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MONTANA HISTORICAL/ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY # 38 (ADDENDUM TO BOZEMAN MRA)

HISTORIC NAME: Peterson House
ADDRESS: 216 N. Wallace
LEGAL BOUNDARY: Tract 4, Blk 3 of
the Babcock & Davis
Addition
OWNER'S NAME: Susan Blackwell and
Timothy Tate
OWNER ADDRESS: 216 N. Wallace
SPECIFIC DATE: c.1895
ARCHITECT: Unknown
BUILDER: Unknown
ORIGINAL OWNER: James Peterson
ORIGINAL USE: residence
PRESENT USE: residence
UTM REFERENCE: 12/497 800/505 8650
ACREAGE: less than one
U.S.G.S. QUAD: Bozeman, 1953



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Applicable Criteria: C

Areas of Significance: architecture

Number of Contributing Properties: 1

This modest, late 19th century brick house is one of the few non-monumental structures built during the economic depression of the 1890's in Bozeman. It is a well preserved, modestly ornamented example of a typical, trigabled vernacular house type of the period.

During the early 1890's, when Bozeman was making its bid to become chosen for the state capital, major public or semi-public construction, such as the Bozeman Hotel (321 E. Main) and the old Longfellow School, was undertaken, and very pretentious houses such as the James E. Martin House (419 S. Grand) went up, as part of an effort to promote the city in the eyes of Montana voters. Very few modest houses such as this went up during that time however, especially when compared with the numerous buildings that went up during the building boom of the early 1880's.

This house was built for James Peterson, who settled in Montana in 1882 from Washington state. Peterson is variously listed as a laborer in 1892 and 1900, and a "teamster" for the S.C. Kenyon, later the Kenyon-Noble Lumber Co. until about 1915. By 1916, Peterson was proprietor of the Bozeman Transfer Co. In the late 1920's and early 1930's, the house was occupied by Lafayette E. Fuller, who ran a soft drink business on Main Street, and his wife, Grace F. Fuller.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This detached, one-and-one-half story, single family residence has an L-shaped plan with an open front porch in the interior joint of the ell. The porch has a shed roof, a solid railing and is supported by squared wood posts with decorative knee braces. The two-bay facade is asymmetrical and consists of two offset front entrances with one-over-one double hung windows. The bearing wall construction is finished in common bond brick with diamond cut shingles in the gable ends, and rests on a low concrete foundation. The gable roof is covered with dark green asphalt shingles and has two chimneys, one brick and one metal. A

brick addition to the rear (west) of the building with segmental brick arches over one-over-one double hung windows was completed by 1904. A highly compatible frame addition has been built to the west of this addition in recent years. The additions do not detract from the overall integrity of design, materials, and association of the house.

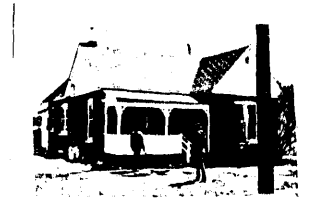
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