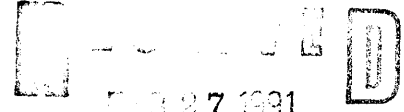


**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

**NATIONAL
REGISTER**

1. Name of Property

historic name: Ebeling, William, House

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 704 North Crow Avenue

not for publication: n/a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

city/town: Hardin

state: Montana code: MT county: Big Horn code: 003 zip code: 59034

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> building(s)
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Hardin

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. See continuation sheet.

Maull Jeff Signature of certifying official 2-12-91 Date

MT SHPO State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

~~Entered in the~~
National Register

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register Alone Byer 4/11/91
 See continuation sheet.

 determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

 determined not eligible for the National Register

 removed from the National Register

 other (explain):

for Signature of Keeper Date

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic/single dwelling

Current: Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements: Craftsman

Materials: foundation: concrete
walls: concrete, weatherboard
roof: asphalt

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This one story, Craftsman style residence was built in 1914 by Willey Brothers Construction. The simple rectangular dwelling is sided with rusticated cast stone concrete blocks. The house has an end-gable roof with asphalt shingles. A wide gabled porch is centered on the front elevation. The porch roof is supported by smooth, square-section, concrete block columns which contrast with the ashlar-faced porch base. The columns have simple flared capitals. The gable ends of the house and porch have clapboard siding and knee-braced brackets. Eaves have ornamental exposed rafters. The centrally-located brick chimney has a corbelled top. Windows have 1-over-1 double-hung sash units, and there is a small three-light sash in the gable end of the front porch. The north half of the porch has been glazed while the south half remains screened. There is a small rear addition with hardboard siding. With the exception of the addition, the glazing of the porch, and the asphalt shingles in place of the wood shingles on the roof, this house has seen little exterior alteration. The overall character of the concrete block construction remains unchanged.

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: **1914**

Significant Person(s): **n/a** Significant Dates: **1914**

Cultural Affiliation: **n/a** Architect/Builder: **Willey Brothers Construction**

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

The William Ebeling House is eligible for the National Register according to Criterion C, as an excellent example of cast stone residential construction and as a representative of simple Craftsman style residential architecture in Hardin.

Cast concrete block was an important building material in many small western towns during the early 20th century. The material was not widely used in Hardin, however within Hardin's Commercial Historic District the contributing Spencer Building provides another local example. Cast stone was not manufactured in Hardin; like many building materials used in local construction, it was probably shipped in by rail. Little is known about the Willey Brothers construction firm, but like many builders of the day, they relied on mass-produced building materials, and most likely used pattern books to design the building.

The Ebeling House is one of the more modest Craftsman bungalows in Hardin, yet it embodies many characteristics of this sturdy, no-frills style. Typical of Craftsman sensibilities are the square massing, the prominent porch with substantial supports, and the horizontality achieved through the banded combination of cast stone and narrow lap siding, as well as the low-pitched rooflines with exposed rafters. At present, it retains a high degree of its historic integrity and accurately reflects its original design.

Born in Illinois in 1880, Ebeling trained as a butcher, and later moved to Montana at the age of 21. After living in Manhattan for several years, like many in the area, he and his wife filed for a homestead, staking their claim in the North Valley area of Big Horn County in 1909. After "proving up" on the property, the family moved into Hardin where William Ebeling opened a meat market. He subsequently died in 1917.

The William Ebeling House is being nominated as an addendum to Historic Resources of Hardin.

9. References

Hardin Tribune, August 7, 1914, September 7, 1917.

Quivik, Frederic L., "Development of the Built Environment in the Original Townsite of Hardin, Montana," Montana State Historic Preservation Office, Helena, September 1984.

Ibid., "Historic Resources of Hardin, Montana," National Register Nomination, Montana State Historic Preservation Office, Helena, 1984.

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
	13	297050	5067750

Verbal Boundary Description:

The William Ebeling House is located on Lot 6, Block 14, 4th Addition, Hardin, Montana. The property is located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 23, T1S, R33E.

Boundary Justification:

These boundaries encompass the legally recorded property which contains the building described in this nomination.

11. Form Prepared By

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