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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

Historic Resources of Continuation sheet Downtown South Bend

The Morey House 110-112 Franklin Place 141-55122-598 d. 1909 OWNER: Mr. John R. Wright Wright & Wright 322 W. Washington Blvd. South Bend, Indiana 46601

Description:

Photo #20; Building #10

The Morey House is located on Franklin Place, a brick street, between Washington and Jefferson Streets. The large, two-and-one-half story structure is brick on the first story and stucco on the upper stories. The multi-gable apartment house, topped with metal cresting strips, has two small square porches with balconies located in the southwest and northwest corners of the front facade. The irregular plan house has a variety of window treatments including fixed sash, casement, and double-hung windows with six-over-one sash on the first floor and twelve-over-one on the second floor.

Significance:

This structure was built by Dr. George P. Morey, a prominent South Bend physician, directly behind his residence (#39) as an investment property. The Morey's rented the multi-family dwelling to several doctors and lawyers.

The house, one of only six residential structures in the Multiple Resource Area, is an unusual eclectic style building influenced by several styles of the time. Like the Queen Anne houses built earlier, it has multiple roof planes. However, the body of the house has cleaner, simpler lines and a stucco surface similar to earlier 20th century Craftsman buildings. Other features, such as the small, multi-pane windows, prominent chimneys with multiple chimney pots, and the suggestion of an overhang on the third floor, are reminiscent of English Vernacular houses. The combination of the stucco and brick surfaces with the English house forms was an important aspect of the Craftsman movement in the United States. This house is one of the best examples of an early 20th century eclectic house in South Bend and one of the earliest in the city to reflect the Craftsman/English Vernacular elements.

UTM_Reference: 16/562050/4613850

Acreage: Less than one acre

Legal: Parcel #18-3010-0351

A tract of land two (2) feet in width, North and South, taken off of and from the entire length of the South end of Lot Numbered Two (2); and all of Lot Numbered Three (3), excepting therefrom a tract of land one (1) foot in width, North and South, taken off of and from the entire South end thereof, all as shown on the recorded Plat of South West Addition platted by William S. Vail and commonly known as William S. Vail's Addition to the Town, now City of South Bend.



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