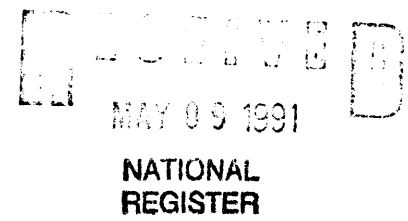


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Williams House

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 500 Fifth 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not for publication: n/a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>2</u>	<u>1</u> building(s)
	<u>      </u> sites
	<u>      </u> structures
	<u>      </u> objects
<u>2</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 MT SHPO 4-9-91  
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

entered in the  
National Register

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register Al Clausen 6/19/91  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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

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## 6. Function or Use

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Historic: Domestic/single dwelling

Current: Domestic/single dwelling

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification: Queen Anne

Materials:      foundation: stone  
                  walls: wood  
                  roof: asphalt shingle  
                  other: clapboard

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Williams House is an irregular-shaped, single-story residence with a combination roof form covered with composition shingles. The walls are sided with clapboard, and the house rests on a rubble stone foundation. When built, this house was identical with the house located at 416 Fifth Street, which has since been altered by window replacement.

The principal facade faces Fifth Street to the south. A gabled wing protrudes from the west half of the facade and is separated from the main floor wall by a pent roof. A cottage window is located at the center of the wing. An open porch extends across the east half of the facade supported by two chamfered, 4" x 4" porch posts. A 1-over-1 double-hung window is centered in the south wall. The entrance door is located at the side of the porch.

A gable-roofed, half-hexagonal bay window dominates the west elevation. Decorative cut-out brackets mounted at the clipped corners accent the angled north and south walls of the bay. A pair of 1-over-1 double-hung windows is centered in the bay; a single 1-over-1, double-hung window is located in each side. The 1-over-1, double-hung windows throughout the house are finished with slip sills.

A small frame addition has been built onto the northeast corner of the house. This addition has a hipped roof and is sided in clapboard to match the historic core.

The Williams House retains a high degree of architectural integrity. The original doors, windows, and architectural details, such as decorative vergeboards remain. The house has been well maintained. The main alteration has been the rebuilding of the porch into an addition at the northwest corner. It does not, however, seriously detract from the historic character of the house.

### Outbuildings

A recently completed, gable-roofed garage is located at the northwest corner of the lot. The roof is covered with composition shingles; the walls are sheathed with vertical siding. The auto door is on the east side of the north elevation.

An historic frame, gable-roofed, clapboard-sided chicken coop is located at the northeast corner of the property. The original wood shingles on the roof remain. The chicken coop is in poor repair but dates to the historic period and is considered a contributing part of the historic property.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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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: 1903

Significant Person(s): n/a    Significant Dates: 1903

Cultural Affiliation: n/a    Architect/Builder: unknown

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

The Williams House is a distinctive example of a modest, one-story Queen Anne cottage. The projecting front bay, the combination hip and gable roof, the asymmetry, and the decorative ornamentation establish the Queen Anne character of the house. All of these features have been well-preserved and place this house solidly in the common building traditions employed by local carpenters at the turn of the century.

A photograph of Stevensville taken from the east end of Fifth Street before 1905 shows only three houses along the north side of Fifth Street: the Williams House, the Stone House (416 Fifth), and the Martin House (406 Fifth) to the west. This was before George May platted this addition in 1907 and before he sold the lots to Augustus Williams and the adjacent lots to Grace Stone. He had sold three acres to G.L. Martin in 1902.<sup>1</sup> A notice in the Register, July 15, 1903, reads, "The frame work has been completed on a new residence in the southeastern part of town for the Misses Stone, teachers in the public school."<sup>2</sup> It appears that George May built the Williams House and its twin, the Stone House, in 1903. He sold the property to Augustus and Amanda Williams in 1910.<sup>3</sup>

Little is know of the Williams family. Augustus Williams was born in Georgia in 1862; Amanda was born in Missouri in 1870. In 1900, they had a three-year-old and a one-year-old daughter, both born in Montana. Amanda's brother, William Wood, lived with them.<sup>4</sup> In 1912, Augustus was in partnership with John Dowling in the Dowling and Williams General Merchandise store, which was located in what is now the south section of First State Bank.<sup>5</sup> In 1917, Williams was identified as a farmer and his daughter Hazel was identified as a border.<sup>6</sup> Amanda was not listed. The chain of title indicates that this house passed from Augustus to Amanda Williams in 1914. It appears that the Williams were separated with Augustus living on a farm and Amanda remaining in town. Amanda Williams owned the house until 1946. It has been in the Wark Family since 1953.

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<sup>1</sup>Chain of Title.

<sup>2</sup>Stevensville Register, July 15, 1903.

<sup>3</sup>Chain of Title.

<sup>4</sup>1900 Census.

<sup>5</sup>Polk Directory, 1912.

<sup>6</sup>Ibid., 1917/18.

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## 9. References

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Missoula Herald, Missoula, Montana, Special Edition, January 1, 1909.  
Missoulian, Missoula, Montana, December 15, 1912; June 12, 1949; August 14, 1949.  
Stevensville Historical Society, Montana Genesis (Missoula: Mountain Press, 1971).  
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Western News, Hamilton, Montana, December 19, 1911.

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:

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
	11	723540	5154220

Verbal Boundary Description:

Stevensville Townsite, May Addition, Block 1, Lots 1 and 2 .

Boundary Justification:

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

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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