



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Brinks House

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 416 Railroad

not for publication: n/a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

city/town: Alberton

state: Montana code: MT county: Mineral code: 061 zip code: 59820

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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

12-16-96

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:

 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):

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Alison H. Beall

1.13.97

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: private	Number of Resources within Property	
Category of Property: building	Contributing	Noncontributing
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0	<u> 2 </u>	<u> </u> building(s)
Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Alberton, Montana	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
	<u> 2 </u>	<u> </u> TOTAL

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:	Current Functions:
Domestic: Single Dwelling	Domestic: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:	Materials:
Other: Vernacular gable-front	foundation: concrete
	walls: wood
	roof: wood shingle
	other: n/a

Narrative Description

The Brinks House is a modest wood-frame residence of vernacular design. The house has an irregular plan, composed of a 1 1/2-story gabled mass with a 1-story shed addition along the full width of the east side. The primary entrance is offset under the main gable, a 9-light panelled wooden door and a concrete stoop access the house. Windows are predominately 1-over-1 double hung units. A large fixed cottage window is placed adjacent to the front door. Bevelled clapboard siding clads the residence. Wooden shingles cover the roof of the main portion of the house, with rolled asphalt roofing on the shed-roofed addition. The house rests on a concrete foundation.

A wooden, shed-roofed garage sits to the east of the residence. It is also clad with clapboard, and includes double, wooden doors.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1912

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1912

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Brinks House dates to the settlement period in Alberton. It is a significant example of the vernacular gable-front house form which was common during the early railroading period of Alberton's development from 1908-1917. This residential form was favored by many working class homeowners due to the minimal expense and ease of construction. Today, the Brinks House is one of the very few remaining local examples of the form retaining primary integrity of design and materials. Reflecting patterns of residential construction and typical lifeways of the period, it is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places according to Criterion C.

The first name to appear on the ownership records of this and other parcels in Alberton is John McCarthy. The Polk City Directories for Missoula reveal that McCarthy worked as a representative of the Missoula-based Jovita Land Company in 1909, and as an independent real estate agent in 1911. McCarthy evidently purchased several Alberton lots on speculation. The original owners of this home were E.P. and Ella Brinks. E.P. Brinks was employed by the Milwaukee Road as a telegraph operator. Brinks purchased the water system of the Milwaukee Land Company and the privately developed springs of W.T. Adams, combining the two systems. He later sold the system to the town of Alberton, forming the town's primary water supply.

The architectural importance of the Brinks House is highlighted by the fact that dozens of houses of this type were constructed in Alberton during the prosperous days when the community was a railroading center, and this is the only one to retain a high level of design and material integrity. The simple gable-fronted, rectangular form is typical, as are the offset entryway, double-hung windows and clapboard siding.

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County and State

9. Major Bibliographic References

Kinney, Della Interview, 1986.

See *Historic Resources of Alberton, Montana* MPD

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

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
	11	691700	5208480

Legal Location (Township, Range & Section(s)): Located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, T14N, R23W.

Verbal Boundary Description

The Brinks House occupies the E 1/2 of Lot 12, all of Lots 13-14 on Block 4 in West Alberton.

Boundary Justification

These lots have historically been associated with the Brinks House, since its construction in 1912.

11. Form Prepared By

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