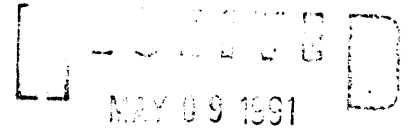


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Fisher, Joseph, House

other name/site number: McKnight House

2. Location

street & number: 103 College Street

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Stevensville

vicinity: n/a

state: Montana code: MT county: Ravalli code: 081 zip code: 59870

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> building(s)
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </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 Resources of Stevensville, Montana: 1866-1941.

4. 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.

Maude Shep 4-12-91- MTSHPD
Signature of certifying official Date

MONTANA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
State or Federal agency and 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

___ See Continuation Sheet

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

✓ entered in the National Register Alvina Byer 6/19/91
Entered in the National Register
___ See Continuation Sheet

___ determined eligible for the National Register _____

___ determined not eligible for the National Register _____
___ See Continuation Sheet

___ removed from the National Register _____
___ See Continuation Sheet

___ other (explain): _____

for
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic/single dwelling

Current: Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Other: Vernacular/Pyramidal Cottage

Materials: foundation: concrete
 walls: wood
 roof: asphalt shingles

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Joseph Fisher House is a wood frame, single-story residence. The building is a vernacular design in the pyramidal cottage form, and exhibits influences of Craftsman styling. The square massing is capped with a pyramidal roof, and is basically symmetrical in design. The house is sided in narrow reveal clapboard, has corner boards throughout, and stands on a concrete foundation. The house is roofed with asphalt shingles, and has exposed rafters under the overhanging eaves and dormers. A band of vertical beadboard accents the frieze at the eaves and under the dormer roof. Three dormers--a front facing gabled dormer, and two shed dormers--project from the roof. These are sided with wood shingles.

Fenestration is composed of wood framed windows which are pedimented at the window heads. On the first story, these include double-hung, sash units arranged 1-over-1, 2-over-2 and square, fixed windows. Upper level dormers include double-hung, 1-over-1, fixed square, and fixed 6-pane windows.

On the east (front) elevation, a central porch is deeply recessed; the main entrance is through a doorway in the north wall of the porch. There is a double hung window on each side of the recessed entry. A group of three similar window bands are found within the recessed wall of the porch. A gabled dormer is centered above the porch on the upper level; it also has a 1-over-1, double-hung window.

The north side of the house has a central 2-over-2, double-hung window flanked by two single-pane, fixed windows. On the upper level, a shed roof dormer has a single-pane window, as does the dormer on the north side. On the south elevation, two double-hung, 1-over-1 windows are placed symmetrically on the first story. Above this, a shed dormer, with a fixed, single window projects centrally from the roof.

The west elevation is broken by a small, central, hipped-roof projection. An enclosed porch is placed in the southwest corner under a lower hip roof. The porch is illuminated by banding of single, fixed, vertical windows set above clapboard cladding. The rear entrance features a panelled wooden door with an upper window, and a storm door with vertical panelling and upper screening.

The Joseph Fisher house retains a high degree of historic integrity. All elements of the original design are intact, and it retains most all of the original historic fabric, the

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sole exception being the asphalt shingling on the roof. Remaining in its original College Street location, the house strongly conveys a sense of its history despite the loss of two outbuildings, once located on the west end of the property.¹

Outbuilding

A large garage recently modernized with metal roofing, vertical board and batten siding and metal auto overhead door sets at the rear of the lot. This garage is a noncontributing element.

¹Sanborn Map, 1927.

8. Statement of Significance

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

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1910

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1910

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Fisher, Joseph

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

The Joseph Fisher House is of primary significance to the Stevensville community. Reflecting a conservative approach to construction by local carpenter Joe Fisher, the house reflects an awareness of formal stylistic movements as expressed in a common vernacular form. In its form and massing, the house represents the pyramidal cottage tradition of vernacular building, complete with the single-story scale, the square massing and the pyramidal roof. However, it also references the early stage of the Craftsman movement in detailing such as the upper level dormers, overhanging eaves with exposed rafters, the pedimented window openings and banded fenestration rhythms to be found on the porches. Finally, the broad sweep of the pyramidal roof, and banding on the windows and cornice lend a horizontality to the building common in Craftsman design.

Joseph Fisher was a local Stevensville carpenter, who worked in the community during its era of growth and prosperity following the turn of the century. Fisher was a Missouri native. He purchased lot 3 and the north half of lot 4 in 1910 from Mary H. Landram. Ten years later, Fisher purchased the south half of lot 4. Fisher, a carpenter by trade, constructed this hip-roofed residence during the summer of 1910.² The Fisher family apparently retained ownership of the property until its sale to William D. Siphers in 1976, although an Edith Ruby is recorded in one property transaction.

²Stevensville Register, June 2, 1910.

9. References

Abstract of Title, Stevensville Townsite, Block 8, Lots 3&4.

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Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, Ltd. "Map of Stevensville, Montana", 1909, 1927 (New York).

Stevensville Historical Society, Montana Genesis (Missoula: Mountain Press, 1971).

Stevensville Register, Stevensville, Montana, Special Edition, December 23, 1909; June 2, 1910.

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Western News, Hamilton, Montana, December 19, 1911.

Negative File: East Elevation, Sleeve 3, Row 3, Neg. 13.

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
	11	723260	5154840

Verbal Boundary Description:

Stevensville Townsite, Block 8, Lots 3 and 4.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property includes the lots upon which the historic building is situated.

11. Form Prepared By

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