

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 Thomas, Charles A., House

and/or common Glen G. Highstrom House

2. Location

street & number 620 South Dakota Avenue

N/A not for publication

city, town Sioux Falls

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

code 26

county Minnehaha

code 099

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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Glen Highstrom and Karmon Highstrom

street & number 620 South Dakota Avenue

city, town Sioux Falls

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Minnehaha County Courthouse

street & number 415 North Dakota

city, town Sioux Falls

state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Sioux Falls Historic Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June 1982 N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historical Preservation Center

city, town Vermillion

state South Dakota

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 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 shaded residential area near downtown Sioux Falls, the Charles A. Thomas house is a one-and-a-half story frame bungalow with a broad gable roof. The original stick shingle siding is intact as well as the quartzite foundation and porch which extends the length of the front facade. A brick chimney is located on the east (side) facade. There are beveled windows in the front door and sidelights, and five leaded glass windows in the living room. The rear porch is enclosed.

The interior displays the original lighting fixtures and oak woodwork. Half colonades visually divide the dining and living rooms which both have beamed ceilings. The living room has a brick fireplace with built-in flanking seats. A bay window with window seats and a built-in buffet with leaded glass doors are located in the dining room. Other interior features include a pedestal sink in the bathroom, a built-in linen closet in the hallway and a beveled mirror in the bedroom closet door. The upstairs is unfinished and used for storage.

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** Not available

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Characterized by its broad gable roof, stick shingle siding and oak interior woodwork, the Charles A. Thomas house is a fine representative of the Bungalow style. Although the Bungalow is ubiquitous in Sioux Falls as well as throughout the country, the Thomas house is an early and intact example thus making it significant in the area of architecture.

The house was built by a lifetime resident of Sioux Falls, Charles A. Thomas (1878-1856). After his graduation from Washington High School in 1899, Thomas started the Thomas and Gremmels Wallpaper and Paint Store with Charles Gremmels. After the store was discontinued in 1939, Thomas became associated with the Sioux Falls Paint and Glass Company which is still in business today. In 1912, he married Luva M. Pulley. Two years later in 1914, they built their house at 620 South Dakota.

Today the building retains almost all of its original features including its original stick shingle siding and quartzite foundation and front porch, beveled and leaded glass windows, original lighting fixtures and oak woodwork and built-in buffet and window seats. The house represents an early and intact example of the Bungalow style which swept America on the pages of California bungalow magazines in the teens and twenties. The bungalow vogue and its variations peaked after the Prairie School and had a much greater life-span nationally beginning in the late nineteenth century and lasting until the early 1940's. The term "bungalow" is thought to be derived from the East Asian word "bangla" which, in Bengal, refers to a low house with porches surrounding it. In the mid-nineteenth century the British were building temporary rest houses called "dakbungalows" along main roads in India, and the first American bungalows had a vague Hindu appearance to them.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historic Avenues. Sioux Falls, South Dakota. 2nd printing, 1983.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Sioux Falls East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	4	6	8	3	5	1	0	4	8	2	3	1	6	0
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 boundaries are contained within the legal description: Lot 6 Block 29 Gales 3rd Addition. Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Glenn G. and Karmon Highstrom (technical assistance: Melanie Betz, HPC)

organization N/A date August 7, 1985

street & number 620 South Dakota telephone 605-334-2881

city or town Sioux Falls state South Dakota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

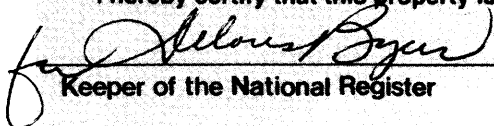
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title _____ date Sept 26 '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 10-31-85

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration