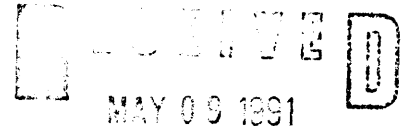


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Gavin House

other name/site number: Meisner Residence

2. Location

street & number: 219 College

not for publication: n/a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

city/town: Stevensville

state: Montana code: MT county: Ravalli code: 081 zip code: 59870

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

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: Historic Resources of Stevensville, Montana: 1866-1941.

4. 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.

Manella Sheff MT SHPO 4-9-91
Signature of certifying official Date

MONTANA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
State or Federal agency and 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

___ See Continuation Sheet

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Entered in the
National Register

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___ See Continuation Sheet

determined eligible for the National Register _____

determined not eligible for the National Register _____

___ See Continuation Sheet

removed from the National Register _____

___ See Continuation Sheet

other (explain): _____

for
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic/single dwelling

Current: Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Moderne

Materials: foundation: concrete
 walls: stucco
 roof: asphalt shingles

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Gavin house is a flat-roofed, two-story, square, frame residence built in 1941 in a variation of the Moderne style. The most distinctive feature of the design is the banded, multi-light casement windows with horizontal sash set at "cut-away" corners. The house is asymmetrically organized with an off-center primary entrance on the east elevation. The door is of solid wood with no glazing. A multi-light sidelight lights the entry vestibule. The flat awning over the door, supported by a single iron pipe, features exposed rafter ends. A hexagonal, multi-light lunette is set above the entrance on the second story. Rounded concrete steps lead to the entrance. A flat-roofed, attached garage protrudes from the northeast corner of the house and faces College Street to the east.

The house is located on a corner lot at College and Third Streets, and remains in good condition. The frame walls are covered with stucco, the parapet is finished very simply with a plain face board. A two-story porch extends from the rear (west) elevation. A smaller shed-roofed porch is also located behind the garage on the north elevation. Exterior chimneys are located on both the north and south elevations.

Most of the windows are 3-light, horizontal sash casements set in pairs, threes, fours, or in bands of seven that wrap around the corners. The first floor windows at the southeast corner are 4-light horizontal sash casement with fixed transoms above. These larger casements are also set in a band of seven that wraps the corner.

The house appears to retain a high degree of architectural integrity.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: C Areas of Significance: Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a Period(s) of Significance: 1941

Significant Person(s): n/a Significant Dates: 1941

Cultural Affiliation: n/a Architect/Builder: unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Gavin house is significant to the Stevensville community as the only existing building built in the Moderne style. The house has been well maintained over the years. The banded, multi-light windows set in cut-away corners and the overall blockish form of the house are its most outstanding stylistic features. Warren Gavin purchased the land upon which this house was built from Frank J. Prince, owner of the Albert May house across the alley to the west, in 1940. That year he began to construct this modest Moderne style house. The plans for the house were ordered from Good Housekeeping magazine. After the house was completed, it was a local attraction. School tours were arranged to show home economics classes this example of modern construction, complete with a modern kitchen and two-and-a-half bathrooms.¹ In 1944, the property was sold to William Meisner, Sr.. Bill Meisner, Jr. currently owns the property.

¹Doreen Meisner, personal communication with Pat Bik, January 1991.

9. References

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Stevensville Historical Society, Montana Genesis (Missoula: Mountain Press, 1971).
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Interview with Les Kares and Howard Gavin by Kathleen Olson, 1987.

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
	11	723240	5154600

Verbal Boundary Description:

Stevensville Townsite, Block 14, Lots 9 and 10.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property includes the lots upon which the historic building is situated.

11. Form Prepared By

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