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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Anderson Residence

other name/site number: Stone building #303

2. Location

street & number: 1015 W. Watson

not for publication: n/a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

city/town: Lewistown

state: Montana code: MT county: Fergus code: 027 zip code: 59457

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.)

Marek Dufy SHPO 12-11-93
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:

- entered in the National Register
 see continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the
National Register
- see continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the
National Register
- see continuation sheet
- removed from the National Register
 see continuation sheet
- other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Patrick Adams 1/27/93

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Number of Resources within Property

Category of Property: Building(s)

Contributing

Noncontributing

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

1

1 building(s)

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— sites

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— structures

1

— objects

1 Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Stone Buildings in Lewistown, Montana and Vicinity

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions:

Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Other: American Four-Square

Materials:

foundation: stone

walls: stone

roof: wood shake

Narrative Description

This two-story, coursed random-sized cut stone residence features a one-story, nearly full-width enclosed porch across the northwest elevation. The basic mass is stone; the porch is wood frame with five steps leading up to a center entry. The porch roof is hipped, supported by four square wooden columns, one at each corner and one each side of the porch door and its accompanying sidelights. Wood siding occurs below window (balcony rail) height around the porch. The remainder of the bays have been infilled with glazing in a narrow-wide-narrow pattern of lights. The narrow proportion casement lights have a superimposed diamond pattern muntin. The sandstone walls are broken range ashlar patterned and the stone faces are pitched. Decorative tooling is visible on many of the stone faces. Consistent with this creativity, the stones are affixed by smear mortar joints with incised channels. Vines adorn both the northeast and southeast elevations. The southwest elevation displays a poor repointing job. The original mortar in some places was repointed with smeared mortar joints. The mortar contained a high concentration of Portland cement.

All of the original windows in the stone part of the house were deeply recessed, wood double-hung 2-over-2 units, except for a larger fixed unit near the south end of the southwest elevation. Recently, most of the windows have been replaced with roll-out, single casement units with the superimposed, diamond-pattern muntin. The entry elevation features two symetrically placed windows on the second floor. The southwest elevation has three second-story windows and a first floor window near the north end of the wall. All lintels and sills are composed of concrete. Fixed, non-operable wooden shutters adorn several of the windows on this residence.

During the past two years, the original hipped roof of the house was replaced by a taller gable roof with projecting gabled dormers. This alteration was necessary when fire damaged the original roof a few years ago. This new roof is compatible with the house and does not detract from the significance of the original stone work.

This property also includes one noncontributing outbuilding. This wooden garage sits upon a concrete foundation and is covered by a shed roof. The roof is covered by galvanized metal roofing material. Lapped siding with corner boards covers the outside walls. A plain fascia surrounds the roof. The southwest elevation has been reframed. The original three-panel door has been retained; however, a large glass panel has replaced the original double door opening found on this elevation. All double hung windows in this structure have been removed.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C	Areas of Significance: Architecture
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a	Period(s) of Significance: 1914
Significant Person(s): n/a	Significant Dates: 1914
Cultural Affiliation: n/a	Architect/Builder: Harry F. Anderson

The Anderson House is significant because it is a very late example of cut stone masonry work in the early 1900s in Lewistown, Montana. Of the 17 extant stone houses in the community, this is the only one to be built after construction of the cement plant. As was typical in communities across the country, early folk houses were constructed of materials found near the building site and prepared by the builders themselves, rather than in distant mills, kilns or factories. In Lewistown, local sandstone could be easily gathered or quarried, and the stone building traditions imported by the earliest settlers provided a natural solution to the housing needs created by population growth in the days prior to improved transportation.

The Lewistown Brick and Tile Company was established in 1911, and both the Milwaukee and Northern Railroads had branch lines serving Lewistown in 1913. These factors drastically changed home building in the rapidly growing community. Frame bungalows and residences, which could be easily built with locally available materials and labor began to line the streets. Stone building, which was extremely labor intensive, quickly became a thing of the past. This exception was likely owner-built by Harry F. Anderson in 1914. Despite the fact that the Anderson Residence is an exception to the evolving construction techniques that quickly began to revolutionize the industry, this residence did utilize one characteristic of this new era. The Anderson Residence sets upon a concrete full basement, instead of a stone basement, illustrating the growing movement to reduce construction costs.

A number of stonemasons with the surname Anderson immigrated from Sweden and worked in Lewistown during the first two decades of the 20th Century. Although Harry F. Anderson does not appear in the 1900 or 1910 census records, he may have been related to Andrew Anderson, a brickmason who immigrated to the United States in 1890, or Carl B. Anderson or Claus A. Anderson, both stonemasons who emigrated from Sweden in 1908. The city directories for Lewistown also list brickmasons Oscar Anderson and Samuel Anderson in 1914. Although the vast majority of stonemasons working in Lewistown during the historic period were Croatians, the Anderson family made certain the Swedish element was well represented.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Abstract of Title

Polk City Directories for Lewistown, 1904-5, 1910-11, 1914-15

Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1913, 1916.

Sievert, Ken and Ellen, "Historical and Architectural Survey of Sandstone Resources of Lewistown, Montana," unpublished manuscript, March 31, 1987. Available at State Historic Preservation Office.

U.S. Twelfth and Thirteenth Census, 1900, 1910

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	619100	5212670

Verbal Boundary Description

This property is located in the Lehman's First Addition, Block 1, Lot 2, in the NE quarter of the SE quarter of the SW quarter of section 15, T15N, R18E, City of Lewistown, Montana.

Boundary Justification

This property is part of a discontinuous multiple property nomination. This specific parcel includes only the city lots upon which the building is located.

11. Form Prepared By

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Property Owner

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