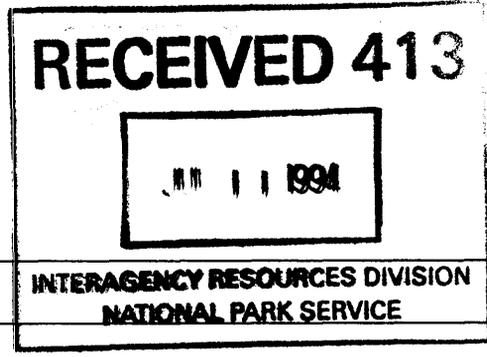


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Rogers House

other name/site number: Hansen Rental Property 24FH

2. Location

street & number: 380 Fifth Avenue East North

not for publication: n/a  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

city/town: Kalispell

state: Montana code: MT county: Flathead code: 029 zip code: 59901

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.)

Maurel Day MT SHPO 6-28-94  
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.

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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:

- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

for  
Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall Date of Action 8.24.94

Entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:  private     public-local     public-State     public-Federal

Category of Property:  building(s)     district     site     structure     object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u> building(s)
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> sites
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> structures
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> objects
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u> Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Properties of Kalispell, Montana

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:  
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions:  
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:  
Queen Anne

Materials:  
foundation: concrete  
roof: asphalt  
walls: wood/weatherboard  
other: n/a

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Rogers House is an unusual Queen Anne-style residence, as it has Gothic Revival-style lancet windows on the east (front) and west elevations that extend into the steeply pitched gables without a break in the wall surfaces. Queen Anne features include the complex plan, the two-story hexagonal turret on the northeast corner, two round windows, the decorative wood shinglework in the gable ends, the bay window, and the scrollwork and turned spindles. According to a historic photograph, the decorative shinglework was originally painted in contrasting colors. There was also stickwork in the gable ends that no longer exists. The windows are one-over-one-light and two-over-two-light wooden double-hung and multi-paned units. A small rear porch was enclosed and a porch was added on the north between 1910 and 1927. The full-width front porch has Tuscan porch supports that extend to the porch deck.

A partial concrete block basement was added to the house in 1989 or 1990. The house has four bedrooms and 1½ baths (the bathroom was added after the original construction of the house). The turret is incorporated into the sitting room on the first floor and a bedroom on the second floor. The kitchen, as is typical of Kalispell homes of this era, has five doors leading out of it. The original interior wood trim has been painted.

The landscaping includes plum and apple trees.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: ca. 1903

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: ca. 1903

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder(s): Rogers, Robert Aaron

### NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rogers House, built between 1900 and 1903, is an unusual example of an owner-designed residence that has both Gothic- and Queen Anne-style features. The house was designed and constructed by Robert Aaron Rogers and members of his family. The house has Gothic Revival-style lancet windows on the east (front) and west elevations that extend into the steeply pitched gables without a break in the wall surfaces. Queen Anne features include the complex plan, the two-story hexagonal turret on the northeast corner, two round windows, the decorative wood shinglework in the gable ends, the bay window, and the scrollwork and turned spindles. The house is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion C, Architecture.

Robert Rogers and his family moved from Bottineau, North Dakota, to Kalispell in 1899 or 1900 by the Great Northern Railway. Rogers began building the house soon after their arrival, and it was almost completed by 1903. Roger and Hannah Elizabeth Rogers designed the house themselves, according to their son Alfred, who remembered that his mother "was very fond of houseplants and bay windows." The two oldest children, Amelia and Russel, helped their father with the construction of the house. According to Alfred Rogers, "My father worked down town at carpenter work. Mornings and evenings, with the help of Amelia and Russel, he built the house...Most of the family slept in a tent because the barn was not large enough. My father and mother slept in the barn and all ate there."

One of the children in the family, Grace Elizabeth Rogers, was born in the barn behind the house on May 11, 1901, before the house was completed. Hannah Elizabeth Rogers worked as a nurse's aide at the Kalispell hospital (20 4th Avenue East at that time). Her son Alfred was born in June of 1903 in the upstairs bedroom with the bay window.

The Rogers moved from Kalispell to Kennewick, Washington, in the spring of 1904. Their house had not yet been completely finished. The family apparently moved because of the relocation of the main line of the Great Northern Railway to Whitefish later that year. Robert Rogers worked as a contractor in Pasco while continuing to make payments on his Kalispell property. According to his son Alfred, "About 1905, while he was building a bank in Pasco, Wall Street locked up the money. He had to pay wages but no money. In some way he got what they called a 'scrip' and in that way he paid his (hired men) wages and kept on building. I think that is when he lost his house and lot in Kalispell, because he had no money" (Rogers never did actually obtain title to the property, according to county deed records). Robert and Hannah Elizabeth Rogers both passed away in Moscow, Idaho, in 1947 and 1955 respectively.

Drayman and Kalispell Lumber Company employee John Fishel, is first listed at this address in the 1907 Kalispell City Directory. Fishel had lived in Kalispell since approximately 1905, and he lived in this house from 1906 until 1910 (it was owned by Ida Fishel during those years). When the 1910 federal population census was taken, Fishel was living here with his wife Ida and their daughter Opal. They were all originally from Iowa. In 1911 the Fishels were living in a smaller house across the alley at 393 4th Avenue East North. In approximately 1915 he and Willis Lewis were agents for Reo and Saxon automobiles. By 1917, however, he was again a yard foreman for the Kalispell Lumber Company, and in that year he lived two houses south of this one, at 374 5th Avenue East North. By 1922, Fishel had moved to Yakima, Washington.

The next known occupants of the house were the Hansen family, first listed at this address in the Kalispell City Directory in 1911 (previously they had lived just east of the Northwestern Lumber Mill). In 1911 the occupants of the house included Maurice Hansen, lath contractor for the Northwestern Lumber Company, stenographer Anna Hansen, 2 Miracle

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Concrete Company laborer Alfred Hansen, and Henry and Chris Hansen, who both worked for the Northwestern Lumber Company. In 1915, Maurice Hansen lived in the house with students Henry, Ralph and Walter. By 1917 Henry had moved to Helena, and Maurice Hansen was the only listed occupant of the house. By 1922, Maurice had moved to Eureka, Montana. Anna Hansen and Grant Bakewell owned the property from 1910 until 1946.

When the 1920 federal census was taken, lumberman Harry Boulton was renting the residence with his wife Belle and their three children. The next known occupants of the dwelling were Frank and Mabel Busch, who lived in the house from approximately 1928 until 1930. Frank Busch was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1876, and he worked for the Great Northern Railway for 24 years before his death in 1941 at the age of 64. He and his wife had six children.

Other pre-World War II occupants included carpenter John Halden in 1934, Kalispell Mercantile salesman George Pool and his wife Anna in 1936, and James and Dorothy Doverspike in 1938. In 1940, three families lived in the house: musician John O'Dell and his wife Ruby, Mrs. Olive Nelson, a clerk at Montgomery Ward's, and waitress Olive Field.

Rogers House  
Name of Property

Flathead County, Montana  
County and State

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## 9. Major Bibliographic References

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Callihan, Celia R. (granddaughter of Robert and Hannah Elizabeth Rogers), letters to Kathy McKay, October 13, November 9, and December 2, 1992.

*Daily Inter Lake*: "Frank J. Busch," May 29, 1941.

Kalispell City Directories, 1905-1944.

Kinneburgh, Steve and Carrine (previous owners), interview with Sherryl Main, April 1992.

### 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 (City of Kalispell)

University

Other -- Specify Repository: Flathead County Library, Kalispell

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property:** less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
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### Verbal Boundary Description

Duncan Addition, Block 6, Lot 1, Section 8, Township 28 North, Range 21 West, Montana Principal Meridian.

### Boundary Justification

The legally recorded boundary of this property encompasses the significant resources.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title: Kathy McKay, Historian

street & number: 491 Eckelberry Dr.

city or town: Columbia Falls

date: May 1993

telephone: (406) 892-1538

state: Montana zip code: 59912

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## Property Owner

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name/title: Robert and Vickie L. Blake

street & number: 380 5th Avenue East North

city or town: Kalispell

state: MT

zip code: 59901