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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Slagle, Jesse W. & Elizabeth, House

Other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 912 South Keller Street not for publication

city or town Republic vicinity

State Washington code WA county Ferry code 019 zip code 99166

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Allyn M.
Signature of certifying official/Title

3-30-11
Date

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

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.
- ☐ removed from the
 National Register.
- ☐ other (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

5-11-11
Date of Action

5. Classification**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not incl. previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Non-Contributing	
1		buildings
		sites
1		structures
		objects
2		Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Functions or Use**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

WORK IN PROGRESS:

recreation and culture/museum

7. Description**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN/Queen Anne

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation WOOD AND STONE/posts and pier

walls WOOD/drop siding

roof METAL

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

The J.W. Slagle property, which consists of a single-family dwelling and a combination barn/woodshed, is located on a corner parcel in Republic, Washington—a town in north-central Washington State, sited in a valley between Wauconda and Sherman Passes and surrounded by the Colville National Forest. The property is comprised of three city lots, aggregated to form a parcel at the southeast corner of the intersection of South Keller Street and East 9th Street, one block east of Republic's main street business district. The house has been owned and occupied by the family of pioneer businessman and civic leader John W. Slagle since its purchase by him in 1909.

Site Description

The property is bounded by South Keller Street on the west, East 9th Street on the north, an unpaved alley on the east, and a neighboring property to the south. Republic is a former mining town, set among hills. The property is at the toe of one of these hills, with a steep slope to the east. A low decorative wire fence with wood posts runs along the perimeter of the property. The house is sited in the northern two-thirds of the property, set back approximately 15' from the western (Keller Street) property line and approximately 12' from the northern (9th Street) property line. The woodshed/barn is situated southeast of the house, along the alley and approximately 10' north of the south property line. The site is 75' by 100', for a total size of 7500 square feet.

Exterior Description

The J.W. & Elizabeth Slagle House is a single-story, 1,300-square-foot wood-frame structure on a post and pier foundation, with a cross-gabled roof and an irregular footprint. Cladding consists primarily of wood drop siding, accented by cornerboards and simple trim at window and door openings. (The south addition appears to be finished with clapboard.) Vertical board skirting conceals the crawlspace and foundation. The house has two common brick chimneys with decorative caps—one is a full-height chimney serving the kitchen and located on the ridge line of the east-west gable, near the east end of the house; the other is located more centrally on the ridgeline of the east-west gable and is a partial chimney built by laying brick on a heavily braced wooden shelf.

The primary west façade is characterized by a front-gabled ell, with an entry porch located at the northwest corner of the house. The porch is reached by a flight of three wood steps along the exposed north and west sides. Slim, partially-chamfered porch posts support a low-sloped hipped porch roof, and a simple, carved decorative frieze band encircles the porch just below the eave line. The glazed wood-paneled main entry door, located on the north side of the ell at the east end of the south side of the porch, provides access into the living room. A second glazed, wood-paneled door is located at the east end of the porch, accessing the dining room. The primary west façade features a three-sided cutaway bay window, with decorative wood brackets accentuating the overhanging gable end. The bay contains four tall one-over-one double-hung wood windows—two on the front face of the bay and one on each side. The upper portion of the bay, above the windows, is finished with beadboard.

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Secondary north, south, and east façades are simpler and without decorative details. A 24'-wide by 7'-7"-deep screened back porch is located along the east (rear) façade, accessed by one screen door at the east end of the north wall and a second screen door at the south end of the east wall. The lower-sloped hipped roof extension at the east end of the house indicates areas that were added to the house ca. the 1920s. Like that of the west façade, most fenestration consists of one-over-one-light, double-hung wood windows. Smaller fixed or divided-light casement windows are located at the eastern portion of the house, illuminating the kitchen, bathroom, and "aunt's room." A wood-paneled door from the screened porch into the kitchen serves as a back door. Immediately west of it on the porch floor is an access door to a 9' by 9' cellar.

The property includes a small 320-square-foot combination barn and woodshed, which is connected by a paved pathway from the house. The northern (woodshed) portion is front-gabled, and the southern (barn) portion has a shed roof. The structure is finished with the same drop siding as the house. It has a door on the north side and on the south side.

The house retains an unusual degree of integrity, including most of its contents. (All of the contents predate 1969 and most of the furnishings, WW II.) Wooden elements showing signs of decay, such as the cellar and front stairs and parts of the skirting, have been replaced in-kind, but no substantial alterations have been made to the house or barn/woodshed. Original wood-shingle roofs on the house and outbuilding were replaced with metal standing-seam roofs in the 1970s. The roofs and new electrical work are the only alterations made to the house since the early 1940s.

Interior description

The plan of the Slagle House consists of the living room at the front (west) end of the house, the dining room and kitchen along the north side of the house, two bedrooms at the center and south wing, and a bathroom south of the kitchen and east of the bedrooms, along with a very small "aunt's room" added east of the second bedroom/south of the bathroom. The ceiling height in the one-story house is 10'. Typical finishes include wood and linoleum flooring, stained wood trim and wood panel type doors, and plaster walls with some wallpaper.

The interior of the house clearly reflects the two small additions predating the Great Depression and the kitchen remodeling in 1940 or 1941. The walls of most of the kitchen, the living room, dining room, and part of the north bedroom are finished with wallpaper on lath and plaster. The walls in the bathroom, the aunt's room, and the south bedroom are finished with wallpaper over paperboard. The kitchen extension of the early 1940s is finished in painted "hardboard" or plywood. The interior wall of the back porch is the same siding seen on the rest of the house exterior.

The screened back porch contains the hatch that gives accesses the cellar, a wooden rack for cleaning tools and the remains of a canvas curtain over the screen on the south end of the porch. The panels of wood-framed metal screen extend from just below the beadboard ceiling to a low, 2'-tall beadboard-clad

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wall. The floor is tongue and groove lumber. The cellar hatch is a rectangular door made of the same material as the porch floor and bearing the remains of a pulley system for opening it. There are widely spaced wooden strips between the hatch and the east wall of the kitchen for ventilation. The hatch gives access to a recently replaced wooden stair leading down to the dirt-floored cellar, which is lined with unplanned whitewashed planks. It has 10"-wide shelves of similar material along the north, west and south sides. The shelving on the south is truncated by a small door leading into the unfinished crawl space under the house. The floor joists of the kitchen above are supported by 4"x 4" and 5½"x5½" unplanned wood posts.

The kitchen contains the original wood-burning Star Estate brand range (with warming oven and water pipes that run through the firebox for heating), located just south of the back door. The tank for water heated in the range sits behind and south of the range. The south wall, between the hot water tank and the bathroom door, is covered by face-frame wood cabinets added ca. 1940. Wallpaper that predates the cupboards and the original beadboard wainscoting is visible at the back of the cabinets. The wainscoting can also be seen behind the range and on the west wall south of the dining room door. The floor covering is linoleum.

The dining room is west of the kitchen, accessed by a four-panel varnished and painted wood door with black ceramic door knobs on both sides. The dining room is also connected by an approximately 4'-wide opening to the living room to the west of it. The doorway surround is plain varnished wood and shows no evidence of door hardware. Reportedly, during the winter this opening was covered by a heavy curtain and the living room was typically not used (Dick Slagle personal communication 2010b). The varnished wood front door consists of one pane of glass over three panels. The knob has been removed. An outer varnished wood storm door consists of four panes of glass over two panels with the original black ceramic door knob. The dining room flooring is linoleum. The lath and plaster walls are covered with a single layer of wallpaper. The upper southwest corner of the room is occupied by a partial chimney that served the oil-fired heating stove, supported on an enclosed wedge-shaped bracket finished with plaster and wallpaper. Much of the Slagle family's furniture is still in place, including the oil-fired heating stove and its asbestos wall guard; this stove apparently dates from the 1950s and replaced an earlier wood stove now in storage. The original Art Deco chandelier over the dining room table is still in place.

The living room, accessed by the wide interior opening from the dining room, is lit by the six windows in the window bay and, originally, by the glazed upper panel in the varnished wood panel-type front door. The room also boasts an original suspended light fixture of three incandescent bulbs on chains. Its lath and plaster walls are covered with the same wall paper as those of the dining room. The floor is tongue and groove wood "mopboard," which is still covered with the Slagles' 1930s-era area carpet. Much of the original furniture and effects, including books and pictures, is still in place (while some is in storage).

Accessible from the living room via a four-paneled varnished wood door in the east wall is the bedroom formerly used by J.W. and Elizabeth Slagle. This room is illuminated by a single window, south of the door, and contains a varnished wood wardrobe in the northwest corner. Its north and south walls and the

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north ends of the east and west walls appear to be lath and plaster, with paperboard finish on the south and the south ends of the east and west walls. This may reflect the addition in 1910–1920 of the south bedroom for the Slagle children. Walls are covered with wallpaper that was applied after the wardrobe was built. The floor is similar to that in the living room, covered with a slightly older carpet. Some of the original furniture, including the bed in which three of the Slagle children were born, remains in place. Doors connect the parents' bedroom with their sons' bedroom on the south and with the bathroom on the east. The painted and varnished wood panel-type doors contain original hardware including metal and ceramic knobs. The south door has five panels with a plain metal knob. The east door has two panels, varnished on the bedroom side and painted white on the bathroom side with a black ceramic knob in the bedroom and a white one in the bathroom.

The south bedroom, formerly used by the Slagle's three sons, is lit by two windows, one each on the west and south walls. The north wall to the east of the door is occupied in part by a varnished wood wardrobe. Walls are finished with wallpaper over paperboard. (The present wallpaper post-dates the construction of the wardrobe and earlier wallpaper is visible in the back of the wardrobe.) The east wall displays homemade wooden racks for rifles and skis. The south bedroom is connected to the aunt's room by a curtained doorway.

The aunt's room is a small rectangular space, east of the children's bedroom, added in the early 1920s for an aunt who came to assist with childcare. It is finished in paperboard painted with a sponge or wadded rag to provide texture, and the floor is tongue and groove. It is illuminated by a single casement window at the south wall and is connected to the bathroom by a narrow, painted wood panel-type door in the north wall. The remaining space on the north wall is taken up by a small closet. This room has been used for storage since the aunt's departure in 1932.

The bathroom is connected to the kitchen on the north, the J.W. Slagle bedroom on the west, and the aunt's room on the south. It also contains a closet on the west wall. Upper wall area is paperboard covered with wallpaper that has been painted. The lower walls are finished with a wood beadboard wainscoting similar to that in the kitchen. The wallpaper in the back of the closet is peeling off, revealing an earlier, more water-resistant wall covering. A hole for a stovepipe and an asbestos sheet remain on the south wall, where a note has been posted advising that there was an oil stove there (currently in storage) that at one time replaced an even earlier wood stove. The bathroom plumbing fixtures are largely original, including a large claw-footed tub and a basin with a high enamel splashboard. The toilet dates from the 1950s, replacing the earlier fixture (also in storage). The medicine cabinet, made by the Slagles' eldest son Maury, was stylized in a rustic Art Deco form. It replaced an earlier cabinet (in storage) made from a wooden dye box from the Republic Drugstore.

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☒ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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 Engineering Record# _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

HEALTH/MEDICINE

Period of Significance

1900-1954

Significant Dates

1909 – J.W. Slagle purchased house

1954 – J.W. Slagle died

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Slagle, Jesse (John) W.

Cultural Affiliation**Architect/Builder**

UNKNOWN

SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository: Ferry County Historical Society

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Slagle House, built c.1900 in Republic, Washington is historically significant under Criteria C, as a resource that embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type and period of construction. The home is one of the most intact examples of numerous wood-frame homes that housed Republic's middle class in the first half of the Twentieth Century. This modest Queen Anne style house retains its original massing, windows and doors, exterior finishes, floor plan, furniture, and systems with no significant alterations. It serves as the best surviving example of middle-class life in this Northwestern mining town. Its interior preserves unaltered the setting in which one family dealt with the upheavals of the early Twentieth Century, including the Depression and WWII. This unusual degree of integrity gives it local significance under National Register Criterion C.

From its purchase by pioneer pharmacist J.W. Slagle in 1909 until his death in 1954, the Slagle House was the home of one of the town's most influential citizens and his family. Slagle's activity in local commerce, politics and civic affairs strongly influenced the city's development and its key institutions. This association with the life of a major figure in the town makes the Slagle House significant under Criteria B.

Period of significance begins in 1900, the approximate date of construction of the home and ends in 1954 with the death of J.W. Slagle.

Overview of Republic

The Slagle House is located east of the business district in Republic, Washington, a town of just under 1,000 residents (954 as of the 2000 Census). The county seat and only incorporated municipality in Ferry County, Republic is sited in north central Washington, approximately 90 miles northwest of Spokane.

The area now comprising Ferry County was part of the second Colville Indian Reservation from 1872 to 1892, when the government purchased the north half of the reservation. In 1896, the north half was opened for mineral claims, resulting in a population influx that produced all of the county's non-native settlements. By April 1896 there were 64 men living at the mining camp that later became Republic. The camp was comprised of tents, and there was no railroad or boat transport; all materials had to arrive by horse or mule. The first store was housed in a canvas tent, and it was another year before a log house—the first wooden building—was constructed. A two-story hotel followed in July 1897. A survey of businesses from October of that year listed five stores, three blacksmith shops, two barber shops, four restaurants, two hotels, two cigar stores, two saloon/gambling houses, and a jeweler "who also sold patent medicines."

The settlement grew with news of the success of the Republic Mine. On March 22, 1898 a townsite was laid out and later expanded as adjacent mining claims were added. The town at first was called Eureka, but when a post office was established, a different name was selected since there was already a town called Eureka in Clark County. The town was then re-named Republic, after its most well-known mine. Republic was formally platted in 1898 and incorporated in May 1900.

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In 1900 the former "North Half" of the Colville Reservation was opened for homestead entry. Two rival railroads reached Republic in 1902 but neither served the height of the gold "boom," which peaked in 1899 and 1900. The town's population reportedly swelled to 2,000 during the boom, when prospectors flooded in to work the mines, and the 1901 Sanborn Map indicates a population of 2,500 at that time. Housing construction continued in spite of the economic downturn that followed the boom, and substantial frame structures replaced most of the log cabins and flimsy shacks of the early boom years. The Slagle House is one of these. According to the Slagle family, the home was built by or for the Cook family, relatives of pioneer hardware merchant Gideon J. Tompkins, sometime between the family's acquisition of the property in 1905 and Slagle's purchase of the house in 1909 (Richard Slagle personal communication 2010). However, the 1901 Sanborn Map appears to show the house and two outbuildings along the alley, suggesting an earlier date of construction.

After the mining boom ended, the town began to diversify into timber and farming. The 1920s were particularly difficult, and by 1925 the population had dwindled to approximately 700 people. During Prohibition, Republic became a center for liquor smuggling from Canada—only 30 miles away—and reportedly some people made moonshine in the hills surrounding town. A boon of the Great Depression was that the price of gold rose to \$35/ounce in 1933. As a result, most of the old Eureka Gulch mines were reopened around this time.

In 1953, a state highway was opened over Sherman Pass to Kettle Falls, making Republic less isolated. Mining in the 1950s included some uranium finds and tungsten mining. In the 1960s and 1970s, the mining and timber economy was faltering and the population dropped to 862 in 1970. By 1980, it rose again to 1,018. After a fire destroyed part of Republic's main street in December 1983, the town rebuilt the business district with an "old-time theme." The next year, new gold deposits were found in the Knob Hill Mine. By the time this mine was closed in the mid-1990s, paleontologists had discovered that there were plentiful fossils from the Eocene Epoch in the area, and the Stonerose Interpretive Center was established in 1987. This is now a significant element in Republic's tourist economy. Although there is no more mining in Republic, gold ore trucked in from another mine in the region is milled in Republic.

Jesse (John) W. Slagle

Jesse W. Slagle, who preferred the initials J.W. to his given name, was born near Murphy, North Carolina in 1873. He grew up on a farm near Franklin, North Carolina and attended local schools and Western Carolina College. In his mid-twenties he tired of farm life and moved to Henrietta, Texas where he took charge of a drugstore for Dr. J.H. Ferries. While there he studied pharmacy and became a registered pharmacist (Maurice Slagle nd). After four years in Texas he migrated to Washington State and obtained a Washington pharmacy license, working in stores in Blaine and Waterville. In 1904 he was sent to Republic by the Stewart & Holms Wholesale Drug Company of Seattle to liquidate a drugstore that made up part of an estate. The liquidation work was estimated to take about three months (Goetzl 1978:16), but instead it led to a lifetime in Republic, during which Slagle became one of the town's civic leaders. During

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his first winter in Republic Slagle was asked if the "J" in "J.W." stood for "John;" he replied that it did (not preferring his real first name of Jesse) and was then known as "John Slagle" for the rest of his life.

Seeing a business opportunity when he arrived in Republic, Slagle purchased a competing drugstore in Republic from its elderly proprietor. In spite of unfavorable economic conditions, he combined the two stores in a venture so successful that he invited his brother, Jeff, to join the business. The two brothers added another drugstore in nearby Kettle Falls and remained business partners until 1914.

Slagle married school teacher Elizabeth Moore, a native of Missouri, in Newport, Washington in 1909. As an established business man contemplating marriage, Slagle purchased a house and three city lots totaling 0.17 acres several blocks from his store from 1909. He purchased several adjacent lots in 1917. This property remained the Slagle family home until J.W. Slagle's death in 1954 and the home of his wife until her death in 1969. Together, J.W. and Elizabeth Slagle raised three children (daughter Eleanor died in childhood) in the home with few alterations.

In 1917 Slagle, concerned with the flammable nature of Republic's wood-frame business district and its frequent fires, began construction of a new drugstore in the downtown commercial area, using brick from Clayton, Washington. His plans were complicated by an arsonist who burned the entire block where his drugstore was located and where the new store was under construction, filling the new building's foundation excavation with glowing coals (Maurice Slagle personal communication 1979). The new building was finished the following year. Slagle then purchased the only remaining competing drugstore and moved its stock to his new Republic Drugstore location.

For more than nine decades, since 1918 Slagle's Republic Drugstore has been the only pharmacy in Ferry County, and since 1947 it has served not only the residents, but the county's only hospital. Upon his death, J.W. Slagle's front page obituary in the local newspaper recalled that in the early years he sent medicines by stage as far as Loomis and Chesaw in the Okanogan Valley (*Republic News-Miner* 1954). During WWII and immediate post war years, from 1942 to 1947, Republic lacked a medical doctor. The Slagles' drugstore connected residents to a registered nurse and was linked with physicians in the outside world by telephone, playing a key role in the community's health care. In 1946 at the age of 73, J.W. Slagle sold the Republic Drugstore to his three pharmacist sons. The following year he retired to his home on Keller Street. The drugstore, now the oldest family-operated pharmacy in the state, still stands. Today the business is run by a grandson and his family. The store's interior has been altered several times since the 1920s to keep pace with the changing needs of a modern pharmacy. The upstairs lodge hall where the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Rebeccas, Oddfellows and Rainbow Girls met is now used for storage.

In addition to his work as a pharmacist, J.W. Slagle was active in civic affairs. He was elected to the Republic City Council in the depths of the Great Depression in 1934. He became mayor of Republic when his predecessor resigned in 1934 or 1935 (Richard Slagle, personal communication 2010) and was re-elected without opposition, except for a single write-in vote, in 1936 (*Republic News-Miner* 1936), serving

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as mayor until 1939 when he resigned to concentrate on business concerns. He was also a key figure in the passage of Republic's first fire ordinance and provision of a water system to replace the old system with its wooden water mains and uncertain water sources. He remained an active member of the volunteer fire department for many years, an activity continued by his sons and grandson. In 1938 Slagle was elected president of a newly formed Taxpayers' Association and sent as the members' delegate to the association's annual state meeting (*Republic News-Miner* 1938). During the 1930s Republic lacked a bank and no safety deposit boxes were available so Slagle responded by installing a "nest" of fifty of the steel boxes in the drugstore vault to fill his customers' need for fireproof storage (*Republic News-Miner* 1937). They rented for 25¢ per month.

Slagle was also at the forefront in assuring that Republic shared in the benefits brought to the region by construction of Grand Coulee Dam. He was elected one of the first commissioners of the newly formed Public Utility District (PUD) in 1936 and became its president in 1937 (Goetzl 1978:17). Slagle's obituary describes him as "Mason, councilman and mayor" and hails him as a man who "participated in the development of the area since the boom days" (*Republic News-Miner* 1954).

The Slagle Family

Elizabeth Slagle, too, was active in local civic affairs. She served for many years on the local school board and was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Ladies Aid organization of the Presbyterian Church. The Slagle home was the scene of many social activities for the Masonic Lodge, the Eastern Stars and the Presbyterian Church ladies guild.

All three Slagle sons worked at various times for the U.S. Forest Service, always a major employer in Ferry County. This began with the eldest son, Maury, who worked on the well-known Dollar Mountain Fire in 1929. Dick worked on the Aeneas Creek fire in 1934 and later as a fire lookout on Columbia and White mountains. Maury also served in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s. Dave worked as a fire lookout in 1940 and 1941 on Fir Mountain, where he kept in touch with the family at home by heliograph (a wireless solar telegraph) and on more remote Columbia Mountain. Both younger sons joined the army during World War II and saw service overseas, Dick in Europe and Dave in the Pacific, before returning home to Republic to continue the operation of the family's Republic Drugstore and participation in civic affairs.

Changes Over Time

The Slagle family grew with the birth of Maurice in 1910, Eleanor in 1914, Richard in 1919, and David in 1921. In response, the family added two rooms to the original five-room structure. (The bathroom was added very early on and may have been in place when the Slagles purchased the house.) A bedroom was added in 1914 when Eleanor was born. A second small room for an elderly aunt who had come to help with the children was added in 1922. The kitchen was "modernized" in 1940 or 1941 by the addition of kitchen cabinets, relocation of the sink and enlargement of the room to encompass a former pantry and a part of the original screened back porch. Around the same time, a concrete walk was installed to replace the boardwalk between the house and shed. (The date "1941" is incised into the concrete.) There

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has been no further significant alteration of the house until replacement of the roofing shingles with standing seam metal roofing in the 1970s and the installation of code-required electrical wiring in 2010.

Since Mrs. Slagle's death in 1969, the house has been closed with all its contents, resulting in a "time capsule" of a middle-class house in a small Northwest mining town, largely dating from the pre-World War II era. The Slagle family recently donated the property to the Ferry County Historical Society for use as a museum.

Queen Anne Style

The Queen Anne style of architecture, as seen on the nominated property, was very popular for houses from approximately 1880 to 1910. The style, rich and varied in ornamentation and form, was wildly popular after its introduction in America at the 1876 Exposition in Philadelphia. Taking its name from the reign of an eighteenth century English Queen, the style was brought to America by the British government, which displayed several of the houses at the exposition.

Queen Anne style houses are composed of a number of parts, including towers, dormers, bay windows, and corbelled chimneys. Wall surfaces such as coursed shingles, clapboards, and inset panels of sawn wooden ornament are combined with irregular roof lines and decorative wrap-around porches. Windows may include small square or diamond panes in the upper sash, and the more typically one-over-one double-hung sash. Spacious porches have elaborately turned posts and balusters. Skirts below porch floors are made of latticework or vertical slats with fanciful cut-out designs. The style caught on quickly, in part because woodworking mills could mass-produce turned porch posts, mouldings and other trimmings.

Slagle house is a modest example of the style, exhibiting a front-gabled and steeply pitched roof, a cutaway bay window, and simple detailing along the top of the front porch that wraps the northwest corner of the house. The house also represents the crossplan dwelling type, a common builder type of cottage constructed at the turn-of-the-century in both small and large communities across the country. In a crossplan dwelling, the principal axis of the structure is perpendicular to the street with one or two wings forming a cross section midway back from the street. The positioning of the front door varies. Often it is located off a side porch, such as found in the Slagle House.

Summary

The J.W. Slagle House is historically significant due to its association with one of Republic's most influential civic leaders who contributed to the development of such critical local institutions as the provision of health care, the volunteer fire department and the Public Utility District. Pioneer pharmacist J.W. Slagle was the mayor of Republic during a critical period in its history and was instrumental in putting in place several of the modern community's key institutions. He was the founder and proprietor of what is now Washington State's oldest family-owned and -operated pharmacy. The property is also significant as an intact example of a turn-of-the-century home representing the end of the popularity of the Queen Anne style.

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FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Verbal Boundary Description(Describe the boundaries of the property.) **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS**

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Madilane A. Perry (assisted by BOLA Architecture & Planning)
organization Ferry County Historical Society date December 9, 2010
street & number 69 Kiwanis Rd telephone (509) 775 2605
city or town Republic state WA zip code 99166

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets:**Maps**A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources**Photographs**Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner (Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Ferry County Historical Society
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property (Tax Lot No. 33606572400100) is located in T36 N, R. 32 E, WM Sec 6, SW¼ NW¼, in Ferry County Washington. It consists of lots 1, 2, and 3 of Block 24 of the Second Addition of the City of Republic. It is bounded on the east by an alley, on the south by an old lilac hedge with the property line in the middle, on the west by Keller Street and on the north by the fence at the edge of the 9th Street right of way.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nominated property includes the three lots purchased by J.W Slagle from the Cook family in 1909. It includes the house and the woodshed/barn, both as contributing resources.

This is a detailed topographic map of a region in Montana, centered around the town of Republic. The map features contour lines indicating elevation, with labels such as 2400, 2600, 2800, 3000, 3200, 3400, 3600, and 3800. A network of roads is shown, including a main road labeled '20' and several smaller roads like 'Granite', 'Old RR Gr', and 'Vails'. The town of Republic is depicted with a grid of streets and numerous small black squares representing buildings. Other labeled locations include Allot, Granite, and Sanborn. Key landmarks include a 'Hospital' near Allot, a 'Cem' (cemetery), 'WT' (water tower), 'Substation', 'Trailer Park', 'Sewage Disposal', and 'INDIAN Ponds'. A 'NINTH' boundary line is also marked. The map includes a coordinate grid with latitude and longitude markings: 37° N, 38° N, 106° 39' W, 106° 40' W, 106° 41' W, and 106° 42' W. The map is oriented with North at the top.

REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON

1992

DMA 4863 II NW - SERIES V877



QUADANGLE LOCATION



UTM GRID AND 1995 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

RECORD OF SURVEY

SURVEYOR'S NARRATIVE:

This survey was done at the request of Robert Slagle to ascertain the lot lines of the South half (1/2) of Lot 10 and Lot 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Block 21 of Second Addition to the Town of Republic AND the South half (1/2) of Lot 10 and Lot 11 of Block 21 of Third Addition to the Town of Republic AND Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of Block 24, Second Addition to the Town of Republic. Primary control for this survey came from existing monuments of Clark Avenue, Delaware and Keller Streets.

METHOD OF SURVEY:

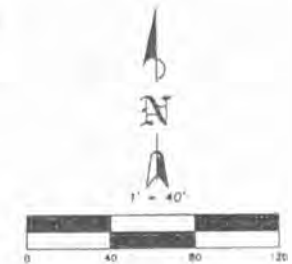
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9th Street Vacation

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON, VACATING PORTION OF 9TH STREET, BETWEEN THE ALLEY AND PORTLAND STREET LOCATED BETWEEN LOT 13 BLOCK 21 AND LOT 34 BLOCK 24 ALL IN THE SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF REPUBLIC. ORDINANCE NO. 286 DATED MARCH 6, 1978 AND RECORDED UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 17066



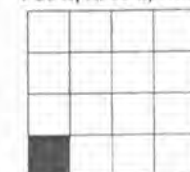
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LEGEND

- SET 5/8" REBAR WALL, CAP AND 3X3 STAKE, MARKER 22351
- EXISTING CITY MONUMENT
- EXISTING PROPERTY CORNER FOUND AND ACCEPTED
- (R) RECORDED
- (C) CALCULATED
- (M) MEASURED
- AP# AUDITOR'S FILE NUMBER
- EXISTING FENCE

SECTION 6
T 36 N, R. 33 E, W.M.



SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

This map correctly represents the survey performed by me, or under my direction, and in accordance with the Survey Recording Act.

At the request of Robert M. Slagle on April, 2007

Survey was vacated this 24 day of April, 2007

George R. Slagle, Surveyor



AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 24 DAY OF April, 2007

AT 1:10 PM IN BOOK 5 OF Surveys

AT PAGE 76 AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 262369

AT THE REQUEST OF Robert M. Slagle

Dianne L. Taylor

DIANNE L. TAYLOR, COUNTY AUDITOR

INFORMATION

CLIENT: Robert M. Slagle
PROJECT: Slagle ROS
DATE: 02/13/2007
JOB NUMBER: 07-001
DRAWING NAME: 2007-ROS Slagle
DRAWN BY: HCU
CHECKED BY: GHS

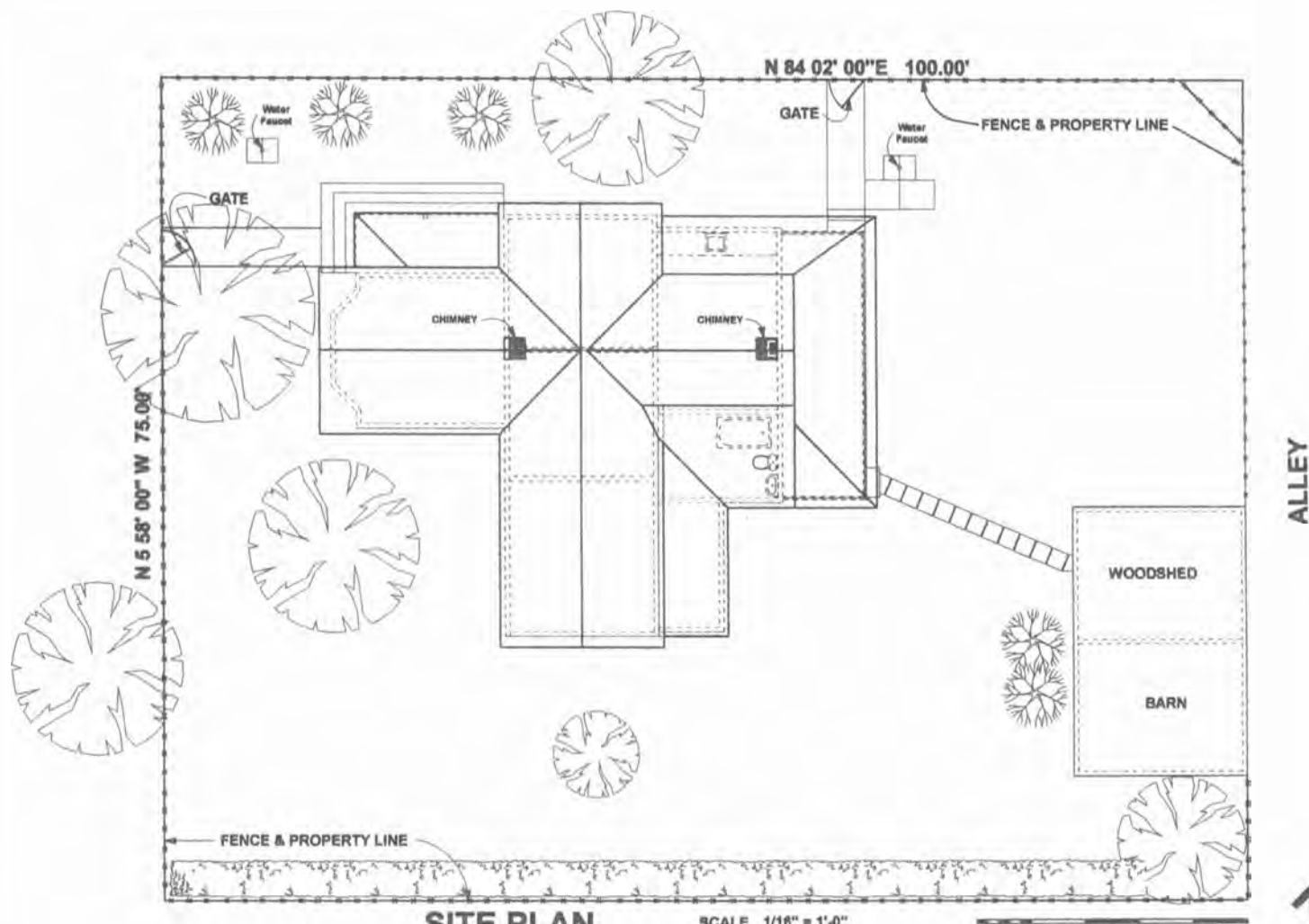
BASIS OF BEARING:

The Control Line of Clark Ave. as N5°58'00"W per Original townsite of The Town of Republic as per Record of Survey Auditor's File No. 25935b



KELLER STREET

9th STREET



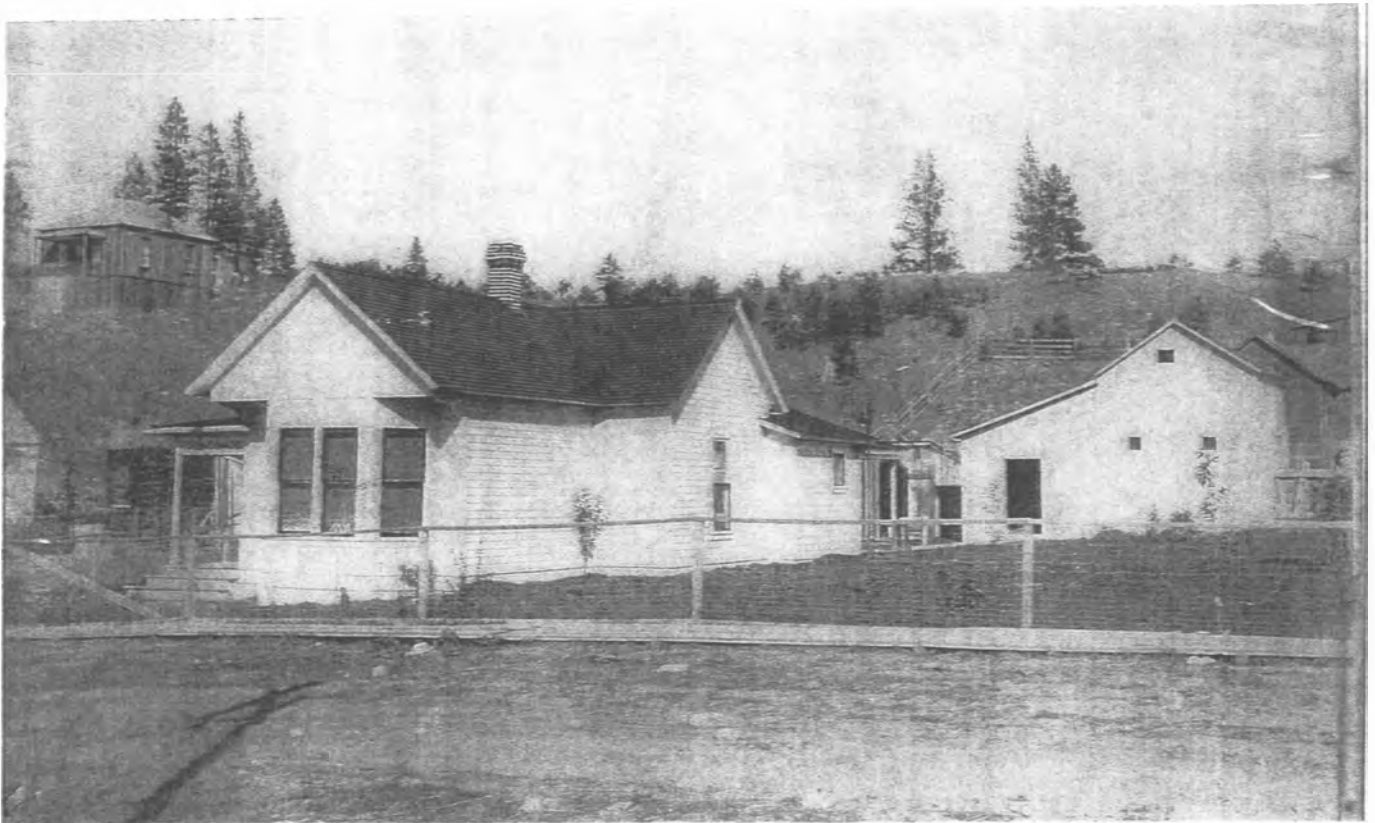
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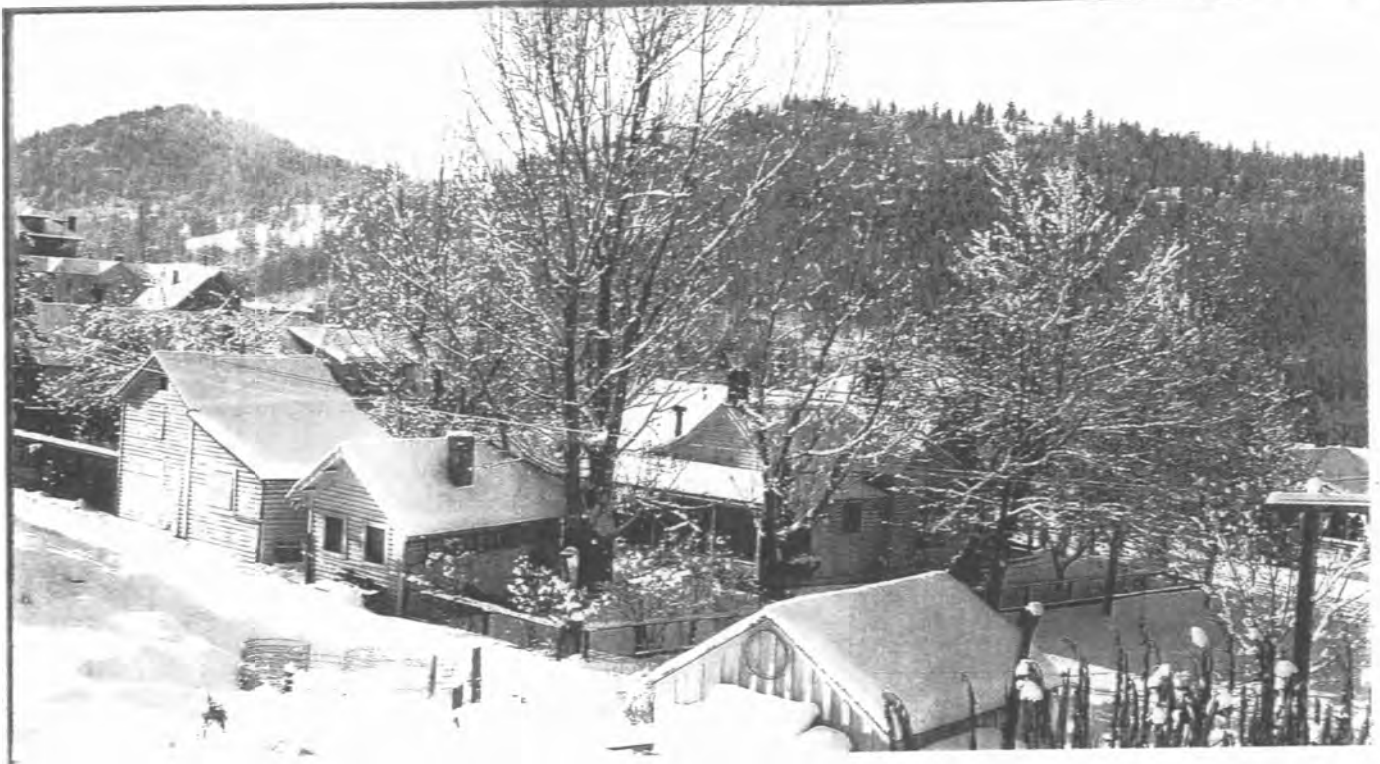
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J. W. SLAGLE HOUSE 912 S. KELLER ST. REPUBLIC, WA



J. W. SLAGLE HOUSE 912 S. KELLER ST. REPUBLIC, WA





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Slagle, Jesse W. & Elizabeth, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WASHINGTON, Ferry

DATE RECEIVED: 4/01/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/20/11
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/05/11 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/17/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 11000279

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 5.11.11 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the
nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



J. W. Slagle House
912 S Keller st.
Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
SE corner of
house



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller St
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
E Façade



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller St.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
Looking SW, red
rail outside fence
marks NE property corner



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller st.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
North Fucade



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller st.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
N. Façade, showing
woodshed/stable @ L



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller St.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
Corner porch NW corner
Looking SE from corner
of Keller and 9th



J. W. Slagle House
912 S Keller st
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7118110
W Façade, detail of
bedroom windows



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller St.

~~Lisa Barksdale~~
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7118110, SW corner
Woodshed + stable in
background



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller st.
Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10

Gable roofed stable -
shed roofed wood shed
attached. Looking E



J. W Slagle House
912 S Keller st.

Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale

7/18/10

Looking SW From
Alley stable-woodshed
Center, House @ R



J. W. Slayle House
912 S. Keller St.
Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
W Façade. Looking
E across Keller St



J.W. Slagle House
912 S Keller St.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
Detail of Corner
Porch, NW corner



J. W. Slegle House
912 S. Keller st.
Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10

~~Deck of porch~~
~~at corner~~
Range in kitchen



J. W. Slegle House
912 S Keller st.

Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10

Kitchen, Looking NE
Remodeled area
1940-41



J.W. Slegle House
912 S. Keller St
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
S. wall of kitchen
Looking S. Through
bathroom into
Aunt's room



J. W. Slagle House
912 S Keller st
Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
Looking E. into
bathroom



J. W. Slegle House
912 S. Keller st.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
Looking W. from
bathroom into
J. W. Slegle bedroom



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller st.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7118110
Looking S. Through
aunt's room



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller St.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
N. wall of S. bedroom
Door into J. W. Slagle
bedroom at center, aunt's
room at R.



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller St.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10

S.E. Corner of J. W.
Slagle bedroom, bathroom
door at R, boys' room
door at far R.



J.W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller st.
Republic, Ferry co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
NW corner of
J.W. Slagle
bedroom



J. W. Slagle House
912 S ~~Lee~~ Kellerst.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10. Looking W.
at living room window bay



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller st.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA.
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
View E from living
room through dining
room into kitchen
J. W. Slagle bedroom
door at R.



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller st
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
NE corner of
dining room, interior
kitchen door at R.



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller St.
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10

View W through
dining room into
Living room. Note
chimney, upper R.

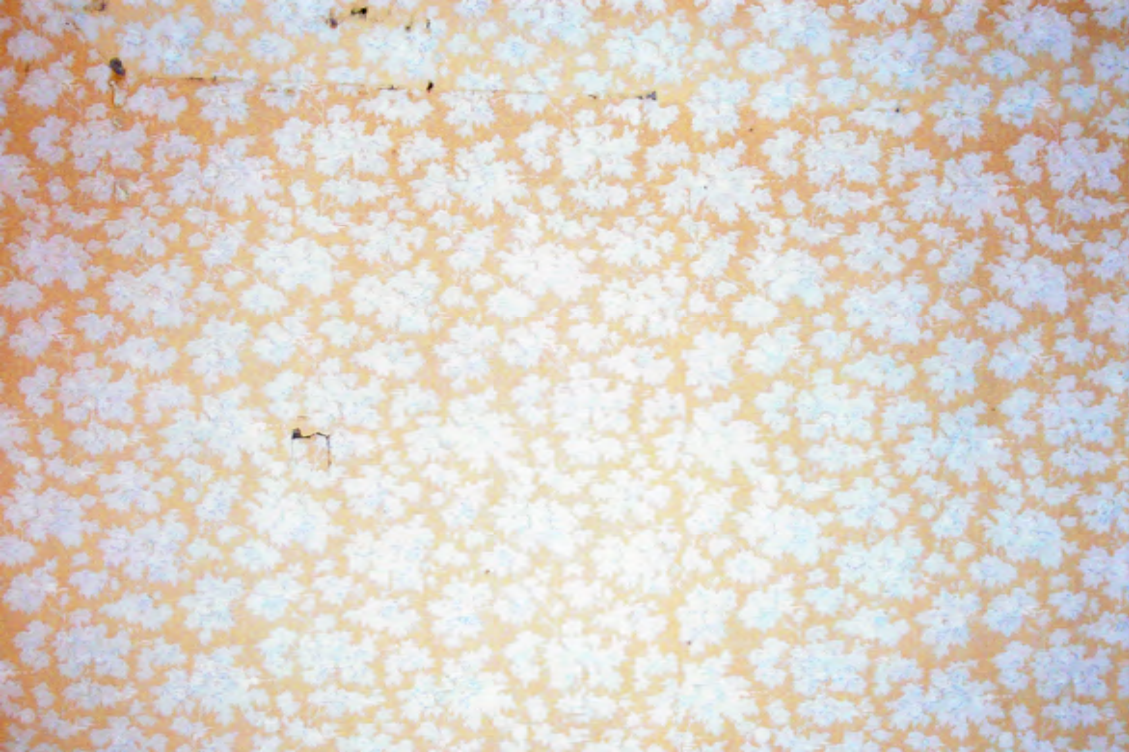


J. W. Slegle House
912 S. Keller St
Republic Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
View NW from
interior kitchen
door across dining
room into living Rm



J. W. Sagle House
912 S. Keller st.
Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10

wallpaper in living
room, probably
original. same paper
in dining room



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller St
Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
wallpaper in back of
closet in S. bedroom,
predates closet



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller St.
Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10 Back of
bathroom closet,
newer wallpaper
peeling off older
wall covering



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J.W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller St
Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
Pre 1940 wallpaper
in back of Kitchen
Cupboard, S. Wall



J.W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller st
Republic, Ferry Co. WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
screened back porch
Facing S., Kitchen
door at R.



J. W. Slagle House
912 S. Keller St.
Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10

Interior of screened
back porch, Facing N.
cabinets are those
taken from kitchen in
1940 or '41



↑
up

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J. W. Slagle House
912 S Keller st
Republic, Ferry Co WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
Hatch leading into
cellar, kitchen door
at upper R.



J. W. Slegle House
912 S. Keller St.
Republic, ~~WA~~ Ferry Co
WA
Lisa Barksdale
7/18/10
Hatch to cellar

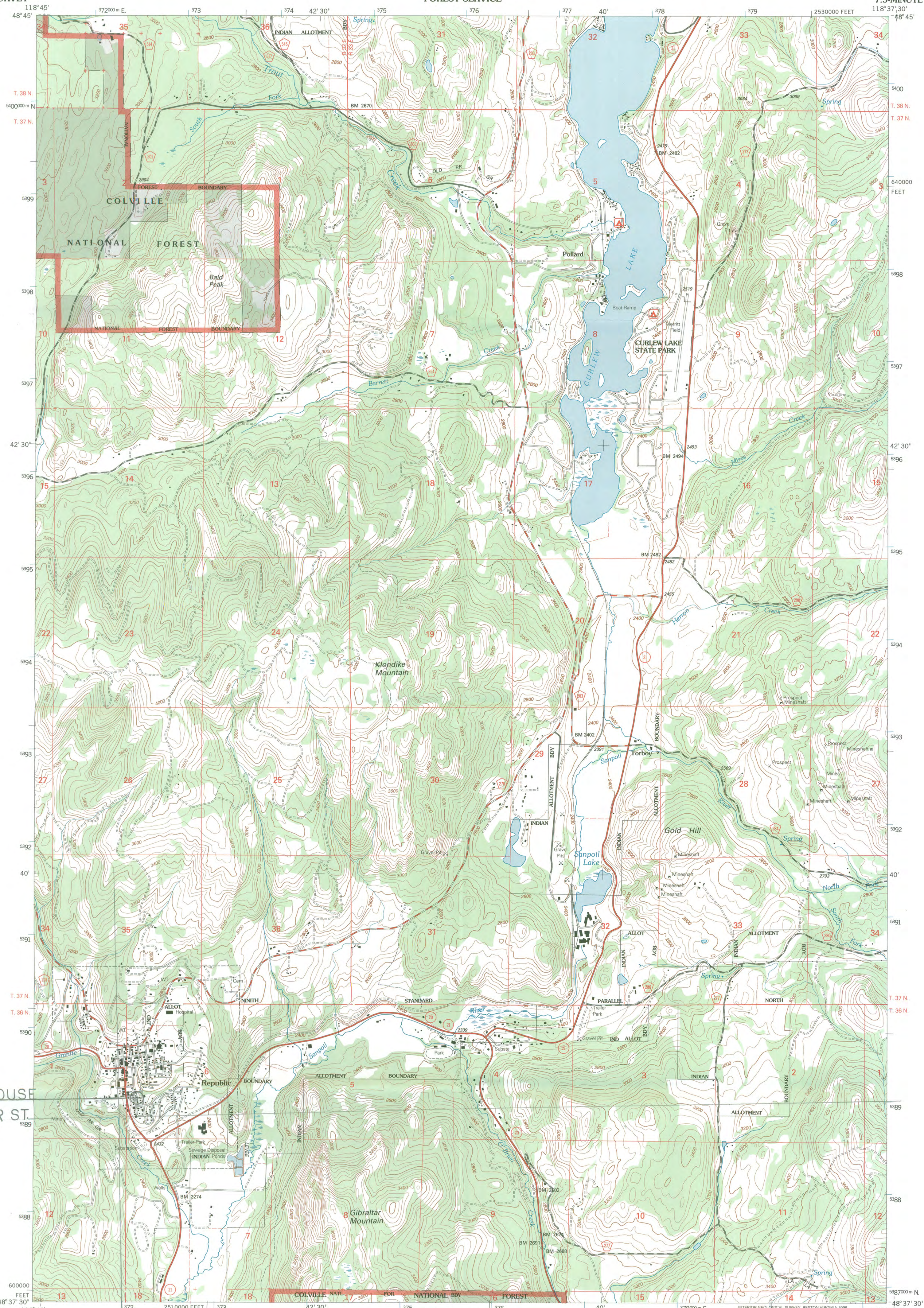


J. W. Slegle House
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Republic, Ferry Co. WA

Lisa Barksdale

7/18/10

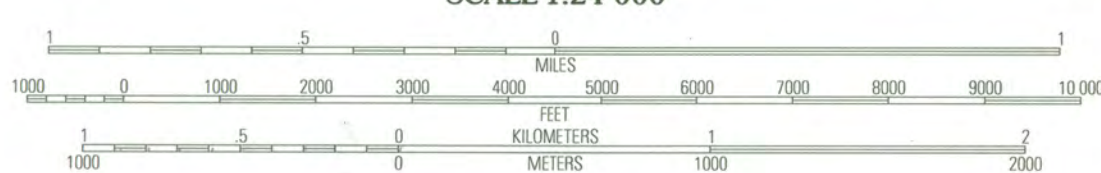
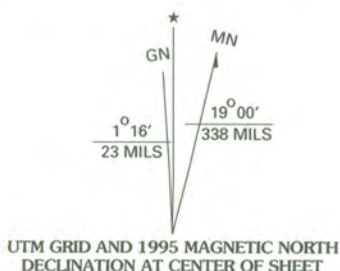
Looking W. into
cellar From door



J.W. SLAGLE HOUSE
912 S. KELLER ST.

ZONE 11.
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53 89411 N

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TO CONVERT FEET TO METERS MULTIPLY BY 0.3048
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DENVER, COLORADO 80225
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			7 Bear Mtn
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4	5		
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		Gate	101

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J.W. SLAGLE HOUSE

912 S. KELLER ST, REPUBLIC WA



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March 31, 2011

Paul Lusignan
Keeper of the National Register
National Register of Historic Places
1201 "I" Street NW, 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005

RE: **Washington State NR Nomination**

Dear Paul:

Please find enclosed two new National Register Nomination forms for the

- **Jesse & Elizabeth Slagle House - Ferry County, WA**
- **John B. Allen School - King County, WA**
-

Should you have any questions regarding these nominations please contact me anytime at (360) 586-3076. I look forward to hearing your final determination on these properties.

Sincerely,

Michael Houser

State Architectural Historian, DAHP
360-586-3076
E-Mail: michael.houser@dahp.wa.gov