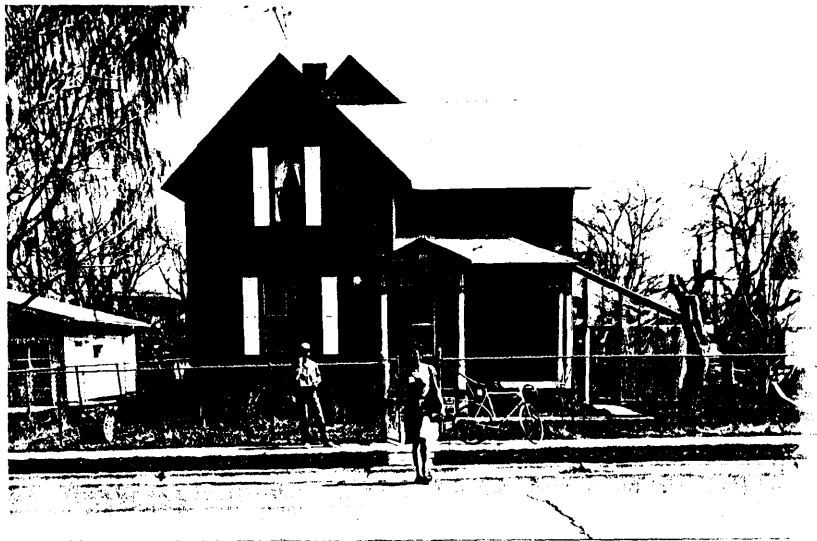


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MONTANA HISTORICAL/ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY # 35 (ADDENDUM TO BOZEMAN MRA)

HISTORIC NAME: Johnson House
ADDRESS: 506 N. Bozeman
LEGAL BOUNDARY: Beall's First, Blk 5
W. 126' of N 84', Trk 2
OWNER'S NAME: Robert and Anne Kolesar
OWNER ADDRESS: 506 N. Bozeman
SPECIFIC DATE: 1889
ARCHITECT: Unknown
BUILDER: Unknown
ORIGINAL OWNER: John Grannis
ORIGINAL USE: residence
PRESENT USE: residence
UTM REFERENCE: 12/497420/5058750
ACREAGE: less than one acre
U.S.G.S. QUAD: Bozeman, 1953



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Applicable Criteria: C

Number of Contributing Properties: 1

Areas of Significance: architecture

This fine trigabled vernacular house with Queen Anne detailing is individually eligible for the National Register based on architectural significance. The building is one of the few well preserved brick buildings from the Queen Anne period in Bozeman. The house retains shingle work in the gables, an ornate, pedimented porch, and all original windows and doors.

Although precise dating of this house is difficult, it appears to have been built around 1890 at the tail end of a substantial building boom in the city triggered in the early 1880's by the arrival of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Brick rather than wood had become the material choice during that period, for it expressed the optimism that Bozeman would remain a permanent, opulent settlement, in a region accustomed to boom-bust cycles of growth and decline. Although brick was scarce at the beginning of the 1880's, by the end of the decade, Bozeman was exporting brick. The Avant Courier noted in 1889 that "...a carload of Bozeman brick will leave today for Red Lodge" (August 29, 1889, p.3).

Nevertheless, by the end of the 1880's, the beginning of an economic depression, later known as the Panic of 1893, slowed construction in the city, and relatively few houses of this caliber remain from that time.

The house is an important visual element seen from Beall Park. Indeed, this site may have been considered a choice location for a residence until just after the turn of the century, when the areas south of Main Street became accepted as clearly more desirable.

Although previous research attributes John Grannis as the original owner of the house, no confirming evidence has been found. From about 1900 and on into the 1940's, the house was occupied by Swan Johnson, and after his death around 1910, by his widow, Alice Johnson. Swan Johnson was part owner of the Dahle & Johnson Saloon on Main Street.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This detached, two-story, single-family residence has an L-shaped plan with a hipped roofed open porch in the interior joint of the ell and a small, shed roof, frame addition to the rear. The two-bay facade is asymmetrical and consists of an off-center front entrance with three double-hung one-over-one double hung windows on the ell and two side-by-side double hung windows on the first level of the other bay and one on the second. The windows have brick segmental arches and wooden sills. Inoperable shutters flank most of the windows. The porch roof has a decorative gable overdoor and is supported by six turned posts. The bearing wall construction is finished in brick and rests on a rubble foundation. The gable roof is covered with blue asphalt shingles and features over-hanging eaves and enclosed soffits. There is one central brick chimney. A green house addition is now under construction on the south elevation. Outbuildings include a large old barn and a barn.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Application for Sewer Connection: September 9, 1918, Mrs. Alice Johnson
City Directories: 1904-5, p. 121; 1910, p. 107; 1912, p. 102; 1916-7, p. 102;
1927, p. 162; 1940, p. 81.
Bird's Eye View: 1898, house shown

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Johnson House	Gallatin	MT
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Bozeman Multiple Resource Area
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

1/22/88
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The nomination mentioned two barn outbuildings, but did not classify these resources as contributing or non-contributing. After discussing the matter with Pat Bick of the MT SHPO, it was determined that there is only one barn and that it should be classified as non-contributing. Once additional research has been completed, it is possible that the barn might be reclassified as a contributing resource.

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