

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Illinois
COUNTY: Cook
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Mrs. Thomas H. Gale House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
6 Elizabeth Court

CITY OR TOWN:
Oak Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE:
Illinois

CODE:
17

COUNTY:
Cook

CODE:
031

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. & Mrs. Howard Rosenwinkel

STREET AND NUMBER:
6 Elizabeth Court

CITY OR TOWN:
Oak Park

STATE:
Illinois

CODE:
17

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Cook County Building

STREET AND NUMBER:
Clark & Washington

CITY OR TOWN:
Chicago

STATE:
Illinois

CODE:
17

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE: Illinois

COUNTY: Cook

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gale House is considered one of Frank Lloyd Wright's most successful small house designs. It is a very compact house composed of interlocking rectilinear forms surrounding a fireplace core. It is generally considered to be the forerunner of several other houses by Wright which culminated in the design of Edgar Kaufmann's house, "Falling Water", at Bear Run, Pennsylvania in 1936. At present, the Gale House is in superb condition, having been meticulously restored by the present owner in 1962.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1909

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The architect of the Gale House was Frank Lloyd Wright, generally considered to be the greatest of the American architects, past or present. The Gale House was designed during the most fruitful period of Frank Lloyd Wright's "Prairie House" period. The building has been cited by numerous authorities as a milestone in the development of early modern architecture. The building was occupied by its original owner and his daughter until 1962 when it was acquired by the present owner and his wife. Mr. Rosenwinkel is an accomplished architect himself and took great pains to restore the building to its original condition. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenwinkel occasionally open the house to visitors, although understandably they are not able to keep it open to the public at all times. It is located in the Village of Oak Park, Illinois, in an area that has the greatest concentration of buildings by Frank Lloyd Wright and his contemporaries anywhere in the world.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Siegel, Arthur, Chicago's Famous Buildings, a Photographis Guide. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1969
 Manson, Grant C., Frank Lloyd Wright to 1910, The First Golden Age. New York: Reinhardt Publishing Co., 1958
A Guide to the Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright in Oak Park & River Forest. Oak Park, Illinois: Oak Park Public Library, 1966
 Hitchcock, H. R., Frank Lloyd Wright, in the Nature of Materials. New York: Dual, Sloane & Pierce, 1941
 The Gale House is also included in hundreds of other published works.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41	53	30
NE	° ' "	° ' "		87	47	55
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/10

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 W. R. Hasbrouck, AIA, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: Chicago Chapter, American Institute of Architects DATE: 12/5/69

STREET AND NUMBER:
 101 South Wacker Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Chicago STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Name DAN MALKOVICH

Title Acting Director

Date 1/29/70

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

20 372

1. Name of Site:

Common

Historic Mrs Thomas Gale House

2. Location:

Street and Number 6 Elizabeth Court Township Section
City or Town Oak Park Zip Code Range 1/4 Section
County Cook

3. Classification:

Category (check one) Integrity (check one)

() District (x) Building () Altered (x) Unaltered
() Site () Structure () Moved (x) Original Site

4. Ownership:

Status (check one)

(x) Private (x) Occupied
() Public () Unoccupied
() Preservation work in progress

Access to Public

() Yes () Restricted () Unrestricted (x) No

Present Use (check one or more)

() Agricultural () Industrial () Religious
() Commercial () Military () Scientific
() Educational () Museum () Transportation
() Entertainment () Park () Other
() Government (x) Private Residence

5. Ownership of Property:

Owner's Name Phone Number
Street and Number
City or Town
State County Zip Code

ARCHITECTURE

6. Description: Prairie School

() Excellent (x) Good () Fair () Deteriorated
() Ruins () Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway? (x) Yes () No
?

7. Historical Themes: (check one or more of the following)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological Site | (Pre-Columbian) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological Site | (Post-Columbian to 1673) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French Influence | (1673-1780) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Frontier | (1780-1818) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Early | (1818-1850) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Middle | (1850-1900) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illinois Late | (1900-present) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Famous People | (give names & dates) |

8. Specific Date: 1909

Areas of significance (check one or more of the following)

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (historic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (pre-historic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | |

Brief statement of significance: (include all names and dates)

Use additional sheets if necessary. National Register in the Hist. Dist.

9. Form prepared by:

Name and Title: _____

Date: June 12, 1971

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Street and Number: _____

City or Town: _____

County: _____

Zip Code _____

During the course of the Survey we often find it necessary to search for a particular site. When filling out the Survey form, please list according to the following example, published references to the site for which forms are being completed. If a bibliography can be compiled, it will greatly deduct from the Survey's task.

Bibliography

Robertson, Robert, Of Whales and Men. New York, Alfred K. Knopf, Inc., 1954.

