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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: McCall, Tracy, House

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 110 N. Montana Avenue

not for publication: n/a

vicinity: n/a

city/town: Fromberg

state: Montana

code: MT

county: Carbon

code: 009

zip code: 59029

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.)

Manell Shufy MT SHPO 12-11-92
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): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Patrick Andrews

Date of Action

1/20/93

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

Noncontributing

Category of Property: Buildings

2 building(s)Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register: 0

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and
Architectural Properties in Fromberg2 0 Total**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions:

Domestic: single dwelling

Current Functions:

Domestic: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Colonial Revival

Materials:

foundation: brick

walls: brick

roof: asphalt

other: wood: shingles

Narrative Description

The Tracy McCall House is located in Fromberg, Montana, a small rural community in the southcentral portion of the state. The property is just west of the downtown and is comprised of a house and garage. The house faces east towards N. Montana Avenue and is surrounded by a large lawn, landscaped with mature trees. The garage stands behind the house along an alley that follows the south side of the property.

This Colonial Revival style house is 1½ stories high, has brick walls, rests on a brick foundation, and has a flared side-gambrel roof with a prominent intersecting gambrel on the front. The gambrel ends are sided with wood shingles. A wide frieze further defines the floor divisions. The asphalt-shingled roof has wide eaves with partial returns. Two brick chimneys are located on the primary roof ridge, one near either end wall. The main entry to the house is centered on the east wall; the opening features a concrete arched lintel with a diamond-in-relief at the center, and holds a wood door with a full beveled light above a single molded panel. Window openings on the main level are also accented by concrete arched lintels with a diamond-in-relief, and have concrete sills. Window openings at the gambrel have slightly projecting lids. A cottage window is located on both sides of the main entry; windows elsewhere are mostly one-over-one, double-hung wood-sash. Along the west wall of the house is a rear porch with a shed roof supported on large, curvilinear braces. The rear porch was enclosed with clapboard and masonite shingle siding sometime after 1927. The rear porch inturn is adjoined on the west by two small, shed-roofed additions. The Tracy McCall house was originally fronted on the east by a full-width open porch that featured a small balcony with a flat roof. The porch and balcony were recently removed, leaving only the tongue-and-groove deck of the porch and the balcony's paneled door in the east gambrel of the house.

The integrity of the house has been diminished due to the removal of the front porch. Despite this alteration the house still retains integrity of design, workmanship, and materials because all other key design elements and stylistic details remain intact such as the prominent cross-gambrel roof, brick and wood shingle wall finishings, the beveled-light paneled door, double-hung and cottage windows, and ornamental concrete lintels and headers at the window and door openings. The house remains in its historic setting, a residential neighborhood with no modern intrusions. Retaining all other aspects of integrity, the house easily conveys its important historical and architectural associations.

The garage is a long rectangular building constructed in the late 1920s by Tracy McCall. McCall and his son used the garage for an auto repair shop. The building rests on a concrete foundation, is sided with clapboard, and has a wood-shingled gabled roof with wide eaves and exposed rafter tails. The north wall is filled by two overhead garage doors. At the south end of the east wall is a half-light wood door and sliding window. The garage remains as built since construction and retains all aspects of integrity. It contributes to the property.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Areas of Significance: Exploration/Settlement
Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1908-1918

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1908

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Parker, W. C.
Holden, Jerry

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Tracy McCall House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under the "Historic and Architectural Resources of Fromberg" multiple property listing. The significance of the house is established locally under the historic context of "Residential Development in Fromberg, 1900-1929" and meets registration requirements developed for the associated property type "Residential Buildings." The Tracy McCall House is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for its association with the growth and emergence of Fromberg; and under Criterion C as an outstanding example of the Colonial Revival style as well as the craftsmanship of W.C. Parker, a prominent local carpenter. The house has sustained few alterations since construction and retains integrity in all aspects.

The Tracy McCall House derives significance under Criterion A as a representation of Fromberg's rise as an important retail trade and shipping center for the surrounding agricultural region in the first two decades of the twentieth century. Fromberg's increasing prosperity and population growth stimulated construction of many new houses. They included several large, architecturally sophisticated houses, such as this one, built for the town's emerging upper class of businessmen and professionals.

This house was constructed in 1908 for Tracy McCall, owner of a prosperous local saloon. McCall and his family resided here at least until the mid-1930s. During prohibition, McCall ran an automobile dealership in Fromberg and reportedly engaged in bootlegging liquor.

The Tracy McCall House derives significance under Criterion C as an excellent example of the Colonial Revival style. Interpretations of the Colonial Revival style are found in the steeply pitched cross-gambrel roof with cornice returns, brick walls, the symmetrically balanced windows and center door on the facade, and the predominance of double-hung windows. The house gains additional significance as an example of the work of W.C. Parker, a prominent local builder. Parker constructed or contributed to the construction of most large houses built during Fromberg's boom period. Houses he worked on are distinguished by a variety of materials and ornamental detailing, such as this one.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Carbon County Journal. 29 December 1929, p. 36.

R.L. Polk Co's. Directory of Billings and Red Lodge; Yellowstone, Carbon, Stillwater and Big Horn Counties. 1912, 1914, 1916, 1918, and 1922.

Weatherford, Melvin. Interview with Erika Kuhlman, 1 September 1988.

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
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	12	663690	5028550

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary encompasses Lots 4 & 5 of Block 8 to Fromberg (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 23, T05S, R23E).

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all property historically associated with the Tracy McCall House.

11. Form Prepared By

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date: April 1992

street & number: 511 Metals Bank Building

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city or town: Butte

state: MT

zip code: 59701

Property Owner

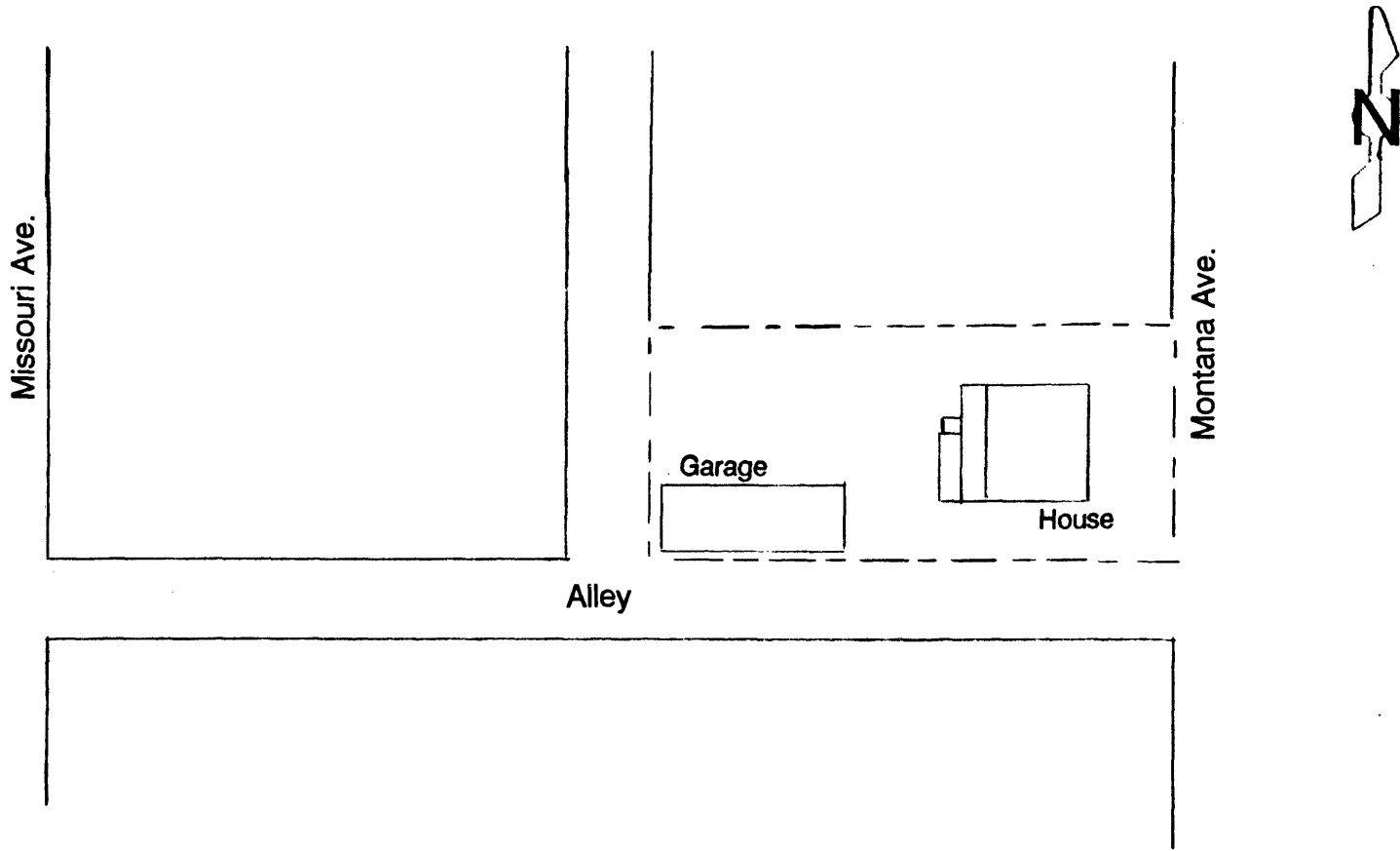
name/title: Ken Heafner

street & number: 110 N. Montana Avenue

city or town: Fromberg

state: MT

zip code: 59029



Tracy McCall House

Fromberg, Montana

**Lots 4 & 5, Block 8
Dudley First Addition**

National Register Boundary:



**Scale: 1 inch = 50 feet
August 1992**