

MONTANA HISTORICAL/ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY #3

HISTORIC NAME: Holy Rosary Church Rectory
ADDRESS: 220 West Main
LEGAL BOUNDARY: Story's Addition, Blk C,
Lots 5-16
OWNER'S NAME: Eldon Curtis,
Roman Catholic Bishop
Roman Catholic Diocese
OWNER ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1729
Helena, MT 59601
SPECIFIC DATE: 1912
ARCHITECT: Unknown
BUILDER: Unknown
ORIGINAL OWNER: Roman Catholic Diocese
ORIGINAL & PRESENT USE: rectory
UTM REFERENCE: 12/496900/5058160
ACREAGE: less than one
U.S.G.S. QUAD: Bozeman, 1953



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Applicable Criteria: C

Number of Contributing Properties: 1

One of the early works of Fred F. Willson - virtually the only active architect in Bozeman between 1910 and 1956, the Holy Rosary Church Rectory is derived from 19th century architectural forms. It is similar to the Gallatin County Jail (listed in the National Register 1/19/83), another public, brick building designed by Fred Willson just two years before this one. Although individually eligible for the National Register on architectural significance, this Neo-Gothic Revival style rectory is also indicative of the growing early 20th century wealth of the Catholic Church in Bozeman. The building is a significant landmark on Main Street, especially when seen next to the Holy Rosary Church - a large Gothic Revival church, which is non-contributing due to alteration.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This two-story, brick church rectory was built in the Neo-Gothic Revival style with a rectangular plan and the Gothic arched entrance marked by a small, crenelated overdoor protrusion. The facade is symmetrical and consists of a central front entrance with a small, double hung, Gothic arched window above, and two sets of one-over-one arched windows with stone keystones on each level. The windows of the front facade have Gothic window heads and stone lintels. The detailed brick design on the parapet features a corbeled blind arcade and stone coping. The axis of the roof lies perpendicular to the street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps
Fred Willson Job List

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