

HISTORIC NAME: Kolble House
 ADDRESS: 716 S. Black
 LEGAL BOUNDARY: Hoffman's Addition
 Blk D, lots 9-11
 OWNER'S NAME: Kenneth and Mary Bryson
 OWNER ADDRESS: 716 S. Black
 SPECIFIC DATE: c.1912
 ARCHITECT: Unknown
 BUILDER: Unknown
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Frank Kolble
 ORIGINAL USE: residence
 PRESENT USE: residence
 UTM REFERENCE: 12/497300/5057480
 ACREAGE: less than one
 U.S.G.S. QUAD: Bozeman, 1953



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Applicable Criteria: C
 Number of Contributing Properties: 1

This small Queen Anne style house is individually eligible for listing in the National Register due to its architectural significance. Although one of numerous modest houses built during the early 20th century in Bozeman, this house is unusual for its Queen Anne style detailing, most notably the ornate gable screen. Bozeman has few examples of this style due to an economic depression during the 1890's, the period of the style's greatest popularity in Montana. This house, however, was not built until about 1912 by Frank Kolble, a tailor for the V.J. Bittner Clothing store. The family occupied the house into the 1940's. Other members of the family to live here were Minnie Kolble, Frank Kolble's wife, and John Kolble. The fact that the house was located so far from other residences when it was built and the existence of the barn at the rear of the property suggest that the house may have been associated with a small subsistence farming operation.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This detached, two-story, single family residence has a square plan with a hipped roof front porch supported by turned columns. The one-bay facade is symmetrical and consists of a central front entrance with one-over-one double hung windows and a large cottage window with transom above. The frame construction is finished in ship lap siding with shingles in the gable ends and rests on a rubble foundation. The gable roof is covered with green asphalt shingles and features returning, boxed, overhanging eaves and decorative woodwork in the gable ends. There is a shed-roofed dormer on the north elevation and two brick chimneys, one at the northwest corner and one at the center of the building. The axis of the roof is perpendicular to the street. A gable roofed addition has been added to the rear. Outbuildings include a barn.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

City Directories: 1900, 1904-5, 1910-11, 1912-13; 1916-17, 1927, 1933, 1942.

