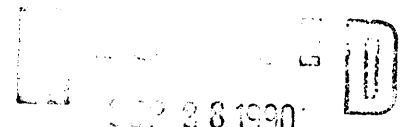


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES -- REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering "NA" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name: Doyle, Harold A. (H.A.), House  
other name/ site number: NA

**2. Location**

street & number: 712 West Third Street /NA/ not for publication  
city, town: Yankton /NA/ vicinity  
state: SOUTH DAKOTA code: SD county: Yankton code: SD 135 zip code: 57078

**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property:	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property:		
		Contributing	Noncontributing	
/XX/ private	/XX/ building(s)	___1___	___1___	buildings
/ / public-local	/ / district	_____	_____	sites
/ / public-state	/ / site	_____	_____	structures
/ / public-federal	/ / structure	_____	_____	objects
	/ / object	___1___	___1___	Total

Name of related multiple property listing: NA \_\_\_\_\_

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: \_\_\_0\_\_\_

**11. Form Prepared by**

name/title: John E. Rau, National Register Coordinator  
organization: State Historical Preservation Center date: June 14, 1990  
street & number: 3 East Main, P. O. Box 417 telephone: 605-677-5314  
city or town: Vermillion state: SOUTH DAKOTA zip code: 57069

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property name

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county

, SOUTH DAKOTA  
state

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. / / See continuation sheet.

*M. Fisher* Signature of certifying official      9/22/90 Date

*South Dakota SHPO* State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property / / meets / / does not meet the National Register Criteria. / / See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official      Date

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

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

Entered in the  
National Register

entered in the National Register

\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register

\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register

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

\_\_\_\_ other, (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

*A. Lorens Byers*      10/25/90

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*[Signature]* Signature of the Keeper      \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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6. **Function or Use** (enter categories from instructions)

Historic functions:  
DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions:  
DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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7. **Description**

Architectural Classification:  
(enter categories from instructions)  
Bungalow-Craftsman

Materials:  
(enter categories from instructions)  
foundation Concrete  
walls Wood

roof Asphalt  
other NA

**Describe present and historic physical appearance:** /XX/ see continuation sheet

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8. **Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in  
relation to other properties: / / / / /XX/  
nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria / / A / /B /XX/C / /D

Criteria Considerations / /A / /B / /C / /D / /E / /F / /G

Areas of Significance (enter from instructions)  
Architecture

Period of Significance  
1924

Significant Dates  
1924

Significant Person  
NA

Cultural Affiliation  
NA

Architect/Builder  
Steele, William L.

**State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations,  
and periods of significance noted above** /XX/ see continuation sheet

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Situated on the bluffs of the Missouri River in a shaded residential neighborhood in Yankton, South Dakota, the Harold A. (H.A.) Doyle House is a sprawling one-and-one-half story wood frame Bungalow style dwelling. It was designed in 1924 by renown Sioux City, Iowa, architect William L. Steele and constructed the same year. The building rises from a concrete block foundation and is clad with narrow clapboard siding. It is capped by a broad hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles. A two-story bay with decorative vertical stick work and a Jerkin Head roof configuration projects from the south (front) facade. Located at the southeast corner of the front facade is the main entry, marked by a small open, gabled porch featuring vertical and diagonal stick work. A wide, shed-roofed dormer projects from the east facade. Fenestration consists of three-over-one windows frequently arranged in bands of three. A garage, which was part of the architect's original design, is attached to the house on the on the northeast corner of the east facade.

The plan of the main floor is generally symmetrical with the dining room, kitchen, sun room, bath room, and bed rooms arranged around a large central living room. A small vestibule connects the open porch to the living room. Interior space is filled with a plethora of original features including woodwork, hardwood floors, French doors, kitchen counters and cupboards, and other built-in cabinetry. Occupying a prominent position, a brick fireplace with a wooden mantelpiece and built-in bookcases sprawls across the north interior wall of the living room.

A utility shed (noncontributing) of recent construction is located in the back yard a few feet north of the house. It is built of materials and design reminiscent of the larger dwelling.

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Under Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, the Harold A. (H.A.) Doyle House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is an excellent example of the work of master Sioux City, Iowa, architect William L. Steele. Constructed in 1924 for a prominent Yankton attorney, it is a fine local specimen of academic Bungalow-Craftsman styling and is the only residential commission by Steele known to survive in South Dakota. Under the South Dakota State Historical Preservation Plan, the property relates to the historic context labeled: V. Depression and Rebuilding, A. 3 Residential Changes.

William La Barthe Steele (1875-1949) was born and raised in Springfield, Illinois. In 1896, he graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in architecture and spent the next three years working for and studying under Louis Sullivan in Chicago, where he adopted many of the design concepts of both Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright. After that he worked in Pittsburgh for a few years, until 1903, when he came to Sioux City to open an office in association with W. W. Beach. In 1906, Steele opened his own office and quickly became the city's most prominent architect. Scores of buildings in the new century in Sioux City and the surrounding area were the products of his genius. The architectural tastes and artistic climate of the region was decidedly conservative, and Steele found it difficult to champion Sullivan-esque and Prairie School designs. Nevertheless, he did manage, in many cases only after considerable promotion, to create some outstanding examples of up-to-date early 20th Century architecture. His greatest works are the Woodbury County Courthouse (1915-18, in association with Purcell and Elmslie of Chicago) and the H. H. Everest House (1916-17) both still extant in Sioux City. Other Sioux City commissions include the Carnegie Library (1912), First Congregational Church (1916-18), St. Vincent's Hospital (1917), and the Fairmont Library and other branches of the main library (1926).

In South Dakota, his work was generally limited to a few institutional buildings including among others a Carnegie Library at Armour (1915), St. Joseph Church at Elk Point (1921, demolished), Sacred Heart School at Yankton (1921), and the Charles Mix County Courthouse (1917). Although he might have been employed to work on other residential commissions in the state, at this time the Doyle House is the only single family dwelling attributed to Steele known to exist in South Dakota. Unlike the Everest House in Sioux City, which is a pure Prairie School design, the Doyle House is a superbly executed Bungalow-Craftsman dwelling. The proliferation of builders' plan books and other standardized sources around the turn of the century made Craftsman concepts popular in South Dakota. No doubt this prevailing trend as well as the conservatism of the region influenced the design choice. In pure Bungalowoid form, the Doyle house displays broad gables facing the street, a spacious central living room, a Craftsman fireplace, numerous built-in

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cabinets, bookcases, and closets, and ornamental stick work on the front facade. The architect also emphasized the horizontal nature of the building, in a more Prairie School fashion, with bands of windows, a Jerkin Head configuration on the projecting bay, a low shed dormer, and very narrow siding.

Yankton was the focus of early settlement in Dakota Territory. The community served as territorial capital from 1861 until 1883 and has continued to be a thriving commercial center. Because of its sustained leadership in social, political, and commercial affairs throughout the 19th Century and early 20th Century, the city attracted regionally prominent citizens, many of them well traveled and well educated, who desired up-to-date architecture to promote their new investments. Thus, Yankton witnessed waves of building where then-current styles, often designed by leading regional architects, would be added to the existing built environment. Much of the historic fabric of the city remains intact and illustrates stylistic trends from Italianate of the early 1870s to Art Deco of the mid-20th Century. The Doyle House is a product of this trend, and in the midst of the city's broad architectural catalog, it stands out as a premier representative of Bungalow-Craftsman traditions and especially of the work of William Steele.

The original owner, Harold A. (H.A.) Doyle was a well known trial lawyer in Yankton. Both his sons followed in their father's footsteps and rose to considerable fame within the legal profession. Louis and Susanne Heck purchased the property from the Doyle estate. It is currently owned by Gail and Janet Sohler.

The period of significance of the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in 1924.

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, SOUTH DAKOTA  
state

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Previous documentation by 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:

- /XX/ State historic preservation office
- / / Other State agency
- / / Federal agency
- / / Local government
- / / University
- / / Other

Specify repository:

South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property: Less than one acre

UTM References:

A = /14/	/630-520/	/4747-420/	B = / /	/ /	/ /
C = / /	/ /	/ /	D = / /	/ /	/ /
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

Quad: Gavins Point Dam

Scale: 1:24000

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundaries of the nominated property are contained within the legal description as recorded in the Yankton County Register of Deeds Office: East one-half of Lots 7, 8, and 9 of Block 20, Witherspoons Addition to Yankton, Yankton County, South Dakota.

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Boundary Justification:

The boundaries of the nominated property are based on legally recorded lot lines of the parcel historically associated with the property.

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Yankton, Yankton County, South Dakota  
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Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
South facade, camera facing north  
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2.

Harold A. Doyle House  
Yankton, Yankton County, South Dakota  
by John Rau  
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Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
South and east facades, camera facing northwest  
Photo No. 2

3.

Harold A. Doyle House  
Yankton, Yankton County, South Dakota  
by John Rau  
June 1990  
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
East facade, showing attached garage, camera facing west  
Photo No. 3

4.

Harold A. Doyle House  
Yankton, Yankton County, South Dakota  
by John Rau  
June 1990  
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
North facade, rear facade of utility shed in foreground, camera facing south  
Photo No. 4

5.

Harold A. Doyle House  
Yankton, Yankton County, South Dakota  
by John Rau  
June 1990  
Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center  
Utility Shed, South and west facades, camera facing northeast  
Photo No. 5