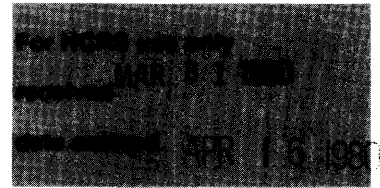


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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



1. Name

historic Peter Yegen House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 209 S. 35th _____ not for publication

city, town Billings _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Eastern

state Montana code 30 county Yellowstone code 111

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" 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
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Catholic Church Eastern Diocese

street & number

city, town Great Falls _____ vicinity of _____ state Montana

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Yellowstone County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Billings _____ state Montana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located directly across from the Christian Yegen House that was built in 1904 is the Peter Yegen Home that was completed in 1911. The 35 x 50 foot colonial revival house is of the same general massing as the Christian Yegen House and is structurally perfect as well as in excellent original condition.

The house is a two and a half story buff colored brick structure with two bays. The exterior is original with no changes. The walls are brick with brick expressed as quoins at the corners. The double hung windows are set in asymmetrical patterns that are repeated on the first floor, second floor and basement. A cast stone band separates the basement from the first floor. The front porch repeats the massing and scale of the porch on the Christian Yegen Home across the street but it is much more simple in design using Doric columns rather than Ionic columns as found across the street. The roof is the original wood shingle with modillions supporting the roof.

The interior is completely original with the exception of the wall coverings and painting. Seven different kinds of woods were used on the interior. Lemon wood from South Carolina was used for the dining room. The staircase in the reception hall is mahogany. Some of the other wood used includes walnut, oak and maple. The beveled leaded glass transom over the front entrance was imported from Yugoslavia. All of the fixtures are original and a very unusual brass design.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" 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 1911 **Builder/Architect** Mr. Eames

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Peter Yegen House, built ca. 1911, is significant both for its architectural qualities and the historic associations with the development of Billings and the commerce of the area.

Peter Yegen and his brother Christian were very prominent businessmen who settled in Billings the year that Billings was founded. The two brothers were involved in nearly every facet of the city's early development. In addition to constructing numerous downtown commercial buildings to house their mercantile and banking enterprises, the Yegen brothers built two of Billings finest residences for themselves directing across the street from one another on South 35th. The Peter Yegen House is a large colonial revival house, unusually stately in its proportions for the city of Billings at the time.

Peter Yegen was born in Klosters, Switzerland on August 7, 1860. He joined his brother Christian in Bismark, North Dakota in 1880. When Billings was founded in 1882, the enterprising Yegen brothers came to the city with their sister Dorothy and opened a bakery. Dorothy baked the bread in the mornings and the brothers peddled it in the afternoons. By 1892, the Yegens had accumulated enough capital to open a mercantile business; by 1893, they added a grocery store to their establishment. Prosperous in each of their ventures, the Yegen brothers expanded into banking in 1900, founding the first institute of savings in Billings. By 1903, they had opened similiar banking operations in Gardner, Anaconda, and Butte.

The Peter Yegen House is structurally perfect and in excellant original condition. Still intact in the kitchen are several unique features that were considered modern for the period: a dumb waiter, rear loading ice box, and the original fold down telephone seat. The Christian Yegen House (Nat'l Reg. listing Oct. 1, 1979) and the Peter Yegen house stand prominent in the neighborhood, as the brothers stood prominent in the early history of Billings.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Billings Gazette & A History of Montana, Vol. III, Family & Personal History
 Interview with Peter Yegen Jr. and with present residences
 Billings and Yellowstone County Illustrated, 1894
 Twentieth Anniversary Edition of the Billings Gazette, 1905

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property .42 acres
 Quadrangle name Billings West

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

South 10 feet of Lot 16, Lot 17, 18, 19, 20 Block 8 of Yegen's Second
 Addition to the City of Billings. T.1S., R.26E. Sec. 3
 Billings, Montana

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

state	code	county	code
None			
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John M. Devitt, A.I.A.

organization

date 6/30/79

street & number Box 30234

telephone 406-248-3554

city or town Billings

state Montana

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

[Signature]

title Acting SHPO

date 3/25/80

For HCRA use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

date 4/16/80

Attest: *[Signature]*

date 4/15/80