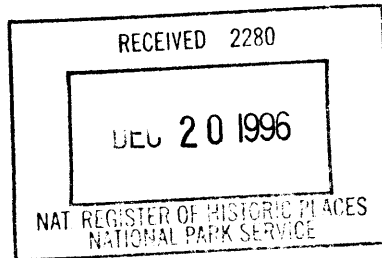


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Wilson House

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 114 Adams

not for publication: n/a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

city/town: Alberton

state: Montana

code: MT

county: Mineral

code: 061

zip code: 59820

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.)


Signature of certifying official/Title

12-16-96
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

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 determined eligible for the

National Register

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 determined not eligible for the

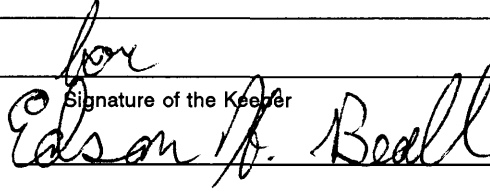
National Register

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 removed from the National Register

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 other (explain):


Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

1-13-97

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: private	Number of Resources within Property	
	Contributing	Noncontributing
Category of Property: building	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 1 </u> building(s)
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Alberton, Montana	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 1 </u> TOTAL

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:	Current Functions:
Domestic: Single Dwelling	Domestic: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:	Materials:
Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements: Craftsman	foundation: concrete walls: wood roof: asphalt shingles other: n/a

Narrative Description

The Wilson House is 1 1/2 story Craftsman style residence. The single family house has a square massing with a gable roof paralleling the street, a recessed corner porch and a central hipped dormer. The porch occupies the southwest corner and is supported by a square corner post and a solid apron. Fenestration includes double hung, 1-over-1 windows placed singly on the first floor and paired in the dormer.

The moderately pitched, gable roof features braced, projecting eaves. The roof is covered with non-historic asphalt shingles; a single interior brick chimney rises from the building. The wood-frame building is clad with clapboard and rests on a concrete foundation.

Outbuildings include a new two-bay garage with a gable roof.

Integrity

The historic integrity of the Wilson House property has been retained due to the survival of original design and materials, and continuity of use and location. The integrity of setting has been undermined by the construction of the modern garage to the rear and a recent siting of a satellite dish to the east. However, these are secondary to the residence, and in a comparative context the house retains an extraordinarily high degree of overall integrity.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1914

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1914

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Mr. Gress

Narrative Statement of Significance

Built during the period of Alberton's founding and early years of development, the Wilson House is an important component of the residential fabric of this community due to the high level of historic architectural integrity this modest home continues to possess. As an excellent example of a common pattern book type house with simple Craftsman style detailing, the house stands as a significant reminder of the first decade of the community's history when the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway shops were in full operation and employing 100 to 150 workers. The architecturally distinctive features of the Wilson House include the horizontal emphasis of the design achieved by the broad, overhanging roof with brackets, clapboard siding, the wide hip-roofed dormer and the parallel orientation of the building itself. The engaged, "cut-away" corner porch was common to the least costly pattern book houses of the period and it is very unusual for this feature to remain intact and unenclosed in the context of Alberton.

The original owners and occupants of this property were Clarence E. and Catherine Wilson. A railroad conductor, Clarence Wilson was one of many early Alberton residents employed by the Chicago, St. Paul and Pacific Railway (Milwaukee Road). The Wilson House is one of the more stylish homes in the residential portion of Alberton, that was characterized by quickly, inexpensively constructed buildings for working class families. Today it is one of just four residences in the community of Alberton that retain sufficient historic architectural integrity to accurately recall the town's founding years. For while the working class character of the residential neighborhoods remains apparent, many repairs and remodellings have occurred, which have obscured the historic fabric and design of most early Alberton homes.

Wilson House
Name of Property

Mineral County, Montana
County and State

9. Major Bibliographic References

Polk, R.L. & Co. City Directory for Alberton, Montana: 1911, p. 332

See *Historic Resources of Alberton, Montana* MPD

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

UTM References: **Zone** **Easting** **Northing**
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Legal Location (Township, Range & Section(s)): Located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, T14N, R23W.

Verbal Boundary Description

Lots B and C, East Alberton, Montana

Boundary Justification

These are the town lots historically associated with the Wilson House since its construction in 1914.

11. Form Prepared By

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street & number: P.O. Box 8163 telephone: date: 1986
city or town: Missoula state: MT zip code: 59801

revised by: Mike Koop, SHPO staff, 1986
updated 1996

Property Owner

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street & number: PO Box 515 telephone:
city or town: Alberton state: MT zip code: 59820