

HISTORIC NAME: Colburn House
 ADDRESS: 607 West Lamme
 LEGAL BOUNDARY: Tracy's 3rd, Blk E
 S. 107' lot 13, all
 lot 14, E1/2 lot 15
 OWNER'S NAME: Vernon and JoAnne Troxel
 OWNER ADDRESS: 607 W. Lamme, Bozeman
 SPECIFIC DATE: c.1890
 ARCHITECT: Unknown
 BUILDER: Unknown
 ORIGINAL OWNER: L.P. & Catherine Colburn
 ORIGINAL USE: residence
 PRESENT USE: residence
 UTM REFERENCE: 12/496550/5058375
 ACREAGE: less than one
 U.S.G.S. QUAD: Bozeman, 1953



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Applicable Criteria: C

Number of Contributing Properties: 1

Although little of the early history of this house can be confirmed, it is clearly eligible for the National Register based on architectural significance. The large brick house is very well preserved, and retains a full front porch with square, paired columns which appear to have been added just after the turn of the century. Architectural details, as well as the overall "I-house" form with a broad cross dormer, indicate a late 19th century date for the structure. Although the house is not clearly shown on the 1898 Bird's Eye View, it may have been built around 1890 by L.P. Colburn, a farmer, and his wife Catherine Colburn. It is also possible that the Colburns occupied an earlier house on this site, and built this one shortly after 1898. In any case, it is a notable monument in Bozeman, which has few elaborate houses of this general period and type relative to the large number of early 20th century houses. It is also of special note due to its location north of Main Street, where the overall architectural quality of the neighborhoods is considerably lower than south of Main Street. The second owner of the house may have been F. Colloden, whose name appears on the 1907 sewer permit for the site.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This detached, one-and-one half story, single family residence has a T-shaped plan with an open flat roofed front porch that originally had a balcony above that was accessed by the central door with double round-headed glass set in the central cross-gable. The balustrade of the balcony has been removed except for the two corner posts set against the brick facade. The one bay facade is symmetrical and consists of a central front entrance flanked by tripart windows composed of a center cottage window with a fixed leaded glass transom and two one-over-one, narrow double hung sash to each side. The frame construction is finished with brick veneer and rest on a brick foundation. The gable roof is covered with brown asphalt shingles and features two gable roof dormers on the front facade that are cut through the eave line. There are two brick chimneys, one interior and the other on the exterior of the east wall. Shingles cut in a fish scale pattern decorate the gable ends. Gable roof dormers, matching those of the front facade, are found on the rear, south

extension of the building. The axis of the roof of the front portion of the structure is parallel to the street. The building appears to have retained complete historic architectural integrity, with the possible exceptions of the exterior brick chimney on the east wall, which might post date the rest of the house by some years, and the infilling of the front porch balustrade with beveled siding. Outbuildings include a two car garage.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Bird's Eye View, 1898

City Directory: 1892-3, p. 102

Application for Sewer Connection: August 24, 1907, F. Colloden, 607 W. Lamme

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