected in 1936. He was defeated in the 1942 primary by former Governor Tom Berry. (2)

Alan L. Clem writes about Bulow in South Dakota Political Almanac:

"Bulow's career is remarkable for at least two things. First of all, he has been described as an old-line, Jeffersonian Democrat, and as such was distinctly and vocally out of step with the national Democratic leadership of the 1930's. Secondly, the margins of victory in his successful campaigns were invariably close, as might be expected in any Democratic victory in (the predominately Republican) South Dakota." (3)

Bulow and his family resided in the house at 207 W. Hemlock until Sept. of 1944. The property was then sold to Anton and Bertha Sorenson who lived there until July of 1969. Hans and Ardella Johnson acquired the property in 1970 and lived there until the present owners, Doug and Carol Nygaard purchased it in Aug. of 1984. Today, Bulow's Congressional Records are still stored in the attic of the house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less Than One Acre

Quadrangle name Beresford

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries of the property are contained within the legal description: the East 70 feet of the North Half of Block 7, Thorson First Addition to the City of Beresford, Union County, South Dakota.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Doug Nygaard (technical assistance: Melanie A. Betz, State Historical Preservation Center, Vermillion, SD 57069)

organization N/A date February 24, 1986

street & number 207 W. Hemlock telephone 605/763-2501

city or town Beresford state South Dakota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

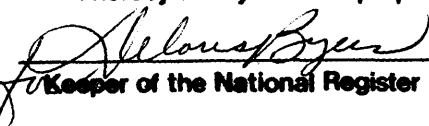
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Director, Office of History date 4/2/86

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

 Keeper of the National Register date 5/8/86

Attest: Chief of Registration date

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1

According to the present owner, Doug Nygaard, the house was built in 1893 but the original owner and builder are unknown.

2

Information from South Dakota's Governors, Charles J. Dalthorp, (Sioux Falls, SD: The Midwest-Beach Co.), 1953, pgs. 45-47.

3

South Dakota Political Almanac, Alan L. Clem, (Vermillion, SD: The Dakota Press, The University of South Dakota), 1969, pg. 18.

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