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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Suydam, Hester E., Boarding House

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 209 W. River Street

not for publication: n/a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

city/town: Fromberg

state: Montana code: MT county: Carbon code: 009 zip code: 59029

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.)

Maude Sharp 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.

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:

Signature of the Keeper

Entered in the National Register Date of Action

entered in the National Register
 see continuation sheet

 determined eligible for the
National Register

 see continuation sheet
 determined not eligible for the
National Register

 see continuation sheet

 removed from the National Register
 see continuation sheet

 other (explain):

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Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private	Number of Resources within Property	
	Contributing	Noncontributing
Category of Property: Buildings	<u>1</u>	___ building(s)
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0	___	___ sites
	___	___ structures
	___	___ objects
	___	___
Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Properties in Fromberg	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:	Current Functions:
Domestic: multiple dwelling	Domestic: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:	Materials:
Other: One-and-one-half story Four Square	foundation: concrete
	walls: wood/weatherboard
	roof: asphalt
	other: wood: shingle

Narrative Description

The Hester E. Suydam Boarding House is located in Fromberg, Montana, a small rural community in the south-central portion of the state. The property consists of an historic boarding house located in a residential neighborhood just west of the downtown. The boarding house faces south towards W. River Street and is fronted by a large lawn landscaped with mature trees and hedges.

Constructed in 1907, the boarding house is a two-story, hip-roofed block with a full-width front porch on the south and a one and one-half story gabled wing on the north. The building rests on a concrete foundation, is sheathed with narrow clapboard siding, and has asphalt shingle roof covering. The hip roof has wide boxed eaves and is interrupted by gable-roofed wall dormers; a prominent dormer is located at the center of the front of the house and two smaller dormers are positioned on the east and west sides. The dormers are finished with scalloped shingles in the gable ends. The full-width front porch has been enclosed with clapboard siding and bands of fixed windows; it has a hip roof with a gabled peak at center. A multi-light door is located under the gable. A paneled wood door is on the east wall near the north end.

Windows are double-hung wood-sash with metal-sash storms. Those in the dormers feature a diamond-sash pattern over a single light; the front dormer holds a pair of windows while the side dormers each have a single window. Windows elsewhere are one-over-one but are noticeably absent on the main level of the east wall. The gable-roofed wing on the rear has drop siding and a window in the gable. A shed-roofed porch is inset along the east wall of the gable wing; it has been enclosed with drop siding and has a paneled door on the east.

The boarding house retains integrity. The only major modification to the building since construction has been the enclosure of both porches; the 1907, 1912 and 1927 Sanborn Maps depict them as being open. However, the porches remain compatible in design and materials with the original building and have not altered its historic scale, massing and form.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Areas of Significance: Exploration/Settlement
Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1907-1929

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1907

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Hester E. Suydam Boarding House is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under the "Historic and Architectural Resources of Fromberg" multiple property listing. The significance of the house is established locally under the historic context of "Residential Development in Fromberg, 1900-1929" and meets registration requirements developed for the associated property type, "Residential Buildings." The Hester E. Suydam Boarding House is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for its association with the growth and emergence of Fromberg; and under Criterion C as the sole surviving example of a multiple family dwelling in the town. The boarding house has sustained few alterations and retains integrity in all aspects.

The Hester E. Suydam Boarding House derives significance under Criterion A as a representation of Fromberg's rise as an important retail trade and shipping center for the surrounding agricultural region in the first two decades of the twentieth century. Fromberg's increasing prosperity and population growth stimulated residential construction. In addition to single family dwellings, Fromberg's new housing stock had at least two boarding houses, including this one. These facilities played an important role in the community by offering a room and meals to single members of the work force.

The Hester E. Suydam Boarding House was constructed in 1907 for Mrs. Suydam. Previous to this, Mrs. Suydam was a landlady in Gebo but in 1906 she decided to literally move her Gebo boarding house to Fromberg. Mrs. Suydam doubtlessly recognized the advantage to running a business in the more stable economic environment. The coal mines in Gebo had changed hands four times in seven years, never achieving long-lasting stability. However, her building-moving experience proved a failure; her boarding house was destroyed in transit by a wind storm. Undaunted by the disaster, Mrs. Suydam had her new boarding house in Fromberg constructed within the year. The building stood in the town's growing westside neighborhood and had the outward appearance of a large single family dwelling, thus providing inhabitants with a homelike atmosphere. Those individuals to live at Mrs. Suydam's boarding house were reflective of Fromberg's diverse population base. For example, in 1910 occupants there included a teacher, sales clerk, carpenter, fireman, and miners.

Beginning in 1914, the house was called the Suydam Hotel; Mrs. Suydam had permanent guests and rooms available for those just passing through Fromberg. The Treichlers, who owned the home in the 1930s and 1940s rented rooms to teachers employed at Fromberg's schools and offered rooms for travelers.

The Hester E. Suydam Boarding House derives significance under Criterion C as an excellent example of a multiple family dwelling of its type. The two-story hipped roof building reflects design aspects and detailing comparable to vernacular house forms common to the period and is the only known residential building of its type to survive in Fromberg today.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Carbon County Republican. 5 June, 23 November 1906; 22 March 1907.

Carbon County Sentinel. 4 August 1909.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Fromberg. 1912; 1917.

U.S. Census Information for 1910. History Files. Carbon County Historical Society, Red Lodge, Montana.

Zupan, Shirley and Harry Ownes. Red Lodge: Saga of a Western Area. Billings, Montana: Frontier Press, 1979.

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
 A 12 663670 5028400

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary encompasses the north 95' of Lots 7 & 8 and all of lots 9-11 in Block 3 of the Dudley First Addition to Fromberg (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 17, T05S, R23E).

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all property historically associated with the Hester E. Suydam Boarding House.

11. Form Prepared By

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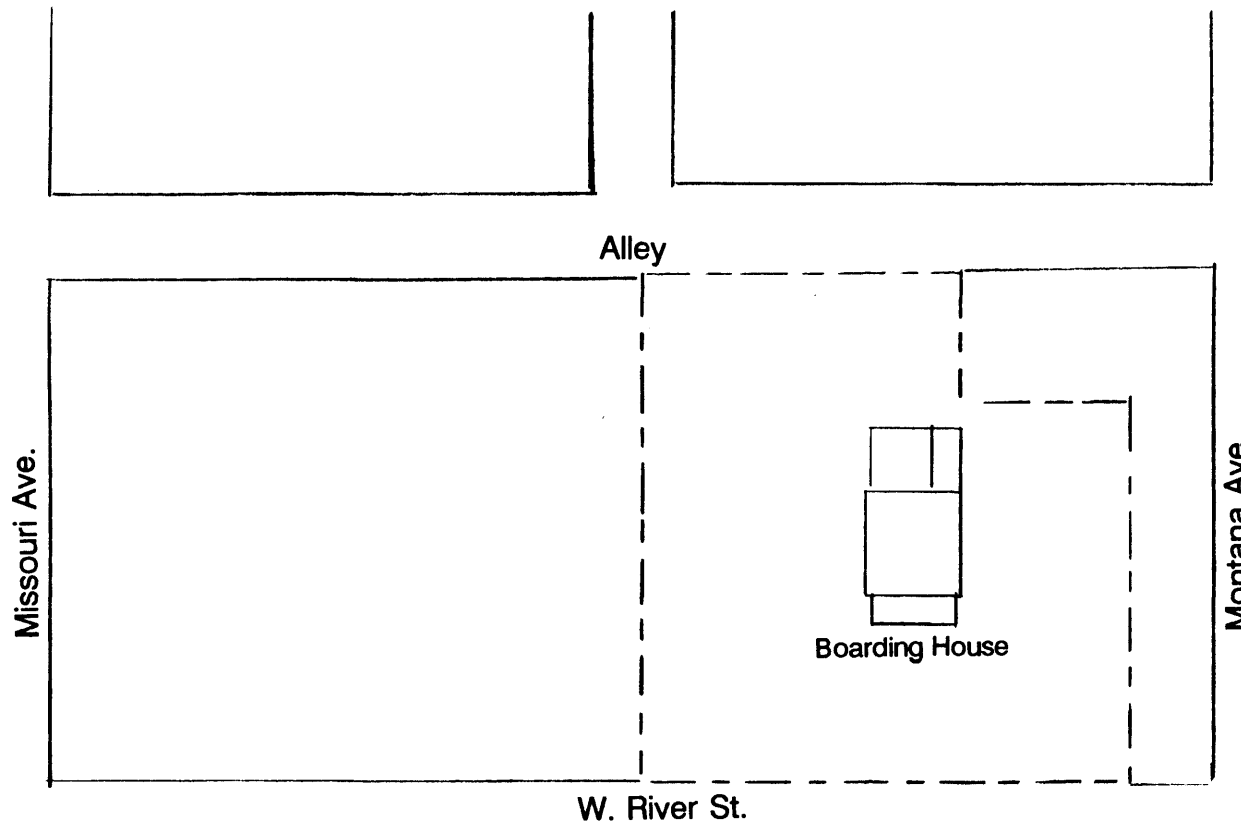
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Hester E. Suydam Boarding House

Fromberg, Montana

Lots 7-11, Block 3
Dudley First Addition

National Register Boundary:



Scale: 1 inch = 50 feet
August 1992