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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92001784

Date Listed: 1/28/93

Greenblatt, Samuel House
Property Name

Carbon
County

MT
State

Historic & Architectural Resources of Fromberg
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

1/28/93
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Significance: Criterion B was incorrectly omitted from the nomination form. The correct criteria should read A, B & C, as addressed in the narrative. The nomination has been revised to address this element.

Period of Significance/Resource Count:
The two outbuildings (erected c.1927 and 1934) currently fall outside of the period of significance (1911-1918). Therefore they must be considered non-contributing resources. The count of resources is amended to read one (1) contributing building and two (2) non-contributing buildings.

This information was confirmed by telephone with the MT SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Greenblatt, Samuel, House

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 215 W. River Street

not for publication: n/a

vicinity: n/a

city/town: Fromberg

state: Montana

code: MT

county: Carbon

code: 009

zip code: 59029

3. State/Federal Agency 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

M. M. M. SHPO
12-11-92

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency or 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

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

entered in the National Register
 see continuation sheet

Patrick Andrews

1/28/93

 determined eligible for the
National Register

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 determined not eligible for the
National Register

 see continuation sheet
 removed from the National Register

 see continuation sheet
 other (explain):

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private	Number of Resources within Property	
	Contributing	Noncontributing
Category of Property: Buildings		
	<u>3</u>	<u> </u> building(s)
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Properties in Fromberg	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> Total

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

Domestic: single dwelling

Current Functions:

Domestic: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Colonial Revival

Materials:

foundation: concrete
walls: wood: weatherboard
roof: wood: shingles

Narrative Description

The Samuel Greenblatt House is located in Fromberg, Montana, a small rural community in the southcentral portion of the state. The property is situated in a residential neighborhood west of the downtown and is comprised of a house, garage, and shed. The house faces south onto W. River Street and is surrounded by a large lawn overgrown with mature trees and bushes. The garage and shed stand behind the house along an alley that borders the north side of the property.

Constructed in 1911, the Colonial Revival style house is 1½ stories high, is of wood-frame construction, rests on a concrete foundation, and has a side-gambrel roof with an intersecting gambrel on front. The house is rectangular in plan with an enclosed front porch on the south and an enclosed rear porch. Clapboard siding covers the exterior walls of the house and the gambrel ends except for the peak of the south gambrel which has wood shingles. The main entry to the house is centered on the south wall; the door is adorned with applied decoration and an oval-shaped beveled light. Cottage windows flank the door. Windows in a Palladian-inspired motif highlight the south gambrel end; they appear as a rectangular one-over-one window flanked by an arched one-over-one window. Centered in the gable peak above the Palladian window is a round window with trefoil tracery; the glazing has been replaced with boards. Windows elsewhere are one-over-one, double-hung wood-sash. The roof is covered by wood-shingles and has wide boxed eaves with pronounced partial returns. A brick chimney protrudes from the center of the roof at the intersection of the primary ridges.

Sanborn Maps for Fromberg indicated that both the front and rear porches were enclosed sometime after 1927. The alterations exhibit historic period materials and designs and therefore likely occurred before 1942. The near full-width, front porch is enclosed by clapboard rails and bands of one-over-one fixed windows, and has a low hip roof. Centered on the south side of the porch is a wood-frame door holding an eight-light window above a molded panel; the door is framed by ten-light side lights. The rear porch is enclosed by clapboard siding, and has one-by-one sliding windows and a half-light panel door in the east wall.

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The house retains integrity. All of its key stylistic details, ornamental elements, and original construction materials remain. The only major modification to the house since construction is the enclosure of the porches which has not altered its historic form, massing, and scale.

The garage does not appear on the property in any of the available Sanborn Maps for Fromberg. There is some speculation that it was constructed in the early 1900s; it clearly is an historic building and may have been moved to the property after 1927. The rectangular, gabled-roof building has asbestos shingles over the original siding. The north wall has an overhead garage door and a fixed three-light window in the gable. The garage retains sufficient integrity to contribute to the property's important historical and architectural associations.

The shed was reportedly built in 1934 by Jack Brown, who purchased the property that year. It likely replaced an early shed at the site. The small building has drop siding and a gable roof with wood shingles. A paneled door is located on the west wall. The shed has not been altered since construction and contributes to the property.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Areas of Significance: Exploration/Settlement
Commerce
Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1911-1918

Significant Person(s): Greenblatt, Samuel

Significant Dates: 1911, 1913

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Parker, W. C.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Samuel Greenblatt House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under the "Historic and Architectural Resources of Fromberg" multiple property listing. The significance of the house is established locally under the historic context of "Residential Development in Fromberg, 1900-1929" and meets registration requirements developed for the associated property type, "Residential Buildings." The Samuel Greenblatt House is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for its association with the growth and emergence of Fromberg; under Criterion B for its association with Samuel Greenblatt, an important businessman in Fromberg; and under Criterion C as an outstanding example of the Colonial Revival style as well as the craftsmanship of W.C. Parker, a prominent local carpenter. The house has sustained few alterations since construction and retains integrity in all aspects.

The Samuel Greenblatt House derives significance under Criterion A as a representation of Fromberg's rise as an important retail trade and shipping center for the surrounding agricultural region in the first two decades of the twentieth century. Fromberg's increasing prosperity and population growth stimulated the construction of many new houses. They included several large, architecturally sophisticated houses, such as this one, built for Fromberg's emerging upper class of businessmen and professionals. This house was constructed in 1911 at the peak of prosperity in Fromberg. It was originally occupied by pioneering businessman, Samuel Greenblatt.

The Samuel Greenblatt House derives significance under Criterion B as the best representation of Greenblatt's contributions to the town of Fromberg. Russian immigrant Greenblatt played a prominent role in establishing the town. In 1900, Greenblatt opened one of the first businesses [no longer extant] in Fromberg and actively promoted the new townsite. Greenblatt was primarily responsible for the establishment of the post office in 1903. Although Greenblatt's store prospered for several years, it was eventually driven into bankruptcy by competing businesses. In 1913, Greenblatt and his family moved to Billings, Montana.

The Samuel Greenblatt House derives significance under Criterion C as an excellent example of the Colonial Revival style. Interpretations of the Colonial Revival style are found in the steeply pitched cross-gambrel roof with cornice returns, the full-width front porch, the stylistic Palladian window, and the predominance of double-hung windows. The house gains additional significance as an example of the work of W.C. Parker, a prominent local builder. Parker constructed or contributed to the construction of most large houses built during Fromberg's boom period. Houses he worked on are distinguished by a variety of materials and ornamental detailing. His influence is best evidenced at the Samuel Greenblatt house through the presence of a Palladian window, a round window with trefoil tracery, and clapboard siding contrasted by wood shingling at the front gambrel.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Carbon County Sentinel (Gebo). 16 June 1989
Fromberg Herald. 27 July 1911; 30 January 1913
Red Lodge Picket. 18 May 1900; 10 April 1901
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Fromberg. 1912 and 1927

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
A	12	663640	5028400

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary encompasses Lots 12 & 13 of Block 3 of the Dudley First Addition to Fromberg (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 17, T05S, R23E).

Boundary Justification

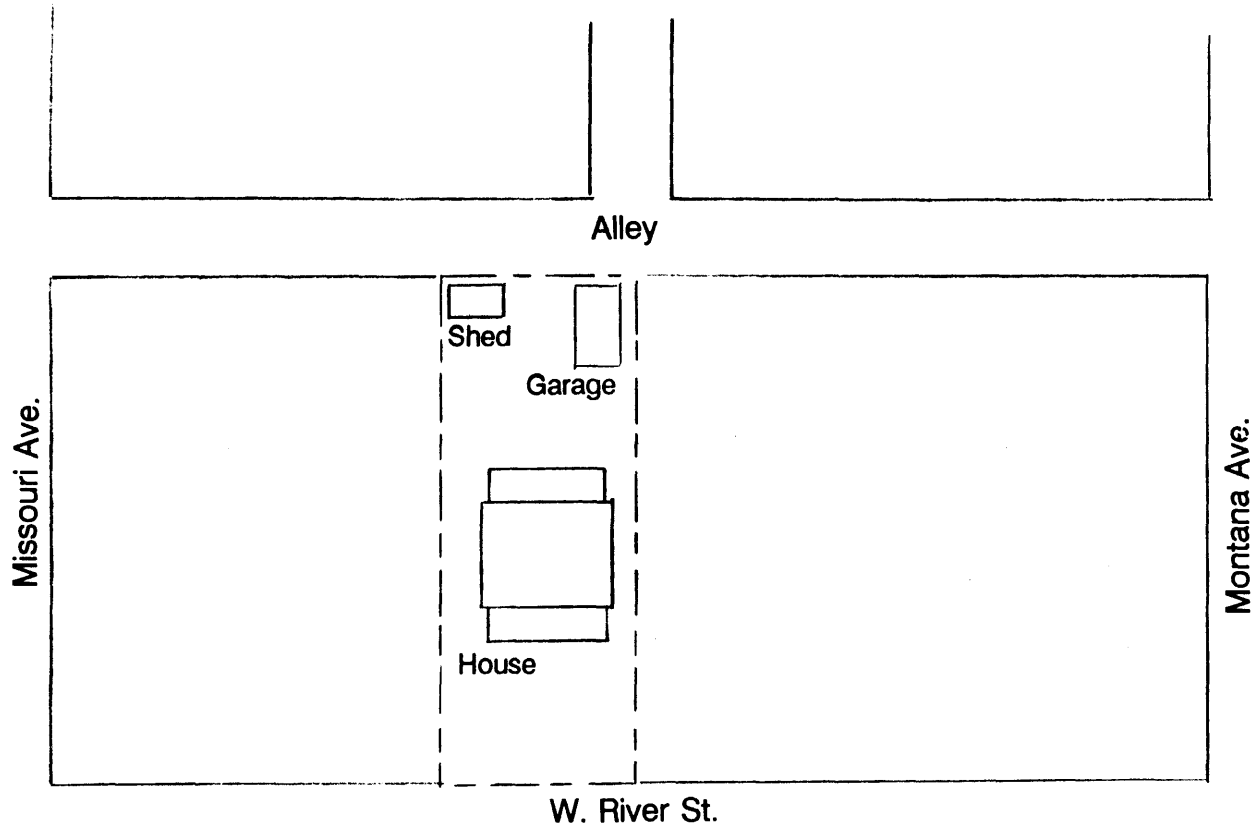
The boundary includes the city blocks that historically have comprised the Samuel Greenblatt House property.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization: Renewable Technologies, Inc. **date:** April 1992
street & number: 511 Metals Bank Building **telephone:** 406/444-7715
city or town: Butte **state:** MT **zip code:** 59701

Property Owner

name/title: James and Anona R. Niles
street & number: 215 West River Street
city or town: Fromberg **state:** MT **zip code:** 59029



Samuel Greenblatt House

Fromberg, Montana

Lots 12 & 13, Block 3

Dudley First Addition

National Register Boundary:



Scale: 1 inch = 50 feet
August 1992