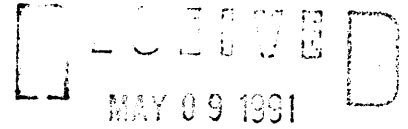


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Fulton, Charles, House

other name/site number: Rickett House

2. Location

street & number: 377 Fifth Street

not for publication: n/a
vicinity: n/a

city/town: Stevensville

state: Montana code: MT county: Ravalli code: 081 zip code: 59870

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Buildings

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 3 </u>	<u> </u> building(s)
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u> 3 </u>	<u> </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 Sharp 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

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Entered in the
National Register

entered in the National Register Alfred Zygmunt 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

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic/single dwelling

Current: Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Other: Vernacular/cross-gable

Materials: foundation: concrete
 walls: wood
 roof: asphalt shingles
 other: clapboard

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Fulton house is a single-story, cross-gabled house that retains a high degree of historic architectural integrity. The McLaren house at 602 Park Avenue appears to have been built on the same plan although exhibits somewhat altered decorative detailing today. A major design element of the house is the porches: one at the northwest corner and the other wrapping around the northeast corner. The porches have wooden decks and roofs supported by turned posts. A spindle frieze in an abacus pattern and a Japanese style stick balustrade complete the ornamentation. Each porch has two doors accessing the interior, which is an unusual feature in this Montana climate. The building rests on a concrete foundation.

The exterior walls are sheathed with clapboard and finished with wooden water table, cornerboards and frieze. The boxed cornice has return gable ends in each of the cross gables. The roof is covered with interlocking asphalt shingles. There are three chimneys piercing the roof near the ridge line.

Windows are 1-over-1 double-hung units with the exception of the cottage windows with stained glass transoms set in the north and west gable ends.

At the southeast corner, a number of small additions have been appended to the house. Each addition has incorporated exterior materials and design elements that enhance their compatibility with the original portion.

The Fulton House retains a high degree of architectural integrity. The major changes have been the construction of the additions at the southeast corner and the replacement of the wood shingles with composition shingles.

Outbuildings

A frame, gable-roofed garage with hinged double-doors facing north is located at the east end of the property. The garage is sided with horizontal boards and likely dates to the historic period.

A large root cellar is located directly southeast of the house. The cellar is buried below grade and has a very gently sloped gable roof, oriented east-west, and rising a short distance above ground level. The cellar door is centered at the west end.

8. Statement of Significance

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: 1901

Significant Person(s): n/a Significant Dates: 1901

Cultural Affiliation: n/a Architect/Builder: Godfried, Will and Buchanan. H. L.

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

The Fulton house qualifies for listing in the National Register of Historic Places due to its architectural significance as a well preserved example of a vernacular architectural form. It depicts the influence in Stevensville of carpenters and builders who brought their ideas of house construction from the southern part of the United States. The cross-gable design of the Fulton house, with full wrap-around porches, was a plan commonly built in the South during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The transitional Queen Anne/Classical Revival decorative detailing of the house has been well preserved, and serves to place the building solidly within its historic time frame. Unlike the Queen Anne houses with their asymmetry and bays to break up the flat exterior wall surfaces, this house was conceived in symmetrical terms and has extensive flat wall surfaces. Another cross-gable house of very similar design is the McLaren house at 602 Park Avenue.

In 1901, Charles and Voe Fulton purchased several lots in this area from George May. Part of the property was in the Dobbins Addition. The other part, in what was to become the May Addition, had not been platted.¹ Fulton was a tinner by trade and also worked as a clerk in the Amos Buck Mercantile. Immediately after purchasing the lots, the Fultons began building their new house. Will Godfried, a well-known carpenter in the area, and H.L. Buchanan were the contractors.² The Fultons remained in the house until 1939, when they sold it to H. W. Flanagan.³ The property then passed through several hands. The Ricketts purchased it in 1971.

At some time in the forties or fifties the addition to the southeast corner of the building was built. The addition appears to have been used as an apartment.

¹Chain of Title.

²Northwest Tribune, June 7, 1901; July 19, 1901.

³Chain of Title.

9. References

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Missoulian, Missoula, Montana, December 15, 1912; June 12, 1949; August 14, 1949.
Stevensville Historical Society, Montana Genesis (Missoula: Mountain Press, 1971).
Stevensville Register, Stevensville, Montana, Special Edition, December 23, 1909.
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:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
	11	723270	5154180

Verbal Boundary Description:

Stevensville Townsite, Dobbins Addition, Block 6, Lots 7 and 9.

Boundary Justification:

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

11. Form Prepared By

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