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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Bright House

other name/site number: Stone building #297

2. Location

street & number: 707 W. Boulevard

not for publication: n/a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 Shyfy
Signature of certifying official/Title

MT SH PO

12-11-92
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

Patrick Andrus

Date of Action

1/22/93

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 1 </u>	___ building(s)
___	___ sites
___	___ structures
___	___ objects
<u> 1 </u>	___ Total

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

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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

Current Functions:

Domestic/secondary structure

Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Materials:

Other: Dutch Colonial Revival

foundation: sandstone
walls: sandstone and wood
roof: asphalt/wood
other: walls: wood
roof: wood shingle

Narrative Description

This 1½-story, coursed, rock-faced ashlar stone residence is characterized by a dramatic gambrel roof. The traditional gambrel, balloon-framed roof shelters the main portion of the house. The eaves are "flying" or flared at the one-story height and extend across both the front and back of the building. The ridge of the gambrel parallels the street. The upper downslope of the gambrel is covered with composition shingles; the lower (steeper) downslope is wood shingled. Two projecting window elements adorn the second story above the veranda roof of the entry elevation of the house. A projecting shed dormer houses a single double-hung window right of center. The shed roof is a projection of the downslope of the upper gambrel roof shape. A second window is left-of-center and is a projecting octagonal bay window with a flat roof. The veranda is subdivided into three equal bays by single tapered wood columns. The right bay is open to the entrance behind; the other two bays have a balcony height wood frame enclosed railing between the columns. The original recessed, beaded mortar joints can be seen under the roof of this engaged porch.

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Exterior walls are equal course, cut stone furnished by the local sandstone quarries, and the surface is pitched. A stone beltcourse protrudes at the sill level, half way around the building. Sandstone was used for lintels over openings in a single large stone; it was also used for window sills. The original recessed, beaded mortar joints, seen on the front facade, have been extensively repointed on the exposed southwest wall. Here the repointed joints are smeared. Gambrel ends have been sided. Exposed outlooker tails and wood board roof sheathing can be seen on the underside of the substantial roof overhangs. Windows are typically double-hung with a 1-over-1 sash and occur as individual openings in the wall plane with the exception of a tri-part window, left-of-center of the first floor elevation of the house. A decorative, oval-shaped attic vent is set in each gambrel end. A single stucco-covered chimney can be seen extending through the roof of the back of the house.

The northeast wall retains a shed roofed carport. The original recessed beaded mortar joints can be seen under the carport. On the back side of this residence, there is a wood frame addition with a shed roof. This addition sits on a concrete foundation, is sided with asbestos siding, and houses sliding casement windows. The southwest elevation houses an entrance leading to the basement. The gambrel end on this elevation is covered by vinyl siding, whereas wood shingle covers the northeast gambrel end.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1902, ca.1912

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1902, ca. 1912

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: attributed to Peter Tus, stone mason

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Bright House is an architecturally significant example of adaptive reuse dating to the early 20th century. The stone masonry exhibited in the original 1902 construction of this building, as well as the later alterations completed ca. 1912, well-represent the work of the highly skilled immigrant stone masons of Lewistown. The building was constructed originally as a stable and carriage house for the J. L. Bright residence, which is located across Boulevard Street (see Lewis House). Peter Tus was the builder who constructed the Lewis House in 1902. This residence is included in the submission as well and sits at 702 W. Boulevard. Due to the similarity of masonry techniques in both this residence and the Lewis House, it is assumed that Mr. Tus constructed this carriage housed-turned-residence as well. Bright sold the residence in 1905, but maintained ownership of the carriage house until 1926. The 1908 Sanborn map indicates the use of the building as an auto garage, but since 1913 its use is noted as residential. John Bright was president and treasurer of Citizen's Electric Company, which in 1903 built the stone mill house on upper Spring Creek.

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 in the days prior to improved transportation. As was typical in residential construction across the country, early folk houses were constructed of materials found near the building site--stone, logs, sod or clay. These materials were prepared by the builders themselves, rather than in distant mills, kilns or factories.

This stone residence has lost some historic architectural integrity because the stone has been painted and some contemporary materials have been used to cover the original roofing and siding. Other than these relatively minor changes, the house retains integrity of location, setting, feeling, association and particularly its very strong design, which speaks to its original use as a barn.

9. Major Bibliographic References

City Directories, 1906, 1913
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1894, 1901, 1908, 1913
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.

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
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Verbal Boundary Description

This property is located in the Stafford Original Addition, Block 9, Lot 2 and east five feet of Lot 3, in the SW quarter of the SE quarter of the NW quarter of Section 15, T15N, R18E, City of Lewistown, Montana.

Boundary Justification

This site 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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