# National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form

## 1. Name

**Common:**
Bogk (Frederick C.) House

**And/or Historic:**
Congressmen to be notified:
- Sen. William Proxmire
- Sen. Gaylord A. Nelson
- Rep. Henry S. Reuss

## 2. Location

**Street and Number:**
2420 North Terrace Avenue

**City or Town:**
Milwaukee

**State:**
Wisconsin

**Code:**
55

**County:**
Milwaukee

**Code:**
079

## 3. Classification

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**Present Use (Check One or More as Appropriate):**
- Agricultural
- Government
- Park
- Transportation
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Private Residence
- Other (Specify)
- Educational
- Military
- Religious
- Comments
- Entertainment
- Museum
- Scientific

## 4. Owner of Property

**Owner's Name:**
Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Elsner, Jr.

**Street and Number:**
2420 North Terrace Avenue

**City or Town:**
Milwaukee

**State:**
Wisconsin

**Code:**
55

## 5. Location of Legal Description

**Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, etc.:**
Milwaukee County Courthouse

**Street and Number:**
901 North Ninth Street

**City or Town:**
Milwaukee

**State:**
Wisconsin

**Code:**
55

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

**Title of Survey:**
Historic American Buildings Survey

**Date of Survey:**
1969

**Depository for Survey Records:**
Library of Congress

**Street and Number:**
Washington

**State:**
District of Columbia

**Code:**
11
7. DESCRIPTION

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**The Bogk House** was planned by Frank Lloyd Wright. It is a two-story building, 47 feet wide (north-south) by 76 feet, 6 inches long and is crowned by a hipped roof with broad, overhanging eaves. Walls, fireplace, and chimney are built of tan tapestry brick laid with unusually wide mortar joints; lintels, sills, and capstones are precast concrete. Throughout the composition rectilinear patterns predominate, not only in plans and elevations, but also in details—the concrete relief ornament on exterior and interior, the wood trim, the leaded glass windows, and the Wright-designed fixtures and furnishings.

Both the blocky, closed, compact massing and geometrical ornamentation of the facade call to mind Wright's Unity Temple in Oak Park, Illinois, while the interior, with first-story spaces articulated about a central fireplace mass, is reminiscent of his Prairie houses. The principal entry is on the north. To the left (west) of the foyer is the living area, occupying the entire west end of the first floor and opening onto a walled terrace at the front of the house. To the east, beyond the fireplace, are dining area, kitchen, and pantry. Bedrooms and baths occupy the second story.

The house has been carefully maintained and has undergone only minor alterations during its 55-year history. For the present owners it has been handsomely refurbished under the direction of Wright's widow and Taliesin Associated Architects of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation.
Although it is not without interest that its original owner, Frederick C. Bogk, was a successful local businessman and Milwaukee Alderman, this house's significance derives primarily from the fact that Frank Lloyd Wright drew the plans. It is, moreover, the great architect's finest early work in Milwaukee County and survives in admirable condition. The Bogk House became an officially designated Milwaukee Landmark in 1968 and a year later was recorded for the Historic American Buildings Survey.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.15

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mary Ellen Wietczykowski, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Milwaukee Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: 210 West Michigan Street

CITY OR TOWN: Milwaukee

STATE: Wisconsin

CODE: 55

DATE: Feb. 20, 1972

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [ ] Local [X]

Name: James Morton Smith

Title: Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date: Mar 26 1972

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

Robert Smiley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/18/72

ATTEST:

William A. Maunder
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10/16/72
BOGK (FREDERICK C.) HOUSE

6. Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Buildings and Sites (state)

1971
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
816 State Street
Madison, Wisconsin

Code: 55