

**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 Thomas Haskins Gay House

and/or common Gay-Frerich House

**2. Location**

street & number 704 Harding

N/A not for publication

city, town Belle Fourche N/A vicinity of Second congressional district

state South Dakota code 46 county Butte code 019

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Leslie and Julie Snoozy

street & number 704 Harding

city, town Belle Fourche N/A vicinity of South Dakota state

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Butte County Courthouse

street & number 839 5th

city, town Belle Fourche state South Dakota

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Historic Sites Survey of Belle Fourche has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date Summer 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historical Preservation Center

city, town Vermillion state South Dakota

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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### **Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Gay-Frerichs House is a modified design from the Radford American Homes pattern book series. The main block of the house is square and has a gabled, one-story unit (or contemporary addition) to the rear. Built of cement block, the house is two stories in height and has a pyramidal roof, with a single hipped roof dormer in the front slope.

Design No. 8361 appeared in William A. Radford's Cement Houses and How to Build Them. (Published c. 1900-1910.) The form of the design was the extremely popular two-story "cube" shape found commonly in the Midwest. The floor plan is a modification of a side passage plan, changed to accommodate closets, baths and a more open sense of living space. Among the changes made in the execution of the design was the use of a rusticated, rather than smooth, cement block, a semi-octagonal window bay on the side facade, brackets under the roof and the elimination of the pediment on the porch.

Two bays across the front and side facades, the house's rear unit is also two bays. Two chimneys are located on the side slope of the roof, while a third rises from the kitchen. The house bears the extremely simple details of the vernacular Colonial Revival, and is in nearly original condition.

To the rear of the lot is a frame garage-carriage house and a handsome iron fence surrounds the yard.

## 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 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** 1914 **Builder/Architect** NA

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built in 1914 the Gay House was the home of a locally prominent merchant and is significant in the area of architecture. Preserved in excellent condition, the house is an example of pattern book architecture executed in a material fashionable in the first quarter of the century. The Gay house is one of the largest and most prominent houses in Belle Fourche.

Thomas Haskins Gay came to Belle Fourche in 1892, two years after the town was founded. Born in Preston, Connecticut in 1866 he followed his brother, Arthur, west, first to Nebraska and then to South Dakota. The brothers opened a mercantile business and expanded into dry goods and men's furnishings. A fire in downtown Belle Fourche in 1895 destroyed their business. They rebuilt their store, which today is Fister's Department Store. In 1908 Thomas Gay discontinued the department store business and became a director and then president of the First National Bank, which had been organized in 1903.

In 1946 Gay died and soon thereafter the house passed to his daughter, Maude Gay Frerichs. Diedreich A. Frerichs, her husband, was president of the Frerichs Mining Company. The house passed into the hands of the present owners in 1980, when Maude Frerichs died.

Both the Gays and their house have been an integral part of the Belle Fourche community since its founding.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Black Hills Half Century Club of Belle Fourche, Pioneer Footprints. North Plains Press: Aberdeen, 1964. pp. 152, 225, 231, 232.  
Shirley O'Leary "Belle Fourche Historic City Project." 1980.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property one

Quadrangle name Belle Fourche

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References Latitude: 44° 40' 13"  
Longitude: 103° 51' 00"

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

D 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

E 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

F 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

G 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

H 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The lot lines of the property form the boundaries of the site, which lies in Lot 1, Block 20 of the Original Plat of the City of Belle Fourche

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*James A. Fishman*

title Director, Office of Cultural Preservation

date May 3, 1982

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

*William H. Brathorn*

date 7.19.82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration