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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000657

Date Listed: 4/30/90

Model Laundry and Apartments
Property Name

Missoula
County

MT
State

Historic Resources of Missoula, 1864-1940, MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrews
for Signature of the Keeper

4/30/90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

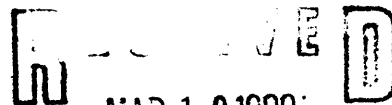
Statement of Significance: The period of significance is listed as 1909-1940. Because the area of significance is architecture, the period of significance should read 1909, 1915.

This information was confirmed with Pat Bick of the Montana SHPO.

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Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Model Laundry and Apartments

Other names/site number Dorothy Apartments

2. Location

Street & number 131 West Alder Street

n/a not for publication

City/town Missoula

n/a vicinity

State Montana

code 030

county Missoula

code 063

zip code 59802

3. 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

1

buildings

sites

structures

objects

1

Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historical Resources in Missoula, 1864-1940

Number of contributing resources previously

listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Marcell Shroyer

Date

3-14-90

State or Federal agency and bureau

MT SHPO

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

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. 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.

removed from the National Register.

Other, (explain:)

Patrick Andrew

4/30/90

for Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Laundry

Apartments

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Apartments

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Western Commercial

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof asphalt

other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Model Laundry and Apartments is a rectangular, two-story, stretcher bond brick commercial building with a flat roof and wooden cornice. The windows are wood frame, double-hung eight-over-one and one-over-one units. A projecting two-story, rear stairway was added in 1931. The building is located at the north end of the central business district of Missoula near the area of the old Northern Pacific Railroad tracks and at the west end of a block with adjoining one-story brick commercial buildings, most of which were built during the historic period.

The roofline of the building has an overhanging wooden cornice with brick dentilation under the eaves. A horizontal brick frieze consists of inset ornamentation over two raised stretcher belt courses. Upstairs windows are wood frame, double-hung, one-over-one units with a continuous, rusticated sandstone sill. The first floor consists of two major bays, the east side one consisting of four, wood frame, double-hung, eight-over-one windows with metal-frame storm windows set in a band. It is likely that these windows were put in place during the early 1930s to fill in an open-glazed storefront. The entryway consists of wood frame casement windows including a wood door with full-length window, flanking wood frame, multi-light panels and screened-in fixed transom light. A fixed canopy separates the door from the multi-light transom panel. The canopy is wood frame (1x10) with a molded metal cornice. It is suspended from the side of the building by chains anchored in the front facade.

The side of the building features full-length brick pilasters toward the north and south ends of the building. All windows are wood frame, double-hung, one-over-one units and have sandstone sills. The frieze evident on the front facade runs the length of the west side of the building. The west side of the building has three window wells located in the side walk. The front well only is accessed by a concrete stairway and consists of a concrete wall and wood-framed, double-hung, one-over-one window and what was once a full length door. Both openings have alternating vertical header and stretcher arches. The wells are fenced in by pipe railings. Glass blocks on the sidewalk are located between the wells and next to the top of arches, indicating the location of basement windows that have been filled in.

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The rear of the building has an exterior, three-story, square brick chimney that extends above the roof line of the building. The rear of the building features three-tiered header relief arches over wood frame, double-hung, one-over-one windows, which flank a central wooden door. A two-story porch with a "Z"-shaped, wooden, two-story stairway enclosed by stucco walls projects from the rear of the building. An outside concrete stairway leads to the rear basement entryway (doors are one-over-two upper pane and one-over-two lower wood panels) with a three-tiered header relief arch above the doors.

This historic commercial building has good integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and association. It has experienced some loss of integrity with the addition of the rear, exterior stuccoed porch, which was added by 1931. First floor integrity of the building is unusually good for a commercial building of this age.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Architecture _____

Period of Significance
1909-1940 _____

Significant Dates
1909 _____
ca. 1915 _____

Cultural Affiliation
n/a _____

Significant Person
n/a _____

Architect/Builder
Oke Bakke (attributed), 1915 remodeling _____

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Model Laundry and Apartments is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C as it is an excellent example of early twentieth century commercial architecture with its rectilinear commercial design, ornamental frieze work, and regularly spaced fenestration. The large rear chimney stands as evidence of the historic use of the building as a laundry. Basement entryways, window well and glass blocks, over what probably were vaults under the sidewalks, also remain from the time when the laundry occupied the building.

The building was constructed ca. 1909, when the property was owned by either Ole and Paul Bakke or James H. T. Ryman. Subsequent owners included W. E. Wheeler (1912), Ole Bakke (1922); Caroline Dixon, W. C. Murphy, and W. M. Allen, Trustees (1934), and Chris Lemke (1938). The building originally was the Model Laundry, with Joseph Hagen, President and General Manager. In 1915, Hagen moved his business to his new building at 111 East Spruce, and the first floor space of this building was likely converted into apartments. Local architect, Ole Bakke, lived at this address in 1915 and may have been responsible for overseeing the renovation of the laundry space. The primary entrance and first floor window band of the facade were probably installed at this time. These alterations are judged to add to the significance of the building. The building became known as the Dorothy Apartments by 1929. Constructed during the second major building boom following the completion of the railroad to Missoula, this was one of several commercial, multi-family buildings built during that period in the central business district.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

McDonald, James, and Gary Williams, Missoula Historical Resource Survey. Missoula: Porky Press, 1980.

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property less than one acre

UTM References

A 12 271970 5195930
Zone Easting Northing
C

B
Zone Easting Northing
D

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Verbal Boundary Description

C.P. Higgins Addition, Block 10, W 10' of lot 10, all of lot 11.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the city lots upon which the historic building was erected.

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