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MONTANA HISTORICAL/ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY #37 (ADDENDUM TO BOZEMAN MRA)

HISTORIC NAME: None
ADDRESS: 714 North Tracy, Bozeman
LEGAL BOUNDARY: Imes, Blk 39, lots 19-20
OWNER'S NAME: Barry Bain
OWNER ADDRESS: 401 West Dickerson, Bozeman
SPECIFIC DATE: c.1870, moved 1946
ARCHITECT: Unknown
BUILDER: Unknown
ORIGINAL OWNER: Unknown
ORIGINAL USE: residence
PRESENT USE: residence
UTM REFERENCE: 12/497200/5059200
ACREAGE: less than one
U.S.G.S. QUAD: Bozeman, 1953



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Applicable Criteria: C Criteria Exception: B

Number of Contributing Properties: 1

Areas of Significance: architecture

Although no historical information on this house has surfaced, nor is any likely to surface due to a complex line of past ownership, this house is worthy of nomination to the National Register based on its outstanding architectural significance of statewide note. The house, which was apparently moved to the present site in 1946, is the only example of the Greek Revival style in Bozeman, and possibly in the Gallatin Valley. It is, therefore, among the oldest houses in this region. Few houses dating to ca.1870 are of frame construction; most that remain are log buildings. It is presumed that the house was moved from within the nearby area, because Bozeman was one of the earliest settlements in the Gallatin Valley. Although moved from its original location, this house meets the criteria exception for moved buildings because it is a rare and essentially intact example of Greek Revival styling. It is quite formal and urban in character and was probably located on Bozeman's Main Street originally. In its new location, the gable end faces the street, which surely corresponds to its original orientation.

The house is very well preserved on the exterior, and retains its original entrance, with transom and sidelights, in the characteristic location for the sidehall plan house type typical of this style. The original cornice returns and six-over-six sash windows also remain intact.

Bozeman in 1870, a likely date of construction for this house, was an important regional center for supply used by eastern emigrants, residents of western Montana gold mining towns, and military forts and troops in the area. This house is an extremely rare survivor from the earliest period of Montana history, the architecture of which is well preserved in the ghost town of Bannack and virtually no other place.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This detached, two-story, single family, Greek Revival residence has a rectangular plan with a flat roof over the entranceway. The one-bay facade consists of an offset 4-paneled front door with a tripart glass transom and sidelights. The double hung windows are of a six-over-six sash arrangement on the first story as well as the second. The frame

construction is finished in shiplap siding with corner boards and rests on a concrete foundation. The gable roof is covered with brown asbestos shingles and features returning boxed eaves. There is one central metal stovepipe. The axis of the roof is perpendicular to the street. The building retains an excellent degree of historic architectural integrity and the only notable alteration consists of the installation of approximately five new, very small casement windows on the north elevation.

Outbuildings include a shed.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Application for Sewer Connection: May 3, 1946, E.H. Staley
City Directory: 1942 (no address for site listed)

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 87002315

Date Listed: 1/22/88

House at 714 North Tracy
Property Name

Gallatin
County

MT
State

Bozeman Multiple Resource Area
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 Andrus
Signature of the Keeper

1/22/88
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The nomination mentioned one outbuilding, but did not classify this resource as contributing or non-contributing. After discussing the matter with Pat Bick of the MT SHPO, it was determined that the outbuilding in question should be classified as non-contributing.

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- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)