

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Toole, John R., House

and/or common Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority House

2. Location

street & number 1005 Gerald Avenue n/a not for publication

city, town Missoula n/a vicinity of ~~Congressional District~~ Western

state Montana code 030 county Missoula code 063

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority House

street & number 1005 Gerald Avenue

city, town Missoula n/a vicinity of state Montana

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Missoula County Courthouse

street & number West Broadway 200 block no number

city, town Missoula, Montana state Montana 59801

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title n/a has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The John R. Toole House, designed by J. F. Everett of Butte, Montana, is an imposing 2½ story, wood framed, Neo-Classical residence in Missoula, Montana. The structure sits in the center of a large, well landscaped corner lot, which allows a generous set back from the street. A number of prominent early businessmen in Missoula constructed their homes in this section of the city near the University of Montana during the first decade of the 20th Century. Quite a few of these large, older homes have since been converted into sororities or fraternities, as has been the case with the Toole House.

In plan and detailing, the Toole House exhibits the symmetry and ornament of the Neo-Classical style, including a major, two story portico on the front facade which is supported by Doric columns and fluted pilasters. A lunette is set in the tympanum; other fanlights are placed above the front door and the north entrance. A small entry vestibule forms a second story balcony, which is accessed through glassed french doors. The roof of the covered colonnaded terrace on the north side of the building also serves as second story balcony. A classical balustrade edges this balcony. A raked cornice encircles the building and its interest is heightened by ordered dentils. A Palladin window, common to the American Neo-Classical style, graces the front facade. Above this window, a triple 6/1 window is positioned to maintain the design balance. All exterior walls are covered with a narrow clap-board siding and the hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Although numerous additions have been constructed over the years, the Toole House has maintained the overall characteristics of the style and the original architectural intention of the building is still clearly evident.

Major alterations to the Toole House occurred in 1920, 1950, and 1969. The Toole family added an expanded kitchen and pantry and two second story sleeping porches to the west (rear) of the building ca. 1920. The approximate dimensions of this addition are 36' x 22'. In 1950, twenty years after the house had become a sorority, the second floor sleeping porches were enclosed. A major addition to the south of the building was undertaken in 1969. A 26' additional building bay was added to the south end of the main facade. This bay serves to balance the main facade, centering the large portico. The hipped roof was extended and an original front dormer was removed at this time in order to further balance the total composition of the front facade. The same scale of siding and the cornice dentil work was also carried over on this new addition. Setback from the main facade approximately 30 feet, another two story addition was built to extend from the south side of the building to serve as a main dining room on the first floor and sleeping quarters on the second. The detailing of this addition and the size and placement of the window openings are not strictly in keeping with the architectural character of the original building. The overall dimensions of this addition are approximately 45'x45'. Since this south addition is set back an appreciable distance from the primary facade and the other highly visible facade to the north has completely retained the historical attributes of the Neo-Classical style, the overall architectural integrity of the Toole House remains substantially intact.

Much of the original detailing of the interior of the Toole House also remains in place. The ceilings throughout the first floor are 12 feet in height. Oak wainscoting is used in the entrance hall and oak columns support the archway entrance to the drawing room. The library walls are lined with oak bookshelves. All floors on the first floor are of oak and those on the second are of maple. The ceiling of the original dining room is beamed and features cut lead glass crystal light fixtures. Sliding oak doors separate the entrance hall, drawing room, dining room and library. There are seven fireplaces in the house, four on the main floor, two on the second, and one on the third. Each is faced with imported tiles. A large 10' mirror, a gift to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority in 1937, is placed in the main hall.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1902-1903 **Builder/Architect** J. F. Everett, Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The John R. Toole House is a well preserved example of Neo-Classical architecture in Missoula Montana, built for a locally significant industrialist and designed by the local architect, J.F. Everett from Butte, and thus, eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria B and C.

The original owner of the nominated property, John R. Toole, held a prominent position in the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, under the directorship of Marcus Daly of Anaconda. Born in Weston, Maine, Toole came west in 1875 in connection with the development of the Bonanza Mine in Idaho. In 1884, he moved to Anaconda, Montana and was the prime contractor in the construction of the Butte, Anaconda, and Pacific Railroad. Toole served one term in the Territorial Legislature, four terms in the State Legislature, and was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1889. It appears that Toole's career came to a crucial point when he was offered a promotion soon after the Anaconda Copper Mining Company was purchased by the Standard Oil of New York. Rather than relocate to New York, Toole chose to move his family to Missoula in 1902 in order for his six children to attend the University of Montana there. Toole retained his presidency of the Daly Bank and Trust Company in Anaconda and became president of the Big Blackfoot Mill Company, a subsidiary of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. The Big Blackfoot owned over one million acres of timberland in western Montana.

John R. Toole died in 1916. The Toole family lived in the large house at 1005 Gerald Avenue from 1905 until 1932, when Anna Hardenbrook Toole removed to the renovated carriage house (not included in this nomination). The house was sold to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association for \$15,000.00.

Little is known of the career of J. F. Everett in Montana. For a short time during the first decade of the 20th century he worked in association with the Butte architectural firm of Link and Carter. No record has yet been found of Everett's later work either in Montana or elsewhere.

Although the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association has modified the Toole House over the years, the house has been very well maintained and does retain the basic architectural characteristics of the Neo-Classical style.

9. Major Bibliographical References

see continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property .77 acres

Quadrangle name SE Missoula

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

1	2	2	7	1	7	0	5	5	1	9	3	9	6	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification nominated property occupies the northeast corner of lot 11, block 12 of the Hammond addition to the City of Missoula. The boundary runs south along the right-of-way of Gerald Avenue a distance of 175'; west along a line parellel to north line of block 12 for 175'; then north 45'; then west along the north line of the

~~List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries~~ alley running through block 12 for 23'; north through lot 5 of block 12 a distance of 130'; then east along the state right-of-way of Connell Avenue code for 198 county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tomme Lu Worden (Mrs. H. O.) President

organization Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association

date November 18, 1982

street & number 208 Pattee Canyon Drive

telephone (406) 549-7676

city or town Missoula

state Montana 59803

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

maelle *Sheff*

title Deputy SHPO

date 4-10-83

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Juda McClelland
for Keeper of the National Register

date 4/25/83

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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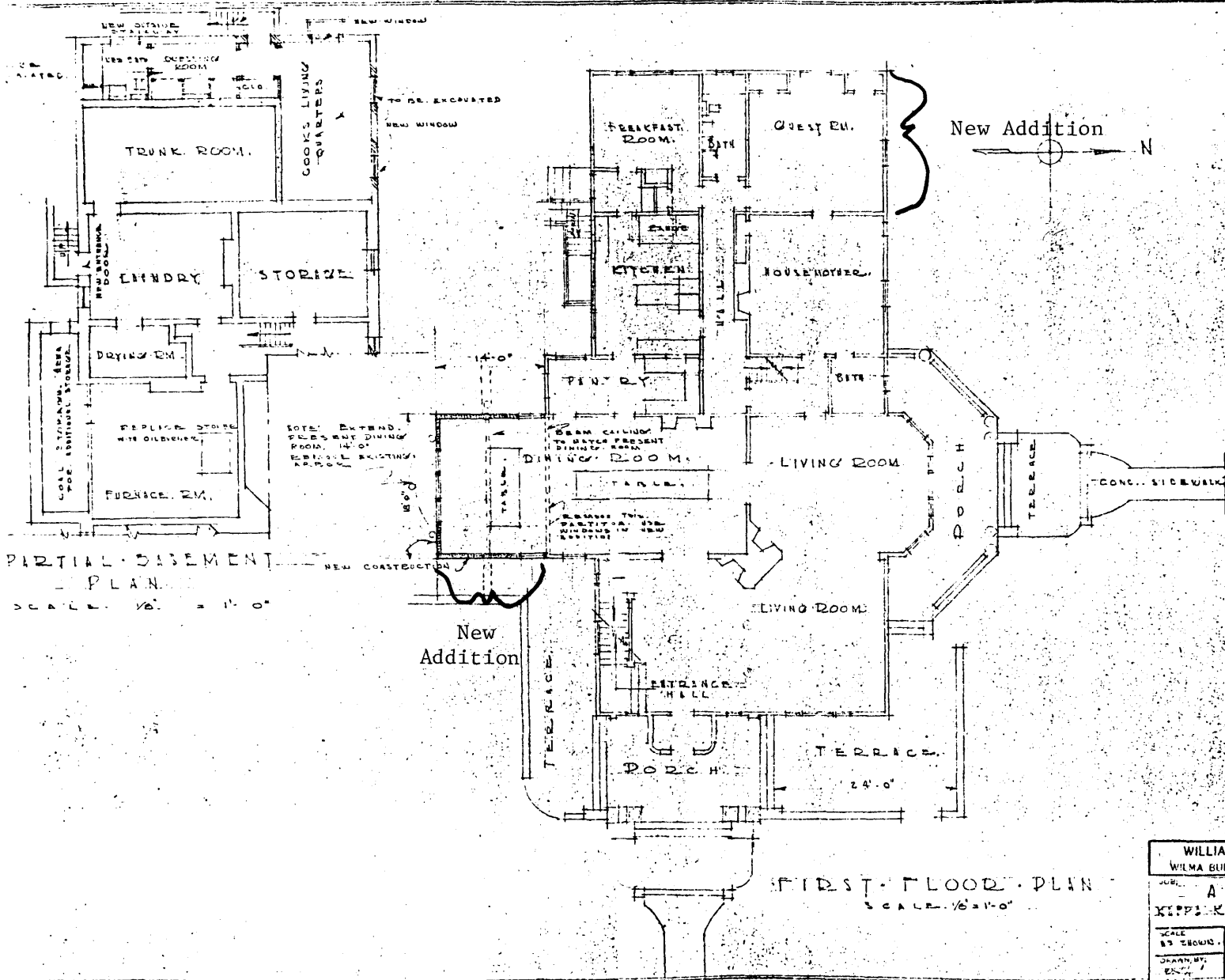
Polk City Directory of Butte, 1902

Interviews

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Interviews October 1981, October 1982, November 12, 13, & 17, 1982.
Address: Pattee Canyon Drive, Missoula, MT 59803 tel. 54902597

John H. Toole, grandson of John R. and Anna Toole.
Interviews Fall of 1981, October 1982, November 10, 13, 17, 1982.
Address: 617 Crestline Drive, Missoula, MT 59803 Tel. 549-7652

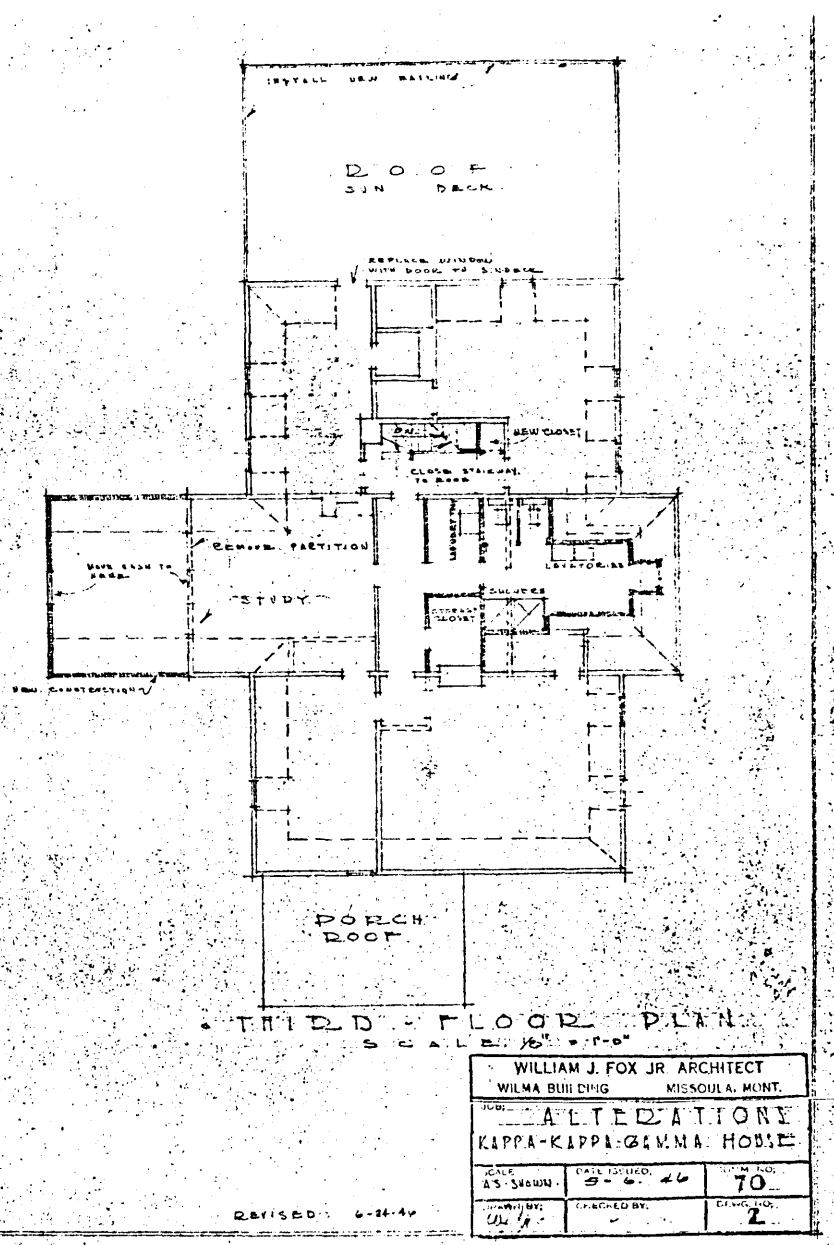
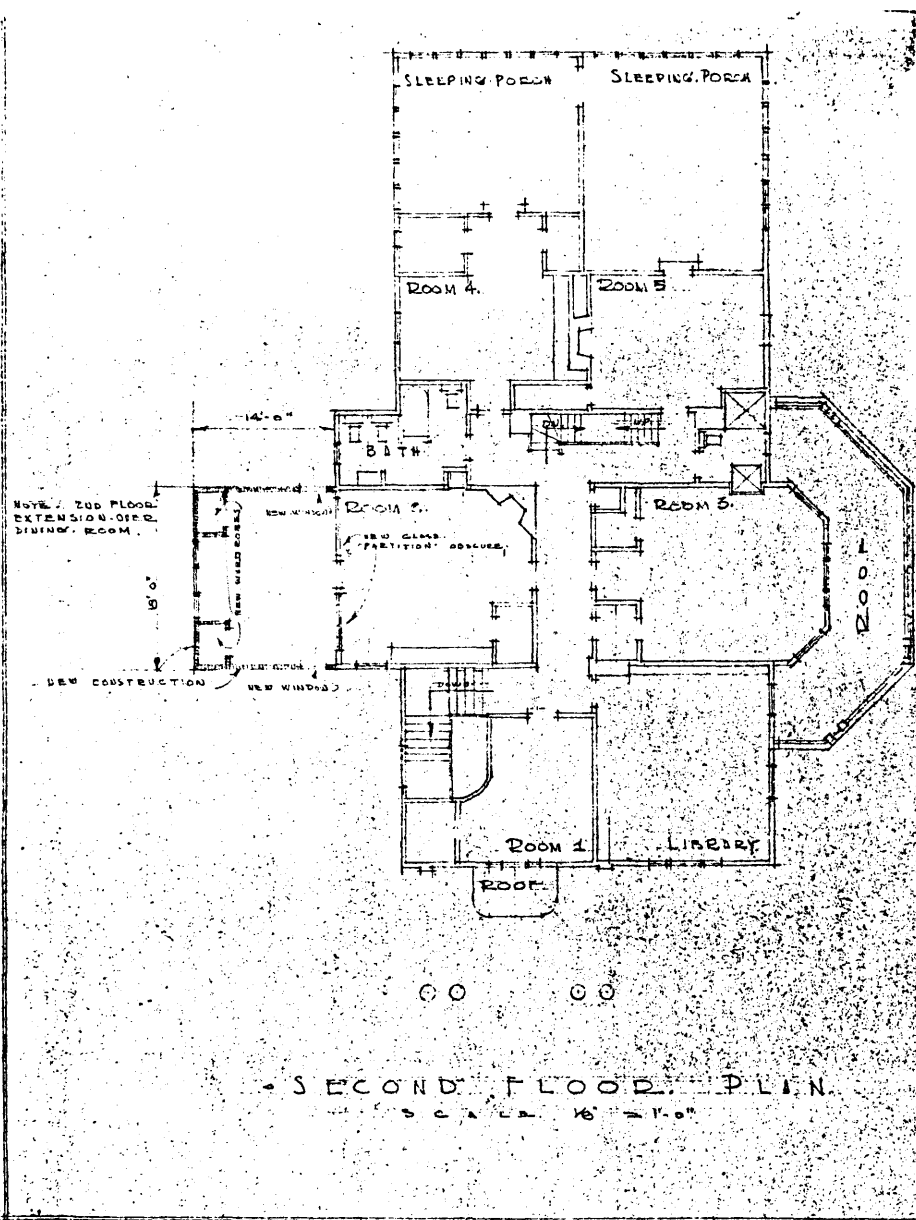
Mrs. John H. Toole, Member of the Kappa graduating class of 1937,
Address: 617 Crestline Drive, Missoula, MT 59803 Tel. 549-7652



John R. Toole House
Missoula, MT
1946 plans for
expansion

WILLIAM J. FOX JR ARCHT		
WILMA BUILDING		MISSOULA
JOB: ALTERATION		
KEEP RECORDS IN FILE		
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DRAWN BY EJC	CHECKED BY WJF	COPY 1

1946



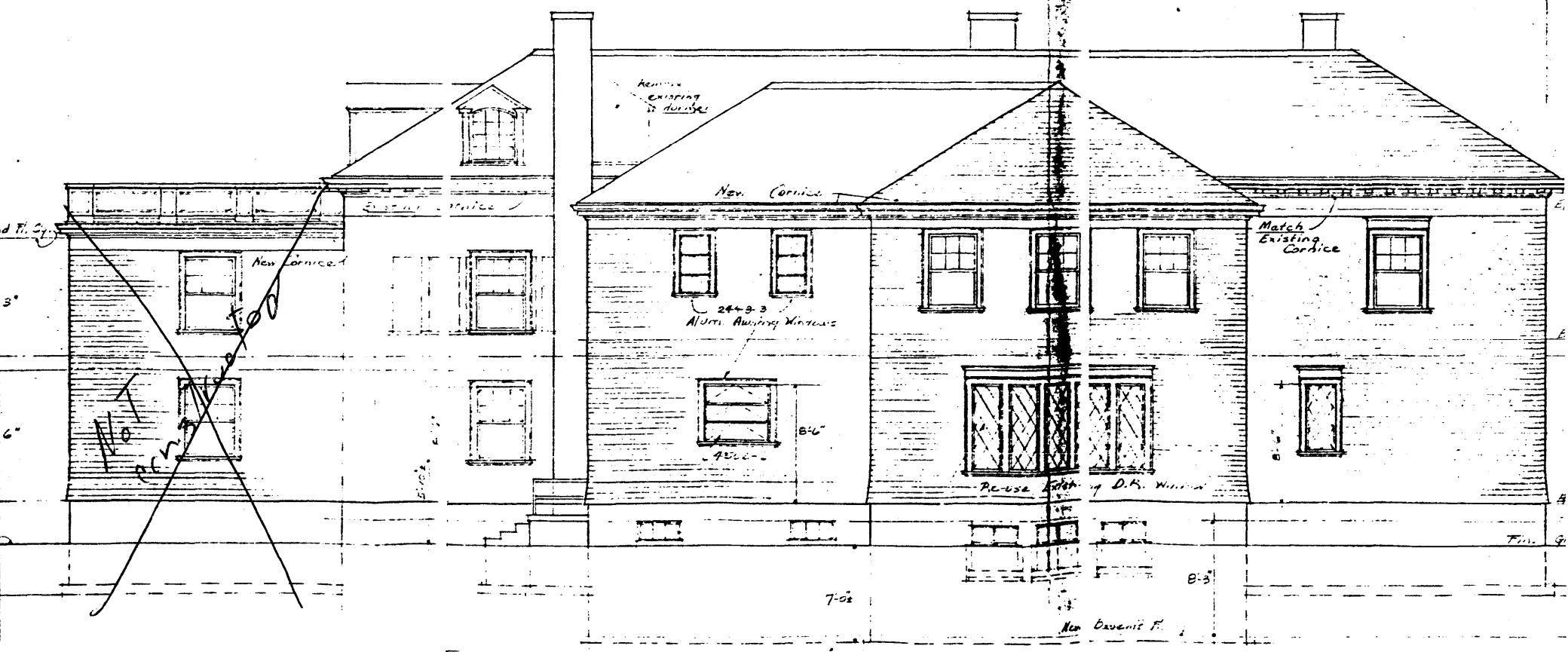
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 1946 plans for expansion

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Existing

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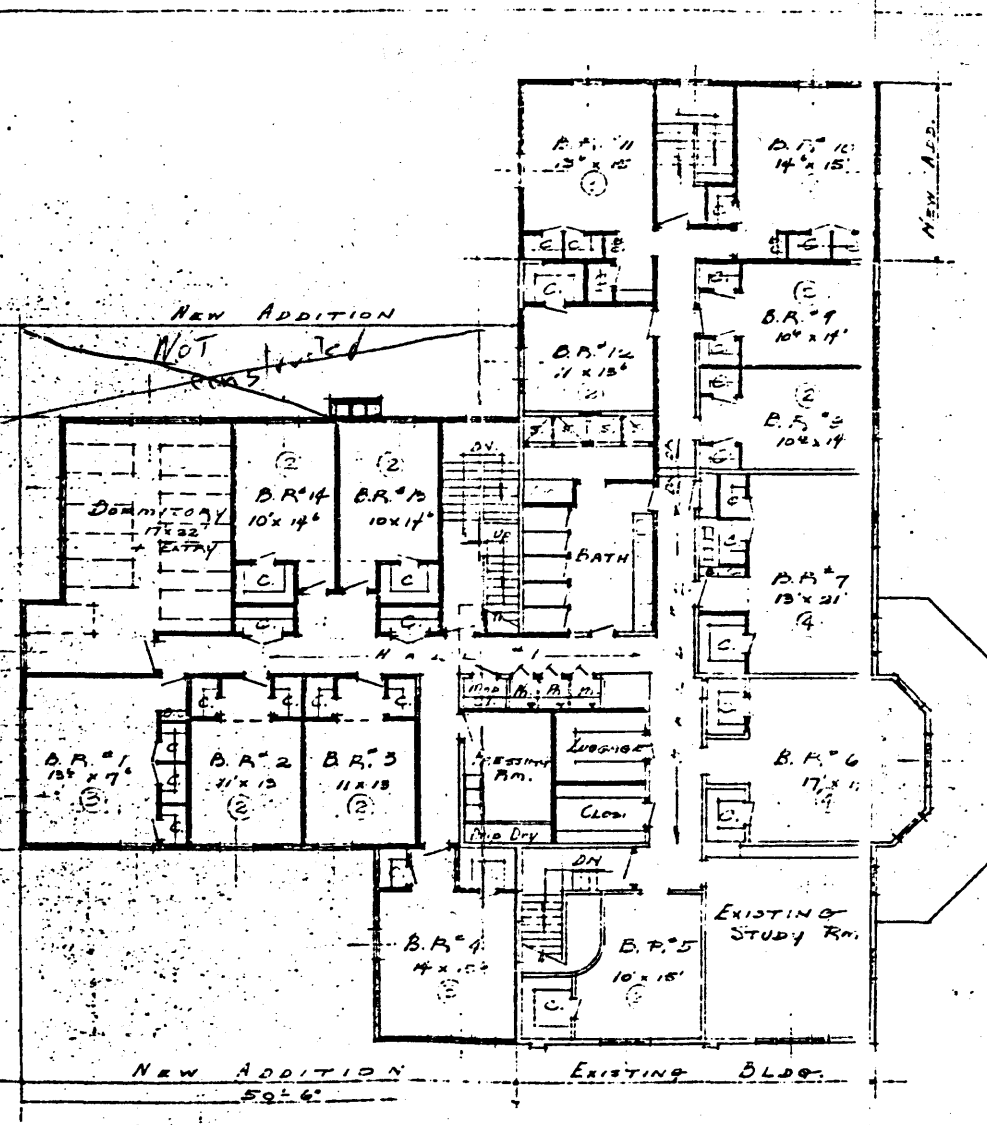


John R. Toole House
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 1969 plans for expansion

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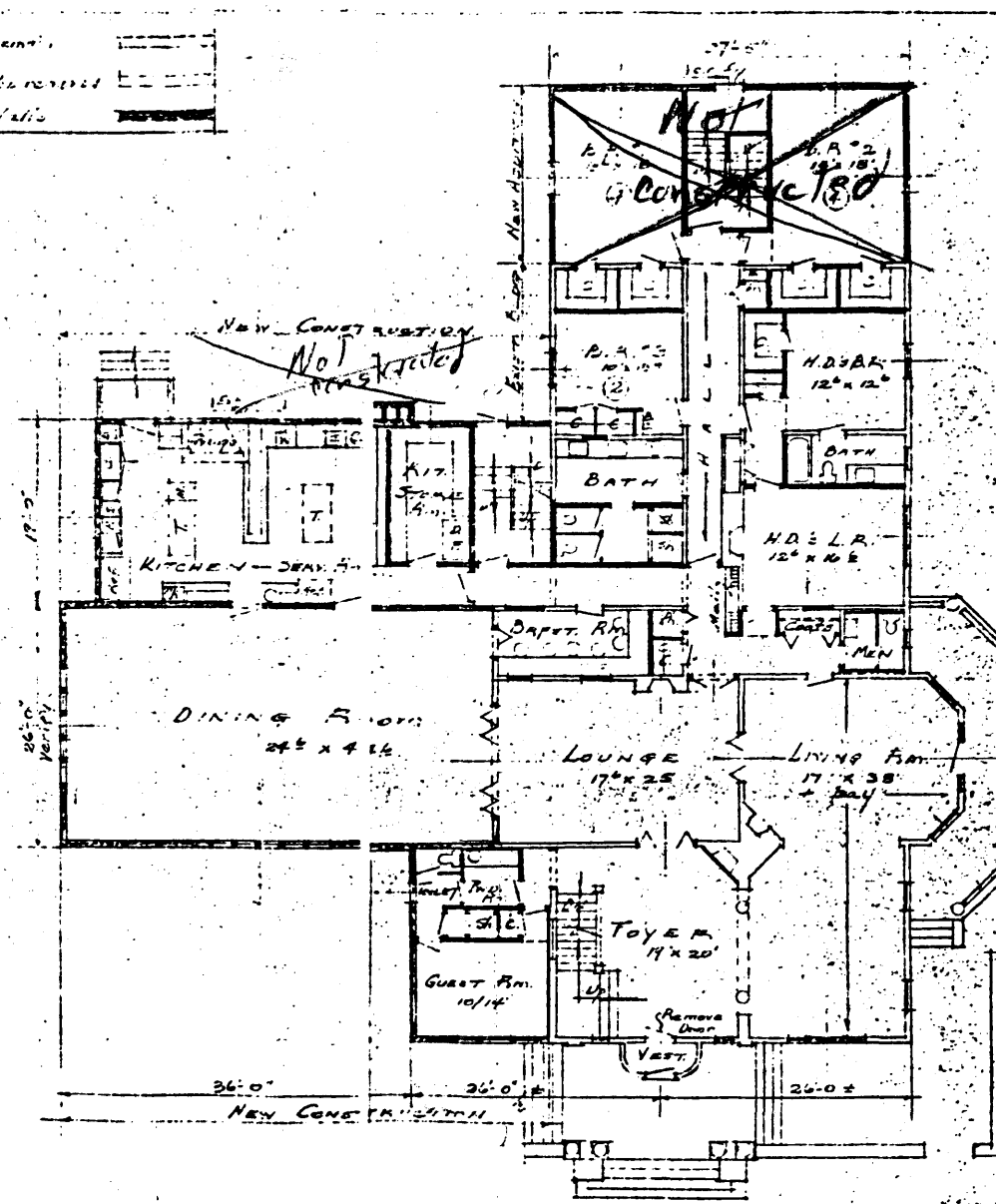
John R. Toole House **1969**
 - Missoula, MT
 1969 Plans for expansion
 (Rendering of front facade)



SECOND FLOOR PLAN
at Gird.

John R. Toole House
Missoula, Montana
1969 plans for expansion
(note planned additions that
were never actually constructed)

Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

1969

Architects BARNARD AND HOLLOWAY, Missoula
Katherine Schmidt, Gros Point, Michigan