

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

For NPS use only

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

received DEC 23 1986

date entered 12 22 1986

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic RINGLEBERG, CORNELIUS, HOUSE

and or common n/a

2. Location

street & number 1028 3rd Ave. West n/a not for publication

city, town Kalispell n/a vicinity of

state Montana code 030 county Flathead County code 029

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Stewart and Sandra Briskin

street & number 1028 3rd Ave. West

city, town Kalispell n/a vicinity of state Montana

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Flathead County Courthouse

street & number Main St.

city, town Kalispell state Montana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Kalispell Historic Resource Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Montana State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Helena state Montana

---

## 7. Description

---

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved

date n/a

---

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Ringleberg House is a 2 1/2 story, wood frame, late Queen Anne style house located at 1028 3rd Ave. West in a residential area on the west side of Kalispell, Montana (1980 pop. 10,648). The large, irregularly-shaped building has four intersecting gables with a wide, balconied front porch, two story corner turret, and an enclosed back porch. Built on a foundation of argillite rubble stone, it is clad with drop siding and a variety of patterned shinglework, and has boxed cornices.

The east-facing, primary facade of the Ringleberg House faces 3rd Ave. West and is dominated by the projecting, pedimented side entrance and full width raised porch. Supported by Ionic columns resting on paneled wooden pedestals with recessed panels, the hipped roof porch features a closed rail with lap siding and lattice work below. The first floor facade has 1/1 double hung windows and a half-hexagonal bay on both the northern and southern facades. The second floor features a Palladian window with a small, diamond-shaped motif above, placed in the recessed arch of the gable. A 6/1 double hung window lights the attic, while an open rail balcony with a turned post balustrade is located above the porch roof. The entire second floor facade is sheathed with alternating rows of octagon and diamond patterned shingles. A two story turret with a conical roof is located in the northeast corner of the house. It is also covered with diamond and octagon patterned shingles grouped alternately in rows of four and six, and has two 1/1 double hung windows on both floors. Located at the eave line is a 1/1 double hung window to light the stairwell, and a 6/1 double hung sash at the top of the gable end.

The one story, hipped with intersecting gable roof rear wing has a 1/1 double hung sash facing north, a basement entrance and enclosed porch to the west, and a pair of fixed, square windows with colored glass panels to the south. The rear porch was enclosed in 1981. This is the only substantial alteration to the building. The second floor rear wall of the main block is sheathed with the same patterned shingles and has two 1/1 double hung windows.

The interior of the Ringleberg House remains virtually intact from the period of construction, and features wood floors, oak trim, an ornate oak and gold gilt balustrade, and many original lighting and plumbing fixtures.

A simple, gable roof, wood frame garage is located at the back of the lot along the alley. This building is sheathed with clapboard siding and the roof is covered with cedar shingles. The garage was built ca. 1910 and is a contributing element of the property.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1901      **Builder/Architect** attributed to W.L. Theirwechter, builder

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

This fine, four-gabled house is eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of a late Victorian period, irregular plan, pattern book design residence. The building features an ornate, pedimented front porch, retains decorative shingle work in the gables and on the corner turret, and has all original windows, doors, ornamentation and interior detailing. The house may have been constructed by local builder and saw mill owner, W.L. Theirwechter, who also erected a house with similar patternbook features at 305 4th Ave. West in Kalispell, including a full width front porch, a cross-axial gable roof, and a recessed arched set in the front gable end with a Palladin window looking out over a porch roof balcony.

The Ringleberg House exhibits numerous features of the Queen Anne Style. It has a steeply pitched, cross-gabled roof with a large corner tower. The building is asymmetrical in design, and the gable ends of the house are sheathed with textured shingles to avoid a smooth-walled appearance. Decorative detailing fits into the subtype classified as "free classic," which utilizes classical columns raised on a pedestal to support the porch, and a Palladian window.

The Ringleberg House appears to have been built around 1901 - in the midst of rapid growth and a substantial building boom in the city triggered in the early 1890s by the arrival of the Great Northern Railroad. The county seat of Flathead County, Kalispell was established in 1891 as a division point for the Great Northern. Soon after its inception, the city grew to become the trade center for farmers and ranchers in the upper Flathead Valley of northwestern Montana. The city's west side, within which the Ringleberg House is located, originally incorporated a number of farms, gradually evolving into a working class residential and industrial area with a lumber mill, brewery, and flour mill among the local businesses. Modern infill construction and alterations to many of the historic structures in this neighborhood preclude its consideration as an historic district. Cornelius Ringleberg, the builder and original owner of the house at 1028 3rd Ave. West, worked as a miller at the Kalispell Flour Mill, located about ten blocks north of his residence. Ringleberg likely moved from Kalispell in c.1920.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Polk City Directories for Kalispell, 1900-1926  
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Kalispell, MT: 1910, 1927.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Kalispell, Mont.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

A 

1	1	6	9	9	6	5	0	5	3	4	0	4	4	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 4 and north 1/2 of lot 5 in block 129 of Kalispell Townsite Con. First Addition and lot 9 and north 1/2 of lot 8 of block 16 of Fisher Addition to Kalispell, Montana.  
T28N; R21W SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of section 18

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Stewart Briskin

organization n/a date September, 1986

street & number 1028 3rd Ave. West telephone (406) 257-7971

city or town Kalispell state Montana

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is: mmr  
 national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Maxwell Skerfy*

title SHPO date Dec 11, 1986

For NPS use only  
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register  
*John A. Brown* Entered in the National Register date 1-22-87  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Registration