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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Tri State Bakery

other names/site number Tri State Bakery Studios

**2. Location**

street & number 705 State Street not for publication

city or town Belle Fourche vicinity \_\_\_\_\_

state South Dakota code SD county Butte code 019

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]  
Signature of certifying official

6/17/93  
Date

SHPO South Dakota  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

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See continuation sheet

\_\_\_\_\_  
determined eligible for the

National Register

\_\_\_\_\_  
See continuation sheet

\_\_\_\_\_  
determined not eligible for the

National Register

\_\_\_\_\_  
removed from the National Register

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other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register 8/5/93

[Signature]

[Signature]  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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### 5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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### 6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	Sub: <u>specialty store</u>
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	Sub: <u>specialty store</u>
<u>RECREATION AND CULTURE</u>	<u>museum</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>single dwelling</u>
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### 7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS  
commercial style

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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

roof asphalt

walls brick

other copper

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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F a commemorative property
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
COMMERCE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance 1927-1943  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1927  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A  
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Architect/Builder Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (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

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property less than 1

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone Easting	Northing	Zone Easting	Northing
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2	_____	_____	4	_____

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuations sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**  
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name/title Aneitta Z. Albright with technical assistance from Melissa Dirr, SHPO staff  
organization \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number 825 5th Avenue telephone (605) 892-4910  
city or town Belle Fourche state SD zip code 57717

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**Additional Documentation**  
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner**  
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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Tri-State Bakery  
name of property

Butte County, South Dakota  
county and state

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Located on main Street of agriculturally based Belle Fourche, South Dakota, the Tri-State Bakery building stands prominently in the small town's commercial district. Erected in 1927 of brick in running bond, the rectangular shaped two story building retains a high amount of historic integrity.

The main level front (south) facade houses two large display windows capped by leaded glass transoms and divided by the recessed double door main entrance. The display windows boast their original wooden rectangular muntins, and are surrounded by copper mouldings. Distinguishing the front facade, four massive pilasters rise from ground level, extend slightly beyond the roof line and are crowned with ornamental pyramidal caps. Located in each of the three divisions is a one-over-one sash window, totally three windows on the second floor facade. Directly under the center second story window the original Tri-State Bakery sign still hangs. The foundation, sill and lintel of the second story windows, and cornice are accentuated with a decorative geometric brick design. Around the corner on the west facade an advertisement for the bakery painted directly on the building remains in remarkably good condition from the historic period. The second floor fenestration on the west facade consists of three evenly spaced one over one sash windows.

Two garages and a loading dock formerly utilized for bakery deliveries face an alley at the back or north side of the building. The loading dock has raised double doors and a small window to the right partially filled in with plywood. The garages no longer remain in usable condition.

The Tri-State Bakery retains many significant interior features. Original to the building are a hand made clock by IC Smith and a display cabinet with the words "Tri-State Bakery" cut out of the center section. Oak and maple floors as well as the pressed metal ceiling still function in their historic capacity and are in excellent condition. By far the most significant remaining interior feature is the bake oven. Installed when the bakery was

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built, the oven consists of 39,000 porcelain faced bricks and is capable of baking 200 one-and-a-half pound loaves of bread simulataneously. Costing \$5000 in 1927 the oven took three weeks to reach its temperature of 450 degrees, and ran 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 1989 when the second owner retired and turned it off for the first time. It is the last existing oven of this type in the area and remains in excellent working condition. Many other original interior features remain such as a large dough rolling table, sinks, and cabinets. A room in the basement with painted poured concrete floors was reportedly used as a prohibition room.

Because the Tri-State Bakery was built and operated as a bakery until 1989, it retains a high amount of historic integrity. The building had only two owners, one from 1927 to 1937, and the second from 1937 to 1989 when the building and the bakery were closed.

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The Tri-State Bakery is locally significant under criterion A for its contribution to area commerce and criterion C for its architectural and historic integrity. Tri-State's business extended to institutions and groceries throughout a three state area consisting of South Dakota, southeastern Montana and Wyoming. Architecturally the building is significant as an excellent unaltered example of local commercial architecture. Under the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Plan it relates to the historic contexts labelled: V. Depression and Rebuilding, A. Changing Urban Patterns, and B. Evolution of Modern Insutrial Structures.

Under criterion A the bakery contributed to the expansion of commerce in western South Dakota. It supllied baked goods to the western part of the state, as well as Wyoming and southeast Montana. The bakery operated 24 hours a day, seven days aweek and provided full time employment for 12 people. This was a major contribution to industry in the small town of Belle Fourche during the Great Depression.

The bakery provided the "staff of life" to the people who lived and developed the agricultural base, migrant harvesters and prisoners of war at Orman Dam, a local Civilian Conservation Corps camp. Orman Dam and Camp Crook, both consisting of approximately 200 men each relied on Tri-State to provide them with all their baked goods. During World War II the Orman Dam CCC camp housed prisoners of war and exiled Japanese-Americans. On top of these delivery routes the bakery trucks travelled to Upton, Wyoming and southeast Montana.

Business slowed during the post World War II era when large scale grocers were able to produce bread at cheaper rates. The number of employees decreased and production focused on specialty items like rolls and cakes. The second owner retired in 1989 and closed the bakery for the first time because he could not compete with the mass produced grocery store prices. However, in December 1992 the building was reopened as a gallery and baked goods store.

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The Tri-State Bakery is significant under criterion C because it is an excellent example of the commercial building style and it retains a high amount of its architectural integrity. Frank Jahnel built the Tri-State Bakery in 1927 and sold it to Bill Yahn, one of his employees in 1937. Yahn owned and ran the bakery from 1937 until 1989 when he retired. Consequently no changes were made to the interior or exterior storefront. Many buildings in the Belle Fourche downtown area have altered main level storefronts. New glass panes, altered entrances, and new doors and windows are the most common features. The bakery retains all of these original elements. It is a pristine example of vernacular commercial architecture during the late 1920's. The bricks were all locally made and only area craftsmen contributed to its construction. It was considered a significant and sophisticated building in the historic period because of its modern industrial bake oven.

The Duhrkop Oven Company from Chicago sold and installed the oven for \$5000. It consumed 39,000 bricks, the exteriors of which were porcelain faced. When Mr. Jahnel turned the oven on it took three weeks to heat to its desired 450 degree temperature. During 62 years of service this temperature varied only 15 degrees and it ran continuously. A long dough rolling table remains in the kitchen with shallow indentations on each side where the dough was kneaded.

Presently the building is used as a bakery, artist studio, and display area. The second floor was and still is used as an apartment, and also retains original kitchen and bathroom cabinets. The Tri-State bakery is significant for its contributions to area commerce and its historic architectural integrity. The building is considered a significant local attraction and draws visitors from neighboring communities. The period of significance extends from its date of construction in 1927 to 1943 the established 50 year cut-off date for the National Register.

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Tri-State Bakery  
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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The Tri-State Bakery is legally bounded by the lot described as the East 6 feet of lot 12 and lot 13 block 13, original, city of Belle Fourche.

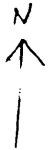
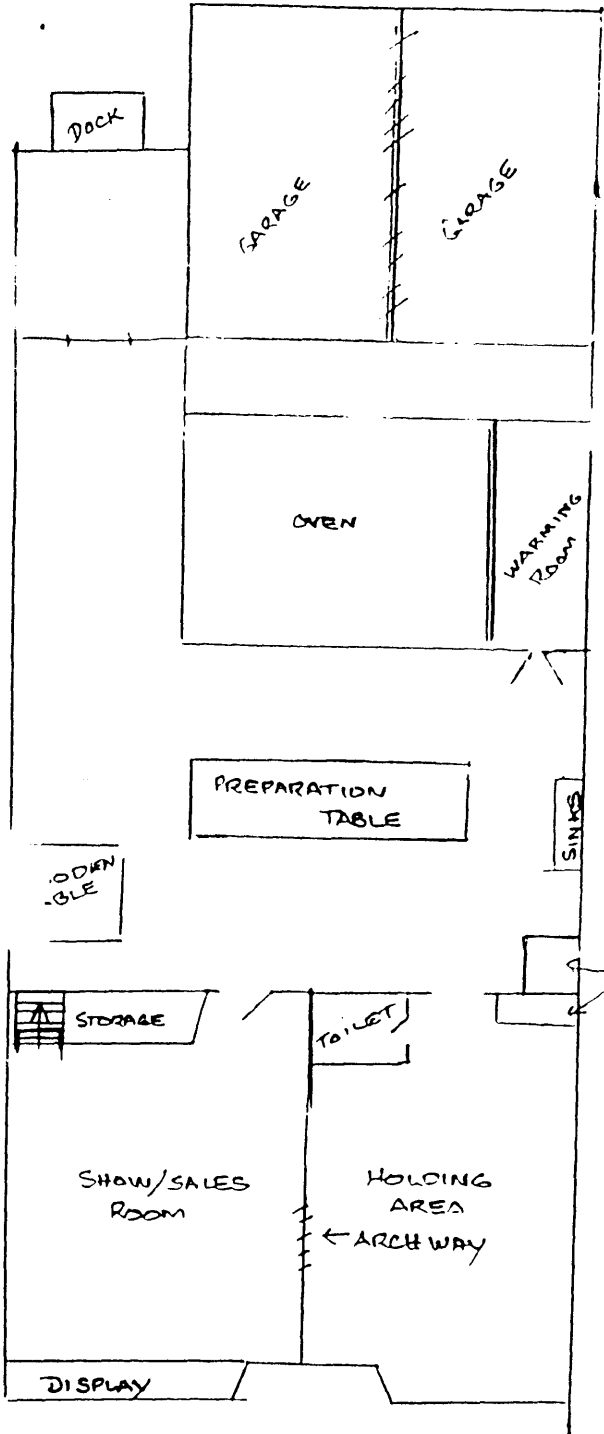
**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The boundary of this property is designated to include the building and only the building with no extraneous land associated. It is bounded in the front (south) by State Street, the back or north by an alley, and on the east by another building and the west by a gas station.

TRI STATE BAKERY

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GARAGES ARE TOO NARROW FOR MODERN CARS



≡ indicates removal

STATE STREET