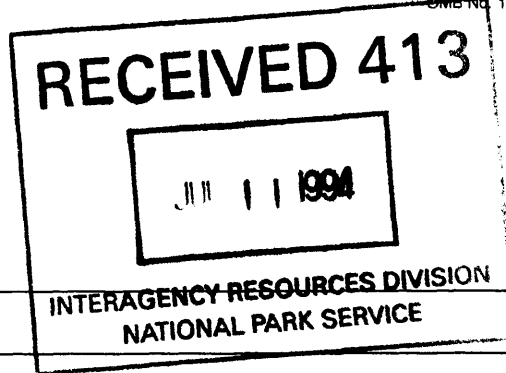


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National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Liebig House

other name/site number: 24FH

2. Location

street & number: 396 Fourth Avenue East North

not for publication: n/a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 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.)

Maude Sheff MT SHPO 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): _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action
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> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </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> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </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

Current Functions:
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:
Queen Anne

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

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The two-story Queen Anne-style Liebig House is unusually large and relatively early for its neighborhood. Queen Anne features include the complex plan, the wrap-around porch, the decorative wood shinglework in the gable ends, the leaded-glass windows, the scrollwork, the canted corners, and the turned porch supports. The residence has a roof covered with composition shingles, exterior walls sheathed in clapboard, and a random rubble basement. There are small hipped-roof dormers on the north and east sides. The house roof is hipped and gabled.

According to the current owner, the house used to have two main entrances (one that is now filled in was on the end of the south part of the porch, and a light switch in the dining room controls half of the porch lights). The house was originally heated by wood; it was stoked by a handyman who lived in the rear. The system is still the same, but it is now fired by natural gas. There are two sewer leads to the house.

A former neighbor recalls that "One small room in the Liebig house that I loved held a collection of animal heads and stacks of National Geographic books." This room was reportedly the front parlor (the mounted animals were presumably stuffed by Frank Liebig).

The front and back yards of the house were probably landscaped by Frank Liebig, as after retiring from the Forest Service he landscaped several residences in Kalispell.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: B, C

Areas of Significance: Architecture, Conservation

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: ca. 1912, 1925-43

Significant Person(s): Liebig, Frank

Significant Dates: ca. 1912

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder(s): Templeman, James (attributed)

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Liebig House is an outstanding example of a Queen Anne residence, and it is one of the earliest and largest residences still extant in the East North part of Kalispell. The house was built in approximately 1912, probably by house carpenter James Templeman, who owned the property from 1909 until 1934. From approximately 1925 until his death in 1950, Frank Liebig lived in the house with his family. He was one of the six original forest rangers in the area that is now the west side of Glacier National Park. The Liebig House is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B, for Frank Liebig as a significant person in the history of the Flathead Valley, and Criterion C, for its architecture.

House carpenter James Templeman purchased the lots on which this house sits in 1909. In 1910, when the federal population census was taken, he was living with his family on North Main Street. He and his wife Margaret (Maggie) were originally from Virginia, and their 17-year-old daughter Emma (one of five children) was living with them at that time. In 1911, according to the Kalispell City Directory, the Templemans were living at 380 4th Avenue East North, the house to the south of the Liebig House. Also living in the house at that time were other Templemans, including Great Northern Railway bridge carpenters David and George, and Emma Templeman. By 1913, the family is listed at 396 4th Avenue East North. In that year, the occupants included carpenters James, George and John, bridge foreman David, Northern Idaho & Montana Power Company operator Emma, and surveyor William Templeman. Although in the chain of title Clayton Lighthall is listed as owning the property from 1912 until 1915, it is reasonable to assume that the original owners of this house were James and Margaret Templeman, and that the carpenters in the family built the home. David Templeman obtained title to the property in 1915 and owned it until 1934.

By 1915, William and John Templeman are no longer listed in the Kalispell City Directory. In 1917, James and Maggie Templeman still lived in the residence, but David and George had moved to Great Falls. By 1922, however, carpenters David and George were once again living at this address, along with James and Maggie and Howard Templeman (the latter is listed as a helper at the *Daily Inter Lake*). None of the Templeman family is listed in the 1925-26 Kalispell City Directory. From 1922 until 1930 James and Maggie Templeman lived in Troy, Montana.

Frank and Lulu Liebig and their family lived in the Liebig House from approximately 1925 until 1954. Liebig married Lulu McMahon in 1907 at her parents' home in Kalispell. She had been a Flathead Valley resident since 1889, and she was the daughter of Kalispell undertaker George McMahon. The couple moved to the head of Lake McDonald, where Liebig was ranger for the Blackfoot National Forest. After Glacier National Park was created in 1910, the family spent some winters in Kalispell in houses on the same block as the Liebig House. The Liebigs had six children. One of the children's friends recalls that Frank Liebig "was a typical German father. I never saw him smile, and all the kids were so quiet when he was around. His wife was a lovely person. I was in and out of their house like it was my home." Lulu Liebig continued to live in the house until approximately 1954; in the last years of her life she lived with her son Carl Liebig near Marion. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and of the North American Benefit Association. Frank Liebig died in 1950, his wife Lulu in 1966 at the age of 78.

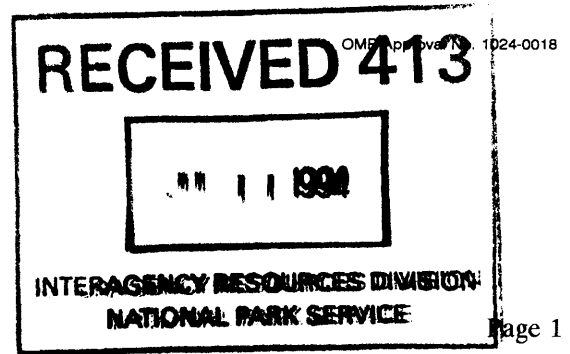
Liebig's career with the Forest Service is noteworthy. He was born in Eberswalde, Germany, to a family with interest in forestry in Germany and Switzerland, and was educated in conservation in Germany. He came to America in 1894 at the age of 18, settling in Nebraska, where he went to school. He then traveled to the northwest coast and worked as a surveyor laying out logging roads. Not liking the climate, he moved to Montana and worked as a foreman on a cattle

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Section number 8

Liebig House



ranch. In 1900 he hired out to a Butte oil company, surveying claims for them along the North Fork of the Flathead. After the oil claims failed to produce, Liebig surveyed claims for others. In the spring of 1902 he met F. N. Haines, supervisor of the Lewis and Clark Forest Reserve, and got a job as forest ranger in charge of the Lake McDonald district (the first ranger in the area, Fred Herrig, patrolled the area from 1900 until 1902). Liebig's territory extended from West Glacier to the Canadian border, along the west side of the Continental Divide. He and the handful of other rangers worked for \$60 a month and provided their own food and horse. His duties included locating and fighting forest fires, trail work, and preventing the poaching of timber. He built the first ranger station at Cedar Creek, near the foot of Lake McDonald. Liebig remained at Lake McDonald until 1910, when the area was designated part of the newly-created Glacier National Park. He then worked for six years on the Kootenai National Forest, and from 1916 until he retired in 1935 he was a ranger at large on the Flathead National Forest. Liebig learned taxidermy from Kalispell resident Harry Stanford, was considered an outstanding zoologist, and after his death Lulu Liebig donated over 100 of his mounted specimens to Glacier National Park.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
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 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
A	11	699940	5342350

Verbal Boundary Description

Block 220, Tract 7L, Section 7, 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

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city or town: Kalispell	state: MT