

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

DEC 11 1993

1. Name of Property

historic name: Residence at 324 W. Corcoran

other name/site number: Stone Building #306

2. Location

street & number: 324 W. Corcoran

not for publication: n/a  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.)

Manella Shyfy      SHPO      12-11-93  
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.

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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:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register <u>  </u> see continuation sheet	<u>Patrick Adams</u>	<u>1/27/93</u>
<u>  </u> determined eligible for the National Register <u>  </u> see continuation sheet	_____	_____
<u>  </u> determined not eligible for the National Register <u>  </u> see continuation sheet	_____	_____
<u>  </u> removed from the National Register <u>  </u> see continuation sheet	_____	_____
<u>  </u> other (explain): _____	_____	_____

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### 5. Classification

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**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          0   building(s)  
\_\_\_\_ sites  
\_\_\_\_ structures  
\_\_\_\_ objects

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

  1          0   Total

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### 6. Function or Use

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**Historic Functions:**

Domestic/single dwelling

**Current Functions:**

Domestic/single dwelling

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### 7. Description

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**Architectural Classification:**

Other: Pyramid cottage

**Materials:**

foundation: stone

walls: stone

roof: asphalt

#### Narrative Description

The square cubic form of this two-story stone residence is capped with a steeply sloped pyramidal roof. A single hipped roof dormer is centered on the downslope of the roof of the street elevation; a brick chimney protrudes through the roof of the right elevation and a concrete masonry chimney can be seen near the peak of the back slope of the roof. The pyramidal roof culminates with an exaggerated finial; the roof fascia is narrow and flat, and the soffit is boxed. Asphalt interlocking shingles cover the main roof. The southwest side of the house has an attached exterior stairway that is an addition; it is enclosed with a metal roof that follows the slope of the stair stringers downward toward the street. The walls of the exterior stair are composed of a diamond-pattern wood lattice. The strength of the basic cube form of the house is softened by a one-story hip-roofed entrance porch that is approximately two-thirds of the width of the two-story mass and is located on the southeast elevation. The roof of this front porch is covered by the original wood shingles. It is supported by square wooden posts that form two bays along the front of the porch. The fascia and soffit of the porch match the house; a narrow frieze band extends around the three sides of the porch below the soffit, matching the balustrade. The stone walls of the house are composed of uncoursed stone masonry, and the stones are of various sizes.

All windows are wood double-hung, 1-over-1 units and are placed singly in the wall planes with the exception of a cottage window that is centered at the first floor of the entry elevation. The street elevation features two single windows on the second floor that are widely spaced with the entry door below the left, another single window below the right, and the square window referenced above, between the door and the right window. A pair of small square windows look out from the face of the dormer. The symmetrical placement of the openings adds to the formal, blocky appearance of the residence. Original photos of this building do not show the wood frame dormer. All sills and lintels of these windows are comprised of cut stone.

A small stone one-story extension protrudes from the rear of the building. Like the front entry porch, this extension has a hipped roof covered by wood shingles. Decorative elements, matching the elements of the entry porch, adorn the corner porch of this extension. Minor repointing has been done on the residence. While a raised beaded, uncolored mortar joint was originally used, giving the appearance of random coursing, the repointing job used a mortar with a high content of Portland cement, giving the mortar a gray appearance in places.

Two sheds are also found on this property. However, they are of insubstantial size and scale and are therefore not counted as buildings associated with this residence.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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<b>Applicable National Register Criteria:</b> C	<b>Areas of Significance:</b> Architecture
<b>Criteria Considerations (Exceptions):</b> n/a	<b>Period(s) of Significance:</b> 1903
<b>Significant Person(s):</b> n/a	<b>Significant Dates:</b> 1903
<b>Cultural Affiliation:</b> n/a	<b>Architect/Builder:</b> unknown

### Narrative Statement of Significance

This large stone residence is significant because it is an excellent example of pre-railroad era stone construction in Lewistown. This substantial, two-story, American four-square design is fashioned in random-sized uncoursed cut stone finished with flush joints and raised beaded mortar to simulate coursed ashlar. 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 in the days before improved transportation made other buildings materials readily available.

This two-story example features a square plan and a pyramidal roof. While this roof design required a more complex framing, it used fewer long-spanning rafters and thus were less expensive to build. Nearly half (eight) of the 17 extant stone residences in Lewistown have either hipped or pyramidal roofs. This stone residence retains historic integrity of design, materials, workmanship, setting and location. An exterior stairway is a recent addition, but one that is easily removed and the residence remains a significant historic resource in the community.

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## 9. Major Bibliographic References

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### Abstract of Title

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1901, 1908

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.

Tax Cards

### 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:

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References:                      Zone      Easting    Northing  
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### Verbal Boundary Description

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This property is located in the P&D Addition, Block 13, Lots 7 and 8, in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, T15N, R18E, City of Lewistown, Montana.

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### Boundary Justification

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This property is part of a discontinuous multiple property nomination. This specific parcel includes only the city lots upon which the building is located.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town: Lewistown      state: MT    zip code: 59457

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### Property Owner

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name/title: Dan and Joan Bradley  
street & number: 324 W. Corcoran      telephone: 538-7597  
city or town: Lewistown                      state: MT      zip code: 59457