

MONTANA HISTORICAL/ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY #18

HISTORIC NAME: None
 ADDRESS: 22 West Lamme
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Tracy's 2nd, Blk A,
 East 6' lot 14, all of
 lot 15, west 15' lot 16
 OWNER'S NAME: Niza Shaw
 OWNER'S ADDRESS: 22 West Lamme, Bozeman
 SPECIFIC DATE(S): 1890
 ARCHITECT: Unknown
 BUILDER: Unknown
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Alfred Lycan, undocumented
 ORIGINAL USE: residence
 PRESENT USE: residence
 UTM REFERENCE: 12/497100/5058370
 ACREAGE: less than one
 U.S.G.S. QUAD: Bozeman, 1953



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: Applicable Criteria: C
 Number of Contributing Properties: 1

The sole remaining example of the Second Empire style in Bozeman, this very modest example of a predominantly opulent style is very well preserved, and is individually eligible for listing in the National Register. Sanborn maps pinpoint the date of construction to 1890. An etching in Michael Leeson's 1885 History of Montana depicts a similar Second Empire house on Templar Ave., which must no longer be standing. The Second Empire style was considered to be highly fashionable in Montana during the 1880's period, whereas the popularity of the style had waned by that time in other areas of the nation. This house at 22 West Lamme is significant in a local context as the only representative example of this important architectural type.

No evidence was been found to link Alfred Lycan, who does not appear in the 1892-93 city directory, with this load-bearing brick house, as either the builder or original owner. Lycan's name appears on the Historic/Architectural inventory form completed in 1983-84, but no verification of his association with the property has been found to date. In 1927, F.W. Leckiter and A.V. Bishop were living here.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This detached, two-story, single-family, brick, Second Empire residence has an L-shaped plan with a mansard-style front porch supported by chamfered posts, which is located in the ell formed by an extension to one side of the front. The asymmetrical facade has an offset front entrance with a transom light above and one-over-one double hung windows with segmental arch lintels and wooden storms. The upper floor windows cut through the eave line and have gabled dormer roofs built out from the main mansard roof. Pairs of decorative brackets support the overhanging eaves. There are two central brick chimneys. A small frame addition has been built to the rear of the structure, which has little impact on the overall high degree of historic architectural integrity.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Sanborn maps: 1889, 1890, 1891
 City Directory: 1927, p. 175
 Lesson, History of Montana, 1885, p.254

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