

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

**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 Campbell, Gina Smith, Bathhouse

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number City Park - extension of Beach Avenue

N/A not for publication

city, town Dell Rapids

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

code 46

county Minnehaha

code 099

3. Classification

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

street & number 302 4th Street

city, town Dell Rapids

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds, Minnehaha County Courthouse

street & number 415 N. Dakota Avenue

city, town Sioux Falls

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 along the Sioux River in the Dell Rapids City Park, the Gina Smith Campbell bathhouse is a long rectangular building constructed of Sioux quartzite. It measures 32' X 34' with 28' by 24' flanking wings. Originally designed without a roof, the building now has a fiberglass covering so that it can be used as a sheltered picnic area. Decorative stone piers visually separate the different divisions of the building.

Two arched entranceways on the north facade lead to the central core of the building. A flat decorative lintel and bullseye opening (no glass) are located over the entranceways which are flanked by two rectangular openings (no glass). The south facade exhibits a five-part composition with a large double entrance topped with a straight stone lintel and bullseye opening (no glass). Two rectangular openings (no glass) with stone lintels and sills flank this entranceway. Fenestration on the south facade also includes a single arched entranceway on either side of the central bay and a single entranceway and square opening (no glass) on either side of the flanking bays.

No interior features remain today. Originally, interior partitions separated the wings from the central core of the building. Showers and bathrooms were located in the wings.

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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) recreation |

Specific dates 1934 **Builder/Architect** P.L. Peterson, Civil Works Administration

Project

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built in 1934 by the Dell Rapids Park Board and the City Council in co-operation with the Civil Works Administration, the Gina Smith Campbell bathhouse is significant in the area of recreation.

The bathhouse was designed by P.L. Peterson. A plaque dedicates the building to Gina Smith Campbell "whose vision and industry led to the establishment of the Dell Rapids Bathing Beach in 1917".¹ Mrs. U.S. Earls writes about the beach and bathhouse in The History of Dell Rapids:

"Credit must be given to several men for starting and making the city park but to Gina Smith Campbell credit must be given for a bathing beach which was outstanding in this area at that time. Literally hundreds of town people were attracted here for swimming and thousands to enjoy our very clean and beautiful park. Later when the stone bathhouse was finished, Gina was sent an airplane ticket to Dell Rapids..."²

The bathhouse, like many other buildings in Dell Rapids, was constructed of native Sioux quartzite. Although it no longer is used as a bathhouse, its picturesque setting along the Sioux River makes it a favorite picnic area in the city park. The building today is a visual reminder of the once popular bathhouse.

¹ Plaque on the Gina Smith Campbell Bathhouse, dedicated July 1934.

² History of Dell Rapids, Mrs. U.S. Earls, January 1952.

9. Major Bibliographical References

History of Dell Rapids. Mrs. U.S. Earls, January, 1952.

Plaque on Building.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less Than One Acre

Quadrangle name Dell Rapids

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The boundaries of the bathhouse extend 10 feet to the north, south, east and west of the bathhouse. The legal description is: Part of Tract 2 of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10 of Dell Rapids Twp. T104N, R49W, Dell Rapids, Minnehaha 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

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city or town Dell Rapids

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 11/10/85

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

Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 2-13-86

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration