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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Schroeder Hospital

other name/site number: Stone building #304

2. Location

street & number: 502 Fifth Avenue South

not for publication: n/a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.)

Manuelle Shufy SHPO 12-11-92
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): _____

Signature of the Keeper
Patrick Andrews

Date of Action
1/27/93

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Number of Resources within Property

Category of Property: Building(s)

Contributing

Noncontributing

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

 1

 1 building(s)

 sites

 structures

 1

 objects

 1 Total

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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

Health care/Hospital

Current Functions:

Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Late Victorian/Queen Anne

Materials:

foundation: stone

walls: stone

roof: asphalt

Narrative Description

This stone residence is two-story, T-shaped in plan, and has a steep gable roof with equal height ridges for the two intersecting gables. A projecting leg of the T-shape occurs on the north side of the entrance or street elevation and a projecting bay window is centered on the first floor of the projection. The other leg of the T projects back toward the alley extending to cover a stone one-story element built into the corner of the back created by the legs of the T.

The entrance is in the re-entrant corner of the T and is sheltered by a one-story hipped porch roof that fills in the re-entrant corner. The roofing is of composition shingles, the fascia is narrow, vertical and two-piece, and the modest overhang is boxed. A pentaave occurs in the gable ends; it is interrupted by a pair of inset, wood, double-hung 1-over-1 windows on the street elevation. The bay window is protected by a steep hipped roof and the covering and trim match the main portion of the house. The bay features a large fixed window with a stained glass transom in the dominant wall surface; the flanking sides of the bay each have a double-hung wood 1-over-1 window. The lintels and sills of all windows are composed of sandstone. Unfortunately, water has damaged the sandstone on the base of the bay.

The walls, too, are composed of sandstone except for the wood shingling that has been used under the gable ends and on the walls of the bay windows. The stone is broken range ashlar and has a pitched face. Smear mortar joints with raised beads were used to affix the stones. A poor repointing job was done on the southeast wall of this building. Mortar has been repointed with a darker gray mortar containing a high content of Portland cement. The porch roof is supported by three chamfered columns. A vertical board pattern balustrade has been added around the porch. The porch decking is composed of poured concrete. A transom can be seen above the entrance door. Two large brick chimneys can be seen. One on the back side of the central leg of the T appears to have been added and is therefore non-historic. The other interior ridge chimney penetrates the roof near the backside of the intersection of the T.

A rear frame addition can be seen on the back side of this house. It appears non-historic, as does a frame garage found near the rear of the building. The garage is sided with pressed wooden board.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C	Areas of Significance: Architecture
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a	Period(s) of Significance: 1903
Significant Person(s): n/a	Significant Dates: 1903
Cultural Affiliation: n/a	Architect/Builder: Thomas Heldahl, builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Schroeder Hospital is significant because it is an excellent example of early stone construction in Lewistown. This Queen Anne style building, likely built by contractor Thomas Heldahl, represents a dramatic change from the rectangular or square plans that were most commonly used in the community during the early period of construction. As was typical in communities across the country, early houses were constructed of materials found near the building site and prepared by the builders themselves, rather than in distant mills, kilns or factories. 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 created by population growth in the days prior to improved transportation. The stonework exhibited in the exterior walls of this building corresponds with the techniques of uncoursed cut stone with smear joints that was typical of the early period in Lewistown.

This stone residence retains historic integrity of design, materials, workmanship, location, setting and association. Some aluminum storm windows have been installed and the roofing material has been changed, however, but these alterations are easily reversible and the residence remains a significant historic resource in the community.

The residence served as the Schroeder Hospital for a period between 1904 and 1909. Louise E. Schroeder was a registered nurse, founder and matron of the hospital. Maja Herrstrom was "assistant matron and masseur." The building may gain additional significance for its association with the provision of medical services in Lewistown, but this area of significance has not been researched or evaluated.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Fergus County Democrat, January, 1904.
Polk City Directories for Lewistown, 1904 (see advertisement on page 2)
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: 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
A	12	619600	5213090

Verbal Boundary Description

This property is located in the Morase Addition #1, Block 2, northwest 45 feet of Lot 1, in the NE quarter of the NW quarter of the SE quarter of section 15, T15N, R18E, City of Lewistown, Montana.

Boundary Justification

This property 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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