

**SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY**

Site Number

PN	RC	RC	WB	452
CTY	TWP	CIT	NBH	NUM

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Location 1421 WEST BLVD.

DBASE \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name \_\_\_\_\_

U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name  
\_\_\_\_\_

Historic Function \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1	Q2	SEC	TWP	RNG

Historic Context(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Urban LOT \_\_\_\_\_ BLK \_\_\_\_\_  
Only ADD \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Surveyors  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

NR Eligible Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Future NR Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Date(s) of Construction \_\_\_\_\_

Significance

<input type="checkbox"/> HIST	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCH	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCE
<input type="checkbox"/> NATL	<input type="checkbox"/> STAT	<input type="checkbox"/> LOCL

Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

Roll # \_\_\_\_\_ Frame #'s \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach Photographs Below)

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**Historic**

**Name** Elsie White House

**Address/**

**Location** 1421 West Boulevard

**Common**

**Name**

**Historic**

**Function** House

**Historic**

**Context(s)** V. Depression & Rebuilding: A.  
Changing Urban Patterns: 3.  
Residential Changes

**Owner's Name** Helen Lisenbee

**Owner's Address** 1421 West Boulevard  
Rapid City, SD 57701

**Owner's Phone #** (000) 000-0000

**Date(s) of Construction** circa 1923/1929

**Photographer** D. Martin  
**Roll # 2** **Frame #'s** 18A-19A  
(Attach Photographs Below)

**Site Number**

PN -RC -RC -WB -00452  
CTY TWP CIT NBH NUM

**DBASE** 0000000000

**U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name**

**Legal Description**

0  
Q1 Q2 SEC TWP RNG  
Urban Only BLK 4  
LOT 11-12  
ADD West Boulevard

**Surveyors**

D. Martin/RTI

**Date** 07/03/1992

**NR Eligible** Y

**Future NR** Y

**Significance** HIST, ARCH  
LOCL



## Preservation Strengths of the Site

- In Use and Not Threatened
- In Good Structural Condition
- Owners Protecting Site
- Appreciated by Public
- Valuable to Research

## Preservation Threats

- Abandonment
- Deterioration Through Lack of Resources
- Vandalism or Looting
- Inappropriate Alterations
- Inappropriate or Poor Maintenance
- Fragile or Deteriorating Construction Materials
- Unsound Condition
- Lack of Support (Specify by Whom)

Environmental Situations Effecting Site (Specify What: May Include Mining, Flooding, Erosion, Pollution, Acid Rain, Weather, Isolation, Development, Etc.)

**Dates:**

Founding of Institution or Settlement 1876

Town and Addition Plated 1877 1886 Initial Construction of Structure 1923

**Original Owners:**

Name (Include Spouse if Known)

Place of Origin

Date Arrived in S.D. 0000 In USA 0000

Occupation(s)

Religious Affiliation

Social/Fraternal Affiliation

**Other Previous Owners:**Names and Dates of Occupation C. Merle & Elsa Rowe (R.L. Polk, 1928:  
lists Elsa as a High School teacher**Structural History:**Architect's Name and  
Date of Commission

Builder's Name

Pattern, Book and Number/Name

Historic Uses of the Site House

Changes in Use

**Statement of Historical Significance: (Including Relation to Historic  
Context Topics and Study Units)**

The Elsie White House has the potential to contribute to the West Boulevard Historic District. It is significant for its association with the growth and development of the West Boulevard neighborhood in Rapid City from 1878-1942. Built circa 1923 and enlarged in 1929, the house corresponds to the rebuilding phase of residential development in Rapid City (1897-1929), a period in which the West Boulevard neighborhood rapidly grew in response to tremendous population growth in the city. The house helps to illustrate the varied economic status of the neighborhood's inhabitants during this era. It also serves as a representative example of the Craftsman style, one of the most popular styles for domestic construction in the West Boulevard area in the 1910s and 1920s.

**Miscellaneous Historical Information:**

Research indicates the original unit of the house was built in 1922-23, or around the time that Elsie White received water and sewer permits for the property. The house was enlarged in about 1929, with the construction of a gabled-wing. Although unconfirmed, Elsie White was likely the original owner and conceivable is the "Elza," wife of C. Merle Rowe, shown at this address in the 1928 R.L. Polk.

**Bibliography:**

Oral Interview (Name, Date & Relationship to Site)

Atlas (Date & Publisher)

County History (Title & Pages)

Deed Abstract

Tax Records Assessors' Card: 1929

Sanborn-Ferris Maps (Dates)

1923: small, rec. house; 1930: enlarged house

Census Records

Historical Photos (Description & Date)

Manuscripts (Name & Date)

Directories (Type & Date)

R.L. Polk: 1928

Other Sources Rapid City Public Works, Water Permit #1339 and  
Sewer Permit #738: Elsie White, April 1923

## General Information:

Building # 1

Site No. PN-RC -RC-WB-00452 Date of Construction c.1923 Photos 18-19A

Function House	Plan Form Irregular	Height (Stories) 1
	Method of	Overall
Style Craftsman	Construction Wood-frame	Condition E

## Additions &amp; Alterations (Types &amp; Dates)

Sanborn maps indicate the main, front-gable unit was the original house. About 1930 this house was enlarged with a large gabled-addition on the west. Since then the front porch (east) has been enclosed and vestibule added on its north, and a gabled-wing added at the rear of the house at the NW corner.

## Evaluation of Specific Elements:

Foundation: Materials Concrete Condition E

Walls: Cladding Clapboard &amp; wood shingles Condition E

Windows: General/ Unique	Type	Glazing Pattern	Condition	Location
U	Bay	5x5	E	East
U	Double-hung, wood-sash	4v/1 & 5v/1	E	
U	Round	Multi-light	E	East
U	Sliding	1x1	E	NW add.

Doors: Type	Glazing Pattern	Condition	Location
Sliding glass	1x1	E	West
Wood-paneled	Oval	E	East

Roof: Form Gable Materials Asphalt shingles Condition E

Dormer: Type Condition  
Location(s)Chimneys/Ventilators: Materials Brick chimney Condition E  
Location(s) Interior: south slopePorches: Materials Condition Height Roof Location  
(Stories) Configuration

Enclosed: clapboard &amp; wd. shingles E 1 Asymmetric gable East

Bays/Towers: Form Condition Height (Stories) Location(s)

**Significant Exterior Details:**

Front porch (east): vestibule addition on north is under an extension of the porches' gable, creating an overall asymmetrical gable roof

Roof: open eaves with wide overhangs, exposed rafter tips, and knee braces at gables

**Significant Interior Details:**

Not accessed

Bldg#	Date	C/NC	Function	Photo#	Construction Method	Height
2	c.1929	NC	Garage	19A	Wood-frame	1

Individual Element Cond.

Overall Condition E Foundation: Materials- Not visible  
 Walls: Cladding- Drop siding E  
 Windows: Type & Glazing Pattern- Fixed; 4 lights E  
 Doors: Type & Glazing Pattern- Overhead E  
 Roof: Form & Materials- Gable; asphalt shingles E  
 Chimney/Vent: Material & Location-

Significant Exterior Details

Modern shed-roofed addition on west, doubles building size

Significant Interior Details

Alterations & Dates

Change in Use

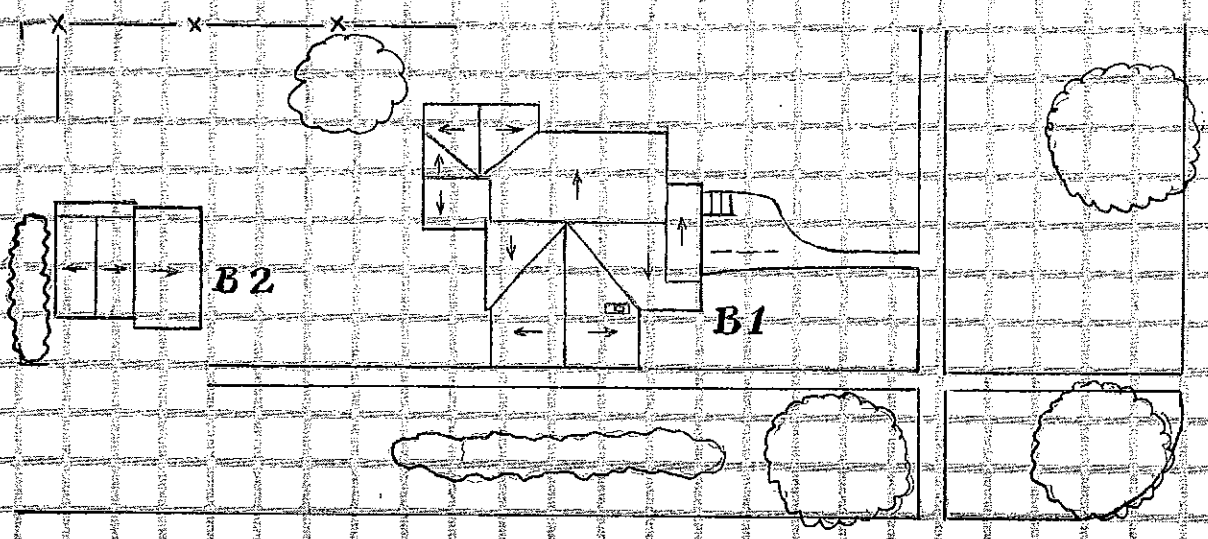
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Site Plan: Indicate all door and window openings, roof shapes, and landscape features.



Indicate North



WEST BLVD.

ST. CLOUD ST.