



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Walker House

other name/site number: 24FH

2. Location

street & number: 1122 First Avenue West

not for publication: n/a  
vicinity: n/a

city/town: Kalispell

state: Montana

code: MT

county: Flathead code: 029

zip code: 59901

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Maulle Shay MT SHPO 6-28-94  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office  
State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  see continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register  see continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register  see continuation sheet
- removed from the National Register  see continuation sheet
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

for  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action  
Edson H. Beall 9-24-94

Entered in the  
National Register

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**5. Classification**

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**Ownership of Property:** X private \_\_\_ public-local \_\_\_ public-State \_\_\_ public-Federal

**Category of Property:** X building(s) \_\_\_ district \_\_\_ site \_\_\_ structure \_\_\_ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> building(s)
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register:** 0

**Name of related multiple property listing:** Historic and Architectural Properties of Kalispell, Montana

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions:**  
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

**Current Functions:**  
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification:**  
other: Prairie Cottage

**Materials:**  
foundation: CONCRETE  
roof: ASPHALT  
walls: WOOD: clapboard; SYNTHETIC  
other: N/A

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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

The Walker House has many Prairie School features, including a hipped and gabled roof with Japanese-inspired wide flared eaves that are unusual in Kalispell, two windows with diamond-shaped panes in the wrap-around front porch, fluted square porch-support columns, a front bay window, a small dormer in the northeast corner, and a complex plan. The residence is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places because it is a well-preserved example of the eclectic residential architecture of Kalispell of the 1910s.

The roof is covered with composition shingles and the siding is narrow-reveal clapboard. There is a second-story rear addition with wider-reveal siding. The house sits on a concrete basement and has a central brick chimney.

An interior stairway leading from the kitchen may have been used by servants. The house has two upstairs bedrooms and one upstairs bathroom.

At the rear of the lot is a shallow-gabled one-car garage with a metal overhead door. The garage has T-111 siding and a roof covered with composition shingles. The 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map shows a two-story garage along the alley, centered between the two lots the house originally sat on. There was also a smaller one-story garage to its north.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: ca. 1910

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: ca. 1910

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder(s): unknown

### NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Walker House, built ca. 1910, is a large, well-preserved residence with a design that is very unusual in Kalispell. The 1½-story Prairie-style residence has a hipped and gabled roof with wide flared eaves. The slight flare to the wide overhanging eaves reflects the Japanese influence upon American Prairie School design. Other significant details that reflect the eclectic nature of the design include a small dormer in the northeast corner, two windows with diamond-shaped panes in the wrap-around front porch, fluted square porch supports, a front bay window, and a complex plan. The residence is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its architecture, which is unique in Kalispell of a Queen Anne-style residence with wide flared eaves. The significant date is ca. 1910, the year of construction. A rear addition does detract from the physical historical integrity of the house, but the residence retains sufficient overall integrity to be eligible for listing.

The first known occupant of the residence was Fred Walker, a house carpenter who was living here when the 1910 federal population census was taken. In 1909, he was living in the house to the south at 1138 1st Avenue West. He and his wife were from Wisconsin, and their son and Walker's brother-in-law lived with them. That same year, house carpenter Oren Prouty and his wife and daughter lived in a dwelling at the rear of the lot (that dwelling no longer exists). By 1911, Fred Walker and his family had moved to Eureka, but they owned the property from 1909 until 1913.

The next known occupant of the house was Hiram Wescott, a laborer who rented the dwelling from approximately 1915 until 1925. Wescott worked primarily as a timber cruiser, although when the 1920 census was taken he is listed as a lumberman for a mining company. Wescott was originally from Wisconsin and his wife Amy was from Michigan. In 1920 they had one son, Luell, living with them. The house was owned by Henry Hoffman from 1913 until 1934, but he apparently rented it out during that period and lived on 7th Avenue East North.

According to the Kalispell City Directories, other pre-World War II occupants of the residence included policeman Charles and Anna Ufford and Clarence and Neva Ufford (ca. 1928), Charles and Anna Ufford and music teacher Mrs. Ruth Riebe (ca. 1930), undersheriff Ray Bryan and his wife Ella (ca. 1934), and real estate agent Guy Kao (he owned the house from 1935 until 1942).

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### 9. Major Bibliographic References

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Cahre, Linda (current owner), interview with Kathy McKay, October 1991.  
Kalispell City Directories, 1909-1943.  
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Kalispell, Montana, 1910, 1927, 1956.  
United States Population Census, Kalispell, Montana, 1910, 1920.

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.  
 previously listed in the National Register  
 previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 designated a National Historic Landmark  
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data:**

State Historic Preservation Office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government (City of Kalispell)  
 University  
 Other -- Specify Repository: Flathead County Library, Kalispell

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### 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property:** less than one acre

**UTM References:**

	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Easting</b>	<b>Northing</b>
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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Block 144, Lots 5-6, Section 18, Township 28 North, Range 21 West, Montana Principal Meridian.

**Boundary Justification**

The legally recorded boundary of this property encompasses the significant resources.

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### 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town: Columbia Falls	state: Montana zip code: 59912

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### Property Owner

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name: Linda Cahre		
street & number: 1122 1st Avenue West		
city or town: Kalispell	state: MT	zip code: 59901