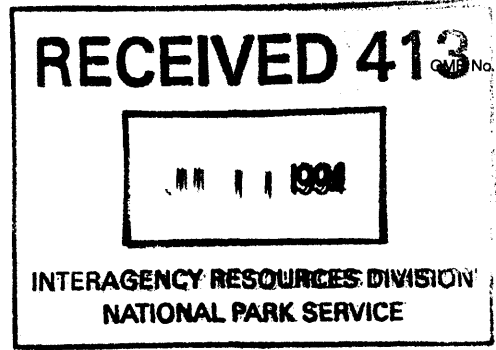


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



4/16

1. Name of Property

historic name: Snyder House

other name/site number: Howard House, Welty House 24FH

2. Location

street & number: 514 8th 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not for publication: n/a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 X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Maurell Shuff 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.

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 Edson F. Beall Date of Action 6-24-94

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: private ___ public-local ___ public-State ___ public-Federal

Category of Property: building(s) ___ district ___ site ___ structure ___ object

Number of Resources within Property

| | |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <u>2</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>2</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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions:
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:
Colonial Revival

Materials:
foundation: CONCRETE
roof: ASPHALT
walls: WOOD: Weatherboard, Shingle
other: N/A

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The transitional Colonial Revival-style Snyder House has a rectangular plan with almost-full front and rear porches. The cross-gabled metal-covered roof has returned eaves. The siding is wood clapboard with decorative shingles in the gable ends on all four sides and in the gabled pediment over the porch roof. The windows are wood double-hung one-over-one-light units. Each of the first-floor front windows has a stained glass transom, and there is a bay window on the south. The porch supports are turned and fluted and have scrollwork at the tops, and the hipped porch has a pediment. The brick chimney is in the center of the house. The front door appears to be original; it has plaster swags above and below the single pane of glass. Within the past year, a new foundation was put in, the roof was replaced, the front porch deck was replaced, and the house was rewired.

The plan of this house has remained the same over the years except for the rear porch, which between 1910 and 1927 replaced a small rear wing. That porch is now enclosed, but it still has a pediment over the entrance. There is a shallow-gabled rear wing on the house. A new stone path leads to a deck recently added to the rear of the house.

The house had no outbuildings until some time between 1910 and 1927. At the rear of the lots there are now two buildings. One, a three-car garage, has a flat metal roof and wood and plywood siding and is located in the northwest corner of the property. This was built by the Weltys, who bought the property in 1948, and is non-contributing because it was built within the past 50 years. The other is a metal-roofed shed with shiplap siding and exposed rafters, located in the southwest corner. There are several large willow trees in the yard.

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: 1900 |
| Significant Person(s): n/a | Significant Dates: 1900 |
| Cultural Affiliation: n/a | Architect/Builder(s): Unknown |

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Snyder House was built ca. 1900 and qualifies for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because it is a fine representative example of transitional Colonial Revival styling on Kalispell's west side. Probably built by local stone mason Joseph C. Snyder, the architectural design for the house likely originated in the pattern books of the period. While the overall massing and cross-gabled form of the house are distinctive of the Colonial Revival genre, numerous decorative elements clearly reflect late 19th century Queen Anne styling, including the turned supports with scroll-work on the almost-full-width front porch, the clapboard siding with decorative shingle work in the gable ends, the stained glass transoms, and the bay window.

The house was built between 1899 and 1901, when Joseph C. Snyder is listed at this address in the Kalispell City Directory. According to the *Kalispell Bee*, Snyder built an \$1,800 frame residence in 1900, but it is unknown whether this was the house referred to in the article. Snyder was a stone mason and he lived in three dwellings on this block (514, 518 and 528 8th Avenue West) between 1900 and 1903. Snyder was born in Illinois in 1866, his wife Mabel L. in Wisconsin, and they had three daughters in 1900. He had been in Kalispell since at least 1894, as he was nominated to run for constable in 1894 on the Populist ticket. He is last listed in Kalispell in the 1903-04 Directory.

According to county plat records, the first owner of this property was James Conlon, owner of one of Kalispell's largest department stores. Conlon did not live in the house. The next owners were Nannie and Samuel Howard, who owned the property from 1904-13. Samuel Howard, a farmer, is listed at this address in the 1905 Kalispell City Directory. In 1907 and 1909, however, only his RFD address is given, and by 1911 the Howards were no longer in the Kalispell area.

The four-bedroom house appears to have been a rooming house by 1910. According to the 1910 federal population census, three families were renting rooms in this house in that year: Hinman R. and Lizzie Milby and daughter and two other couples (names illegible), each with one child. All three men were born in Kansas, and two were listed as farm laborers, one as doing odd jobs. On the 1920 census, the house listed as "504" is probably this house. The tenants in that year were Charles H. and Ella C. Small and their three children, all born in Indiana. The father was a janitor at the public school and the two sons were bookkeepers, one at a department store and one for the power company. The resident from 1922-26 was Willard Lykins, a miller at the Kalispell Flour Mill.

Later occupants, according to the Kalispell City Directories, are as follows: Ora A. (driver) and Beulah P. Miller in 1928-29; Laura (student) and Mrs. Margaret R. Kramer in 1930-31; Albert O. (truck driver) and Zella H. Anderson in 1934; Harry J. (employee of contractors Kirkpatrick Brothers) and Hettie E. Tinney in 1936-39; and Roy C. (logger) and Adelaide Cooper in 1940-41.

From 1905 until the 1940s, according to the Kalispell City Directories, none of the owners of this property lived in the residence. In 1948 Lloyd and Gladys Welty purchased the house, and they and their children and grandchildren have lived in it since then.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Kalispell Bee: December 20, 1900, p. 11.
Kalispell City Directories, 1901-43.
Populist: November 3, 1894, p. 4
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Kalispell, Montana (1894, 1899, 1903, 1910, 1927, 1963).
United States Population Census, Kalispell, Montana, 1900, 1910 and 1920.
Welty, Floyd (son of Lloyd and Gladys Welty), interview with Kathy McKay, June 26, 1992.

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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:

| | Zone | Easting | Northing |
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Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 1 and 2, Block 180, Addition One, Kalispell, Section 18, Township 28 North, Range 21 West, Montana Principal Meridian.

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

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| name/title: Kathy McKay, Historian | date: May 1993 |
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| city or town: Columbia Falls | state: Montana zip code: 59912 |

Property Owner

name: Kevin S. and Teresa L. Welty
street & number: 514 8th Avenue West
city or town: Kalispell state: MT zip code: 59901