

**SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY**

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

Address/Location 811 ST. ANDREW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

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

Site Number

PN  RC  RC  WB  536  
CTY TWP CIT NBH NUM

DBASE \_\_\_\_\_

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

Legal Description

Q1 Q2 SEC TWP RNG

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

Surveyors \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Significance

HIST  ARCH  ARCE  
 NATL  STAT  LOCL

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Historic  
Name

Address/  
Location 811 St. Andrew Street

Common  
Name

Historic  
Function House

Historic  
Context(s) VI. The Great Depression

Owner's Name Michael Robeck

Owner's Address 811 St. Andrew Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

Owner's Phone # (000) 000-0000

Date(s) of Construction circa 1941

Photographer M. McCormick  
Roll # 15 Frame #'s 5 & 6, 15 & 16  
(Attach Photographs Below)

Site Number  
PN -RC -RC -WB -00536  
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 22  
LOT 6-7  
ADD West Boulevard

Surveyors  
M. McCormick/RTI

Date 07/07/1992

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 1941

**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 Arthur & Alma Geist (possibly the original owners; R.L. Polk, 1945: lists Arthur as Real Estate, Insurance and Security Bonds)

**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)**

This house has the potential to contribute to the West Boulevard Historic District. It is significant for its association with the development of the West Boulevard neighborhood in Rapid City from 1878 to 1942. Built in about 1941, the house corresponds to the Great Depression, a time of economic uncertainty across the nation. Rapid City experienced limited construction in the early Depression years. In the mid 1930s, however, its construction industry revived largely because of the city's relatively healthy and diverse economy; many new homes were built in the West Boulevard neighborhood. This house helps to illustrate the economic vitality of the city during the Depression, as well as the varied social and economic status of those living in the West Boulevard neighborhood. It also serves as a representative example of a vernacular style built in the neighborhood during this period.

**Miscellaneous Historical Information:**

Tax records for this house list a year-built date of 1941. Although not fully confirmed this seems appropriate; the house's Foursquare form and ornamental detailing do suggest pre-WWII construction.

**Bibliography:**

Oral Interview (Name, Date & Relationship to Site)

Atlas (Date & Publisher)

County History (Title & Pages)

Deed Abstract

Tax Records Assessors' Card: 1941

Sanborn-Ferris Maps (Dates)  
No coverage

Census Records

Historical Photos (Description & Date)

Manuscripts (Name & Date)

Directories (Type & Date)

R.L. Polk: 1939 & 1941, this address not listed; 1945: shows the Geists residing at this address

Other Sources

General Information:

Building # 1

Site No. PN-RC -RC-WB-00536 Date of Construction c.1941 Photos 5,6, 15

Function House	Plan Form Near square	Height (Stories) 1
	Method of Construction Wood-frame	Overall Condition E
Style Vernacular		

Additions & Alterations (Types & Dates)  
 Modern exterior chimney on east wall

Evaluation of Specific Elements:

Foundation: Materials Concrete Condition E

Walls: Cladding Clapboard siding Condition E

Windows: General/ Unique	Type	Glazing Pattern	Condition	Location
G	Double-hung, wood-sash	3v/1	E	

Doors: Type	Glazing Pattern	Condition	Location
Wood-paneled	Arched 3v	E	Vestibule

Roof: Form Hip with front gable Materials Asphalt shingles Condition E

Dormer: Type	Condition
Location(s)	

Chimneys/Ventilators: Materials Brick chimney; concrete block chimn Condition 1  
 Location(s) Interior: south; exterior: east wall

Porches: Materials	Condition	Height (Stories)	Roof Configuration	Location
Vestibule: clapboard siding	E	1	Gable	North

Bays/Towers: Form	Condition	Height (Stories)	Location(s)
Canted bay	E	1	South

**Significant Exterior Details:**

Windows: semi circular, louvered vent at front gable; and wooden false shutters at front windows (north)

Cladding: fake board-and-batten siding at front gable

Roof: boxed eaves with wide overhangs; front gable has full return

Vestibule: concrete stoop, and wrought iron rails; gable roof has partial returns; starburst adorns the gable end

**Significant Interior Details:**

Not accessed

Bldg#	Date	C/NC	Function	Photo#	Construction Method	Height
2	c.1941	C	Garage	16	Wood-frame	1

Overall Condition	E	Foundation: Materials-	Concrete	Individual Element Cond.
		Walls: Cladding-	Clapboard siding	E
Windows: Type & Glazing Pattern-			Fixed; 4 lights	E
Doors: Type & Glazing Pattern-			Paneled overhead	E
Roof: Form & Materials-			Pyramid; asphalt shingles	
Chimney/Vent: Material & Location-				

Significant Exterior Details

Significant Interior Details

Alterations & Dates

Modern shed-roofed carport on west

Change in Use



Site Plan: Indicate all door and window openings, roof shape ( ) and landscape features.



Indicate North

