



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

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

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 an 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 Hoffelt Drug Store

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Ca. 212 Main Street

city or town Estelline

state South Dakota **code** SE **county** Hamlin

N/A

N/A

code 057

not for publication

vicinity

zip code 57234

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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.)

Jay D. Vogt
Signature of certifying official

12-10-2007
Date

SD SHPO
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.)

Signature of commenting official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register.
___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined eligible for the National Register.
___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined not eligible for the National Register.
___ See continuation sheet.
___ removed from the National Register.
___ other, (explain:)

Elson H. Beall

2.19.08

[Signature]

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (check as many boxes as as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	contributing	noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> site		structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	1	objects
			0 total

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources
is previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

COMMERCE/TRADE: specialty store, drug store

Current Functions

RECREATION/CULTURE: museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Other

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation concrete

walls brick

roof unknown

other hollow clay tile

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

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for the 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.)

Property is:

- 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

Period of Significance

1911

Significant Dates

1911

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

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Additional Documentation

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 the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name/title	Harvey Donley	date	September 2007
organization	owner	telephone	605-873-4000
street&number	19169 462 nd Ave.	zip code	57234
city or town	Estelline	state	SD

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Description

Hoffelt Drug Store is located in the middle of the 200 block on the east side of Main Street in the commercial district of Estelline, Hamlin County, South Dakota. The commercial district of Estelline, population 675, is approximately two blocks long. Most of the buildings are one or two stories tall and built of brick or concrete block. Most of the buildings appear to date to the early 20th century.

Hoffelt Drug Store is a one-story vernacular form commercial building. It features a brick façade, with concrete accents. The door is set off to the south side of the façade, with two large display windows on the north side of the entrance door. A transom window which spans the entire façade of the building is covered with wood but still intact underneath. A sign carved into the stone above says, "DRUGS" and above that is a small pediment that says "1911".

On the rear of the building is a small shed roofed addition, which was likely added in the 1920s or 1930s. It is made of hollow clay tile. The roof is flat, material unknown, though it is likely rubber membrane or tar covered.

The interior is much more ornamental than the exterior. It features a pressed tin ceiling, plaster walls, and honeycomb white tile with black tiles laid in a simple medallion style. Most of the walls are covered with large, quarter-sawn oak wood and glass display cabinets. These cabinets line the north and south walls, and there are glass topped lower cabinets, which further displayed store products.

In the rear/east side of the store is the soda fountain. The soda fountain counter is made of a dark gray marble. Inset into it are the apparatus, including chromed bins for sauces, a freezer component for ice cream, and the spigots for sodas. A beautifully carved wood and mirrored backbar sits behind the soda fountain, backed with a mirror, which reflects back on the rest of the store.

Behind the backbar is a small area, which is designed for preparation of the pharmaceuticals. Shelves and drawers as well as a small work counter space is included for the pharmacist to put together prescriptions.

Behind the backbar and pharmacy preparation area are doorways on either side leading to the back storage room. There is a small restroom, as well as shelves for storage of goods. Access to the basement is back there as well.

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The basement is the full size of the main floor. It is a basic, concrete room. It contained shelves for storing the stock for the store, as well as the boiler for the heating system.

Overall, the Hoffelt Drug Store exhibits an exceptionally high degree of integrity. Its exterior is virtually intact, with the transom beneath the wood covering. The interior is so intact that it is of museum quality, with all of the original furnishings, and even many of the original wares that were once for sale still available in the store. The Hoffelt Drug Store is probably the most intact early 20th century drug store in the state.

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Statement of Significance

The Hoffelt Drug Store is locally eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of a one-part, vernacular commercial block constructed in Hamlin County during the early twentieth century. This building is not only intact, but its contents are intact, with most of the original furnishings, including soda fountain, tables and chairs, light fixtures, cabinets and even pharmaceutical tools, bottles and labels.

Background

The city of Estelline was originally established about three miles northwest of its present site. It was reportedly named after the Estelline (or Estella) Bennett, the daughter of a federal judge. It was moved to its current location in 1882, with its original plat made in September of that year, most likely to be close to the tracks of the Northwestern Railroad, which had put its depot, a water tank and windmill at this site that same year. It was organized as a village in 1890. Located on a site one mile east of the Big Sioux River on Sections 24 and 25 within Estelline Township in Hamlin County, the first major building was done the following spring after the site was platted, with the Van Buren elevator, the Winona Mill Co., the grade school, two churches, stores, hotels and dwellings.¹

The community continued to grow. As was common in early pioneer towns where the commercial district was built in frame buildings, in 1904 half a block of Main Street was destroyed by fire. Undoubtedly, most were rebuilt with brick or concrete block, which are more fireproof.²

The 1916-17 Gazeteer had the following to say about Estelline:

ESTELLINE. Pop 600. Hamlin county. An incorporated town on the C & N W Ry 26 miles s e of Watertown. Has Catholic, Congregational and Norwegian Lutheran churches, 2 banks, a hotel, a commercial club, an opera house, a feed mill, 4 grain elevators, an electric light plant and water works. A weekly

¹ Hamlin Historical Committee. *Hamlin County, 1878 – 1979*, N.P., 1979: 38.

² Hamlin Historical Committee, 1979: 38.

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newspaper the Tribune is published. Ships grain, produce and live stock. Land is worth \$75 to \$100 per acre.³

The Hoffelt Drug Store was listed in this directory, as well as the Lohr Drug Store.

The one-part commercial block developed in the mid nineteenth century and soon became a common feature of towns and cities nationwide. These buildings allowed entrepreneurs to generate income with a smaller investment than a two-story commercial building. One-part commercial buildings have only one story with a simple rectangular box plan and a decorated façade. This configuration, however, allowed for minimal embellishment except along the roofline.⁴

Hoffelt Drug Store

Ed Hoffelt was born in 1868 in St. Paul, Minnesota and moved to Estelline in 1904. He first worked as a druggist in the drug store at Lohr and Lohr in downtown Estelline before deciding to get his degree in pharmacy. Although he had not completed high school, he was able to enter the Minnesota Institute of Pharmacy in 1909 by telling them that his high school burned down, along with records of his graduation. He passed his classes and the state pharmacy board exam with the highest average of any candidate in three years.⁵

After completing his pharmacy board exams, he returned to Estelline to marry Eva Lohr, the daughter of his former employer. They married in March in 1910, and by 1911, he resigned from Lohr and Lohr to start his own drug store in Estelline. Ed purchased Lot 6, which for many years was part of the parcel where the Union House hotel stood. It is unclear when the Union House was torn down (or possibly burned). When E.F. Hoffelt purchased his property in January 1911, the agreement was to allow Horswill, the man he bought the property from, to keep his auto garage on the east 30 feet of the lot for up to two years.⁶

³ R.L. Polk, *Northwestern Gazetteer and Business Directory*, vol. XX, published by R. L. Polk & Co., 1916-17, found in: <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/sd/hamlin/business/este1916.txt>

⁴ Richard Longstreth, *The Buildings of Main Street* (Walnut Creek, CA: Alta Mira Press, 2000), 54-67.

⁵ Hamlin Historical Committee, 1979: 231.

⁶ Hamlin Historical Committee, 1979: 231; Hamlin County Register of Deeds, Deed Book 18, Page 370, Deed, Horswill to Hoffelt, 5 January 1911.

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Ed and Eva built a little one-story brick building for their pharmacy, which at the time was considered the most modern, and up to date drug store in eastern South Dakota. He ordered the marble and chrome soda fountain from the Liquid Carbolic Company of Chicago, Illinois for \$6,500. The entire fountain reportedly weighed 7,500 pounds. The company sent a courier along with it to ensure safe delivery, but they got as far as Minneapolis before the Estelline depot refused to accept delivery of it. The courier was forced to rent a wagon and ox team to cart the heavy apparatus the remaining 300 plus miles.⁷

Ed attended optometry school in 1921, and Eva studied pharmacy when World War I broke out, in case Ed would be called to duty. They were equal partners in their business, which continued to thrive over the years.⁸

Eva and Ed had two children. May Viola was born in 1912. She went by the nickname "Doc." She achieved her degree from University of Minnesota in welfare work and a degree in optometry from the Optometry School in Memphis, Tennessee. She married Norman Paranteau and they ran the Hoffelt-Paranteau Eye Clinic in Estelline until her death in 1977. Charles Edward was born in December 1910, literally days before his parents purchased the lot for the new store. He married Mabel Hooker of Sioux Falls in 1936. He received his degree in pharmacy from the South Dakota State College, and joined his parents in the family drug store. Other than two years in the navy, Charles remained in Estelline.⁹

Ed Hoffelt deeded the pharmacy over to his son Charles in January 1956. Eva had died in 1955, and by their later years, Ed spent most of his time working in their impressive flower garden. Ed apparently died a few years later. By 1962, Charles is listed as the owner of the property, jointly with his wife Mable. Later in his life, Charles became ill with cancer and decided to sell the building. Though there were people willing to pay large amounts of money for the pristine pharmacy, Charles preferred someone to purchase it that would preserve it as it was when he was a child.¹⁰

That person was Harvey Donley. Donley, a computer technician, loved history, and vowed to maintain the pharmacy as a museum. Harvey Donley with his wife Melissa obtained the property in 2004. He has been true to his word, and has restored the soda fountain to full function, and has many items that the Hoffelts had for sale at one time on display in the old fashioned drug store/soda fountain. He opens

⁷ Borchert, James. 16 March 2007.

⁸ Hamlin Historical Committee, 1979: 231.

⁹ Hamlin Historical Committee, 1979: 231.

¹⁰ Hamlin Historical Committee, 1979: 231; HCRoD, Deed Book 45, Page 218, E.F. Hoffelt to Charles Hoffelt, 9 January 1956; HCRoD, Deed Book 46, Page 561, Charles Hoffelt to Charles and Mable Hoffelt, 25 May 1962.

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the building up for special events in the summer, and continues to research and restore the building and its contents in his spare time.¹¹

The Hoffelt Drug Store features the defining characteristics of a one-part commercial block. It has a single story with a rectangular “box” plan and a simple decorated façade.

The Hoffelt Drug Store is locally eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of a one-part commercial block constructed in Hamlin County during the early twentieth century. This modest building has been remarkably preserved with its contents, including the original soda fountain, furnishings, and contents. The building retains a remarkably high level of historic integrity, and is an unusual property from a historical artifact point of view.

¹¹ HCRoD, Deed Book 84, Page 364, Personal Representative’s Deed, Gerry Hoffelt to Harvey and Melissa Donley, 8 October 2004.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 6, Block 1, Original Plat, Estelline, Hamlin County, South Dakota.

Boundary Justification

The building historically and currently is located on the above-described lot. The parcel size has not changed since the building was first constructed in 1911.

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PHOTOGRAPH LOG

The following information pertains to photograph numbers 1-2 except as noted:

Name of Property: Hoffelt Drug Store
County, State: Hamlin County, South Dakota
Photographer: Barb Kooiman
Date of Photographs: June 2006
Location of Original: South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, Pierre, SD

<u>Photo No.</u>	<u>Photographic Information</u>
1.	West façade, looking east
2.	Interior, north and east walls, looking northeast