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**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Apartment Building at 116 Spruce Street
Other names/site number Mitchell and Shore, Attorneys

2. Location

Street & number 116 West Spruce Street n/a/not for publication
City/town Missoula n/a/vicinity
State Montana code 030 county Missoula code 063 zip code 59802

3. Classification

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| Ownership of Property | Category of Property | Number of Resources within Property | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input type="checkbox"/> district | <u>1</u> | _____ buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site | _____ | _____ sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure | _____ | _____ structures |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object | _____ | _____ objects |
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Name of related multiple property listing:
Historical Resources in Missoula, 1864-1940

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official *Maude Shroy* Date 3-14-90
State or Federal agency and bureau MT SHPO

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Entered in the National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

William Bryan 4/30/90

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Apartments

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Law offices

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular Queen Anne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls brick

roof asphalt

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This T-shaped, two-story, polychrome brick veneered, Queen Anne style apartment building with flat roof and side stepped roof has a westside polygonal bay, a two-story front porch, and a stone foundation. The building is located in Missoula's central business district on the north side of Spruce Street. The building is surrounded by parking lots and is the only historic-period building in this half block.

The crown cornice is rusticated sandstone over a corbelled polychrome belt course. The windows in the bay are narrow, wood frame, double-hung, one-over-one with vertical stretcher flat arches and rusticated sandstone sills. The windows in the east-side front bay are wood frame, double-hung, thirty-over-one units. The first floor entryway doors are paneled wood frame doors with transom lights above. The two story porch has a gently sloping hip roof with plain fascia, turned porch support posts with scrolled brackets and spindled wood balustrade, which are identical on first and second floors. First floor of the porch has carpet-covered wood floor with a lattice work apron.

The rear section of the building is brick with various sized wood frame, double-hung windows with flat arches. The rear first and second-story entryways are white multi-panel wood doors with transom lights. The rear of the building also has a two-story porch with spindled porch support posts, 1x1 wood ballisters, and a lattice work apron. The second story is accessed by a wood stairway with a 2x4 railing. A dirt and concrete parking lot is located at the rear of the building. A small lawn is located between the building and the street.

This building displays excellent integrity of design, materials, and workmanship and even retains its original two-story front and rear porches. It has lost some integrity of setting because of the general loss of the historic fabric of the area.

See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture _____

Commerce _____

Period of Significance

1902-1940 _____

Significant Dates

ca. 1902 _____

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Significant Person

n/a

Architect/Builder

Not known

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

This apartment building is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C. It is an excellent example of an early twentieth century Queen Anne style apartment building that displays excellent integrity, retaining its detail and sense of historical association. It is characteristic of the kind of brick, multi-family construction occurring in Missoula during the early twentieth century building boom and is one of the few remaining examples of this kind of building within the central business district.

This building was constructed between 1902 and 1911, when the property was owned by either Laura Rochleau (1902), Eugene and Laura Morin (1907), Mike Linn (1908), or Hugh Campbell (1908). It probably was built by Eugene Morin, who was a contractor. Subsequent owners included Mike Linn, Tillie Linn (1928), and Ester Allen (1941). Occupants included Michael Linn, proprietor of the Waldorf Bar (1911-1925), Amos Anderson, manager of Holland Furnace (1929), Frank Drury, conductor (1932), Paul Wilcox (1938), and Maybelle's Beauty Shop (1940). The building has been an apartment building until recently. It was constructed in the central business district during Missoula's second major post-railroad building boom and was one of several apartment buildings and row houses built during that period to accommodate the city's growing population, especially professional and white collar workers.

9. Major Bibliographical References

McDonald, James, and Gary Williams, Missoula Historical Resource Survey. Missoula: Porky Press, 1980.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property less than one acre

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

C.P. Higgins Addition, Block 10, Lot 15.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the city lots upon which the historic building was erected.

See continuation sheet

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