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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC H.M. McCauley/House
AND/OR COMMON
Bell, Erwin House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
285 Oak Street
CITY, TOWN
Colville
STATE
Washington

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
5th - Thomas S. Foley
VICINITY OF
CODE
53
COUNTY
Stevens
CODE
065

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: vacant
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Erwin Bell ✓

STREET & NUMBER
965 S. Main

CITY, TOWN
Colville

STATE
Washington

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Stevens County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
217 S. Oak Street

CITY, TOWN
Colville

STATE
Washington

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Stevens County Cultural Resources Survey

DATE
Ongoing

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Planning Department, Stevens County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN
Colville

STATE
Washington

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE COUNTY ___ LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McCauley House is a Queen Anne style residence. The structure, approximately forty five feet by thirty feet, is situated on a level quarter acre lot in a general business district (banks, stores, offices). Adjoining both sides of the lot are unpaved parking areas. The house is a one and a half story square structure with many additional features that achieve the qualities of irregular massing and interesting details characteristic of the Queen Anne style. These features include a hip roof with two ells, a dormer window and a balcony, an open porch decorated by turned posts and bracket and a flared conical shaped roof.

The building has a wood frame, a stone and mortar foundation and a partial basement. The exterior of the first story is faced with stretcher bond brick while the dormer and gable ends of the ells are faced with decorative wood shingles. The hip roof and the projecting ells are covered by wood shakes. The eaves have a flared bellcast shape with a small cornice and frieze. The raking trim on the gable ends of the ells has a boxed cornice with decorated moulding.

The windows on the front of the house are single sash and appear to be fixed. They are divided into four horizontal panes, the top one being a decorated leaded glass window. The side, bay and upper story windows have a flat top construction and a lug sill. The head surrounds are flat radiating voussoirs with a keystone while the side surrounds are plain.

The front door has a single leaf with two panels, the top panel being glass. The head surround has radiating voussoirs and the sides are plain. The architrave is plain with an embrasure and simple moulding.

One of the most interesting features of the house is the conical roof on the left corner of the front porch. This bell-cast flared roof is covered with decorative wood shingle laid in an imaginative pattern and topped by a finial. The entire front porch including the conical roof is open and was once supported by turned posts with brackets. These posts and brackets have been replaced by plain pole supports. The originals have recently (August, 1978) been moved to the owner's nearby store to decorate its facade. They could probably be returned to their former location or duplicated. Another interesting feature is the balcony on the second story which rests atop the bay window on the left side of the house. It is enclosed by a simple railing.

There are two chimneys which are centrally located. The original chimney straddles the ridge while the more recently added chimney is on the front slope of the roof.

The first floor consists of two large rooms (approximately 20' x 20'), two smaller room (one of which is the kitchen, approx. 15' x 10'), a pantry and a bathroom. These rooms are in fair condition. In two of the rooms the ceilings have been lowered and linoleum has been laid on the pine floors. The decorative hardwood mouldings around the walls and doors are all original. The door lintels are especially handsome.

The left rear room has a corner brick fireplace with a decorative mantel. The naive but pleasing design of the wood mantel displays the work of a local craftsman. The spiral stairway ascends from this room into the upper story consisting of four small rooms (approximately 10' x 12') with sloping ceilings. The stairs have decorative turned posts and a banister. The original metal triangular insets are still in the

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corners of most of the stairs. The stairs have been walled up and a door added at the entrance to the stairs but this is of such a temporary construction that it could be removed quite easily revealing the spiral staircase from the ground level.

The foundation has settled and is cracked in areas but it is sound. The house mainly needs a major cleanup and repair effort on the floors, walls, ceilings and porches.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1906

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McCauley house is one of the first architecturally significant private residences built in the town of Colville, county seat of Stevens County, Washington. It is the only remaining Queen Anne style residence of significance in the county. The style reflects the prosperity of the town as it emerged from a frontier trading post to become a commercial center of the Northwest due to the building of the railroad through Colville in the late nineteenth century.

Prior to 1889 and the building of the railroad, Colville was chiefly known as an outfitting point for miners eager to try their luck in the newly discovered mines in the hills around Colville. Silver and lead mining attracted many settlers into the area who decided to stay on as farmers and lumbermen during lean mining years. The railroad however, surpassed mining as an impetus for growth in Stevens County. A vision of Colville as a commercial center became a reality once the tedious process of team transportation was overcome. The population grew steadily and real estate values rose accordingly. Lumber, minerals, stock and diversified farm products were shipped all over the world from Colville's distribution centers during the turn of the century. Fortunes were made overnight during these years and most often invested in real estate. "The circulating wealth of the county in comparison with the number of people (made it possible) for every man to have a \$20 gold piece in his pocket."

H.M. McCauley came to Colville during these booming years and jumped into the real estate market. From 1900 to 1919 he was very active in buying and selling property from his office on Main Street. The office of McCauley and Smith specialized in "Town Property, Farms, Timberland and Settlers Located." He was also in the furniture business with his wife, Frannie running the store. In 1906 the McCauleys had built for themselves a substantial brick house with many distinctive exterior features attesting to their prosperity.

It is the only building representing the former residence of a prosperous citizen from the turn of the century remaining in what is now the central business district of Colville. It retains almost all of its significant design features and those features which are missing could be easily replaced. The four original lilac bushes planted by the McCauleys still grace the front lawn adding the appearance and feeling of the era.

The house was sold by Myron E. (Mack) McCauley, the son of H.M. McCauley, in 1919 to Cyrus Ferris Smith the owner of Smith Photographic Studio. Mrs. Ann Smith Taylor, daughter of C.F. Smith, provided information regarding the original appearance of the house and its neighborhood.

The present owner, Mr. Erwin Bell, is interested in restoring the property and renting the building for offices. If this is not economically feasible he plans to tear down

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY quarter acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Colville

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1 1 | 4 3 3 3 0 0 | 5 3 7 7 0 4 0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property occupies city lots 13-15 of Block 8, Colville, Washington, and is roughly 90' by 120' in dimension.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Claudia Himmelberg, Director of Cultural Resources

ORGANIZATION

Stevens County Planning Department

DATE

August 30, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

215 S. Oak Street

TELEPHONE

(509) 684-2401

CITY OR TOWN

Colville

STATE

Washington 99114

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Jeanne M. Welch

TITLE

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

February 20, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles A. Harris
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4.18.79

ATTEST:

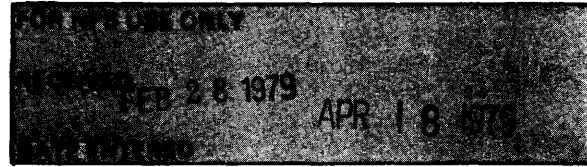
W. Kay Lee
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

4/17/79

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the house and use the property for shops and parking. Panorama Land (a recreation promoting organization), the Colville Chamber of Commerce, and other civic organizations are interested in renting the building if it were restored for use as a joint Visitor Information Center.