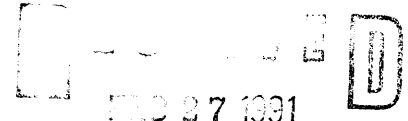


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Boyum, John, House

other name/site number: Old Tanner House

2. Location

street & number: 225 West Sixth Street

not for publication: n/a  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: buildings

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  2  </u>	<u>  1  </u> building(s)
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>  2  </u>	<u>  1  </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.

Maudie Day   
Signature of certifying official   Date  2-12-91

MTSHPD   
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**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

✓  entered in the National Register  Anthony J. Lee   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

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## 6. Function or Use

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Historic: Domestic/single dwelling

Current: Domestic/single dwelling

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## 7. Description

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

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

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This 1½ story residence is an excellent example of Craftsman style residential architecture in Hardin. The wood frame building sets on a poured concrete foundation. The first floor has clapboard siding to the headers of the first floor windows, with shingles above in the gable ends. The gabled, wood shingled roof has two large shed-roofed dormers. The one to the south contains two pairs of 4-over-1, double-hung sash windows. The dormer to the north contains a multi-light and a 4-over-1, double-hung wood sash window. A full width, screened porch is set under the main body of the roof of the house. The eaves are exposed rafter ends with simple knee brackets. Windows on the main floor to the west are multi-lit; elsewhere 4-over-1, double-hung sash windows predominate.

A small rear entry to the west was added ca. 1921. It has 6-over-1, double-hung sash windows and a gable roof with exposed rafter ends. A gable-roofed, lap-sided garage sets to the east rear of the property. The garage was apparently built at the time the house was erected. The small "tool shed" of modern vintage is non-contributing.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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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: 1917

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1917

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Fish, Wilbur S. (builder)

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

The John Boyum House is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C as an excellent example of Craftsman style residential architecture in Hardin.

Reflecting a move away from the simple vernacular dwellings which characterized the first few years of Hardin's residential development, more substantial, Craftsman homes became commonplace during the 1910s. This house embodies many elements of the style, and is characteristic of Craftsman building in Hardin. The square massing, projecting upper-level shed dormers, and ample front porch are all typical Craftsman elements. In addition, the house achieves a characteristic horizontality, through banded fenestration rhythms, bands of contrasting narrow lap and shingle siding, and the low-pitched roof with its wide, bracketed eaves with exposed rafters.

John Boyum, a partner and manager of the English and Boyum Lumber Yard, purchased lots 7 and 8 in Block 5 of Hardin's Third Addition from Dr. N. A. Gans. He also purchased other lots in this undeveloped area of Hardin. He built this house as his family residence, on the east half of the lots in the fall of 1917 at a cost of \$3,500.

It is probable that the builder was Wilbur Fish. Fish, like English and Boyum, came to Hardin from Belfield, North Dakota. Fish worked with the lumber company as a contractor and builder, undoubtedly using their designs and pre-cut materials. Fish was also responsible for building the sheds and office for the English and Boyum Lumber Co. in 1917.

After Boyum's wife died suddenly in October of 1918, he sold the house to Franklin D. Tanner, one of Hardin's earliest attorneys. It was the Tanner residence until it became the property of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Meeke, who were the owner/managers of the Savoy Hotel. Between 1953-1956, it was the family residence of Harold Ruby, who ran an insurance and real estate company, after which it was sold to Ken Fox, of Fox Oil and Triangle Motor Company. All owners of this residence have been from the business and professional community.

Today, the house remains one of Hardin's best, most intact examples of Craftsman design. The John Boyum House is being nominated as an addendum to Historic Resources of Hardin.

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## 9. References

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Ibid., Montana Historical and Architectural Inventory, Hardin, form for English and Boyum Lumber Yards, 103 N. Choteau, Big Horn County Historical Museum, 1984.  
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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:

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References:

Zone	Easting	Northing
13	296960	5067665

Verbal Boundary Description:

The John Boyum House is located on the west half of lots 7 and 8, Block 5, Third Addition, Hardin, Montana. The property is located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  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.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Jackie Redding	Date: July 1988
Organization: Center on Hardin	Telephone: 406/665-2137
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City or Town: Hardin	State: Montana