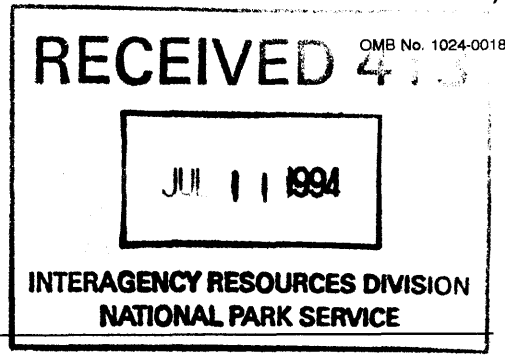


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Roose/Eckelberry House

other name/site number: 24FH

2. Location

street & number: 146 Third Avenue West

not for publication: n/a
vicinity: n/a

city/town: Kalispell

state: Montana code: MT county: Flathead code: 029 zip code: 59901

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.)

Maule Shep MTSHPD 6-28-94
Signature of certifying official/Title 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): _____

for
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Edson H. Beall 8-24-94

Entered in the
National Register.

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: private public-local public-State public-Federal

Category of Property: building(s) district site structure object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> building(s)
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Properties of Kalispell, Montana

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:
DOMESTIC/single dwelling
DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling

Current Functions:
COMMERCE/business

7. Description

Architectural Classification:
Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials:
foundation: stone
roof: asphalt
walls: asphalt
other: n/a

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Roose/Eckelberry House is an excellent example of the Craftsman style of architecture. The windows are eight-over-one-light wooden double-hung units. The original siding was probably both narrow-reveal clapboard and wood shingles; it has been replaced with asbestos shingles. The basement is coursed native rock. Several of the upstairs bedrooms have small sinks, and one room has a bed that rolls into the eave space.

At the rear of the lot is a molded concrete block garage that was built by 1927. This has a flat roof and a modern door, and it contributes to the Roose/Eckelberry House. Attached to it on the south is a garage built between 1955 and 1980 that has a flat roof, composition shingle siding, and two sliding doors. The latter garage is not a contributing building to the Roose/Eckelberry House.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1911

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1911

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder(s): Gibson, Joseph B.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Roose/Eckelberry House is a Craftsman-style residence built in 1911. It is one of the few residences that is known to have been designed by Kalispell architect Joseph Gibson. The residence is significant under Criterion C for architecture, as it is an excellent example of the Craftsman style popular during the 1910s and 1920s in Kalispell. Identifying features include the wide, bracket-supported eaves, the exposed rafter tails, the full-width engaged front porch, the banded windows, the protruding bay window, the multi-light-over-single pane window units, the large gabled dormers, and the large square porch supports. The significant date of 1911 reflects the year of construction of the residence.

Harry Roose had this house built for himself and his wife Olive in 1911. Joseph Gibson prepared the plans in the spring of 1911, and soon the couple moved in. The house replaced a dwelling that had been constructed at the rear of the lot by 1899.

Harry Roose was the son of Hanna and Hiram Roose. Hanna Roose was born in 1832 in Columbia County, Ohio. She had four children and lived with her son Harry most of her last years. In 1910, when the federal population census was taken, Harry and Hanna's niece and nephew Eugene and Flora Wood from Ohio were living with Hanna Roose. Hanna Roose died in 1913 at the age of 82. Harry Roose is listed in the 1901-23 Kalispell City Directories as having various occupations. He worked as a barber and a saloon-keeper, and he managed furnished rooms. He opened the short-lived Roose Auto Company in the 1910s. By the end of 1913 Frank Stoop had bought his garage business, but Roose continued to operate an automobile repair business. In March of 1915 John McIntosh formed a partnership with Roose for the sale of automobiles, with their showroom in the Opera Block. By 1917 Roose was again operating a garage on his own and living at the site of his garage. When the 1920 federal population census was taken Roose was listed as a miner, and in that year a lodger named Edward Fry, a cigar store merchant, was living with the Rooses in their house. Harry's wife Olive managed furnished rooms in the house. Olive Roose died in 1923 at the age of 55, and Harry Roose apparently left town at approximately that time.

From 1924 until 1948 James Eckelberry and then his widow Grace owned the house. James Eckelberry was born in 1873 in Pine Grove, Virginia, and he came to Demersville in a covered wagon. He married Grace Milton in Creston, Montana, in 1897. Eckelberry was a farmer on the east side of the valley, and in the 1920s he built a large potato warehouse north of the railroad depot where he stored seed potatoes grown under contract. Grace Eckelberry was a school teacher. James Eckelberry passed away in 1934 at the age of 61. After her husband's death, Grace Eckelberry rented out rooms in the house; generally three other occupants are listed in the Kalispell City Directories beginning in 1936. The current occupants of the house have been told that the house was previously used by prostitutes, but this has not been documented. The Roose/Eckelberry House is currently being used as the offices for the Nurturing Center.

From 1921 until 1924 laborer Carl Richardson and his wife Ethel owned and occupied the residence. Real estate agent A. L. Robinson is also listed at this address in the 1922-23 Kalispell City Directory.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Flathead Monitor: "Eckelberry Is Building," April 15, 1926, p. 8; "James E. Eckelberry Dies," October 18, 1934, p. 1.
Inter Lake: December 17, 1897.
Kalispell Bee: "Funeral of Mrs. Roose," September 30, 1913, p. 8; "Another Business Change," March 16, 1915, p. 2.
Kalispell City Directories, 1901-44.
Kalispell Journal: April 3, 1911; November 6, 1913.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Kalispell, Montana, 1910, 1927, 1956.
United States Population Census, 1920, Kalispell, Montana.

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 (City of Kalispell)
 University
 Other -- Specify Repository: Flathead County Library, Kalispell

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
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Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 6, Block 49, Kalispell, Montana. Section 18, Township 28 North, Range 21 West, Montana Principal Meridian.

Boundary Justification

The legally recorded boundary of this property encompasses the significant resources.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Kathy McKay, Historian	date: March 1993
street & number: 491 Eckelberry Dr.	telephone: (406) 892-1538
city or town: Columbia Falls	state: Montana zip code: 59912

Property Owner

name/title: The Nurturing Center	telephone:
street & number: 146 3rd Avenue West	city or town: Kalispell
state: MT	zip code: 59901