

HISTORIC NAME: Bohart House  
 ADDRESS: 510 N. Church, Bozeman  
 LEGAL BOUNDARY: Tract 4, Blk 6 of  
 Babcock and Davis  
 Addition  
 OWNER'S NAME: Harry and Sadie Ungersma  
 OWNER ADDRESS: 510 N. Church, Bozeman  
 SPECIFIC DATE: c.1889  
 ARCHITECT: Unknown  
 BUILDER: Unknown  
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Freeman Bohart  
 ORIGINAL USE: residence  
 PRESENT USE: residence  
 UTM REFERENCE: 12/497790/5058870  
 ACREAGE: less than one  
 U.S.G.S. QUAD: Bozeman, 1953



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 Applicable Criteria: C  
 Number of Contributing Properties: 1

The significance of the Bohart House centers upon the fact that it was one of the last houses in Bozeman built during the building boom which was triggered in the early 1880's by the arrival of the Northern Pacific Railroad. This house represents the northern limit of the city's residential expansion during that active period. Indeed, the 1890 Sanborn Map shows "cultivated fields" behind this site, which, although platted, had yet to be substantially developed. The design of the house is of note due to the unusual combination of gable-hipped roof which is terminated by gable peaks, and which is crowned by the gable peak of the rear ell. The hip roof porch roof echos this form. The house retains high integrity, and is in good overall condition.

Although a shortage of brick hampered somewhat the rapid growth of the commercial district and surrounding residential areas at the height of the building boom, by 1889 when this house was built, Bozeman was exporting brick, and plenty of the material was available for modest houses such as this. In August of that year, the Avant Courier reported that "a carload of Bozeman brick will leave today for Red Lodge" (August 29, 1889, p.3). The extensive use of brick rather than wood during this period attests to the optimism among residents here that Bozeman would remain a permanent and prosperous settlement in a region accustomed to boom-bust cycles of growth.

According to original tract records, the house was probably built by Freeman Bohart in 1889. Bohart however, does not appear in either the 1892 or 1900 city directories, the earliest two available.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This detached, one-story, single family, brick residence has a T-shaped plan with two hipped roof porches extending from the combination gable-hipped roof. The porches are finished with wooden decks, chamfered support posts and small knee braces with inset spindle work. The two-bay facade is symmetrical and consists of a central front entrance with one-over-one double-hung window with two-over-two storm sash. The structure rests on a stone foundation. The gable-hipped combination roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The axis of the roof is parallel to the street and two small gablets with stagger butt shingles protrude at the ends of the gable roof line. Outbuildings include a garage and a shed.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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