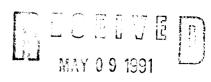
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NATIONAL REGISTER

1. Name of Property		
historic name: Cook, Wilh	our, House	
other name/site number:		
2. Location		
street & number: 3717 East	not for publication: n/a vicinity: n/a	
state: Montana code: M'	r county: Ravalli code: 081 zip code: 59870	
3. Classification		
Ownership of Property: Pri	vate	
Category of Property: Build	ings	
Number of Resources within Pr	operty:	
Contributing	Noncontributing	
	building(s)sitesstructuresobjects	
3	Total	

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Stevensville, Montana: 1866-1941.

4. Certification	
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation amended, I hereby certify that this <u>X</u> nomination <u>request for designibility meets the documentation standards for registering propert Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property <u>X</u> meets National Register Criteria.</u>	etermination of cies in the National requirements does not meet the
Signature of certifying official MT SHPO 4.9.91	
MONTANA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE State or Federal agency and 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	
	See Continuation Sheet
5. National Park Service Certification	
I, hereby certify that this property is:	Registe
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determined eligible for theNational Register	see Continuation Sheet
determined not eligible for the	
removed from the National Register	See Continuation Sheet
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other (explain):	
Signature of Keeper Date of Action	

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic/single dwelling

Current: Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials:

foundation: concrete

walls: wood

roof: asphalt shingle
other: weatherboard

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Wilbur Cook house is a one-and-one-half-story Craftsman bungalow. The side-facing gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the eaves are supported by 4" x 4" brackets. The walls are horizontally divided with wooden shingles used to the window sill level and a narrow reveal clapboard covering the upper two thirds of each wall surface. Shingles are used again above the lintels in the gable ends. The bands have been painted contrasting colors to emphasize the division.

The principal (south) facade is symmetrical and faces East Side Highway. A large, front-facing, shingle-covered, gable-roofed porch projects at the center of the facade. The porch roof is supported by two 6" x 6" corner posts. A single curved rail extends from the corner post to a half-post at each side of the porch entrance. The central entry is a twenty-one pane door, flanked by symmetrical 9-over-1, double hung windows. A 15-over-1, double-hung window is located at each side of the porch projection.

The west elevation is symmetrical with a central 1-over-1, double-hung window in the shingled gable end. A small single window is located at each side of the elevation at the upper edge of the clapboard band.

The north elevation has a large 1-over-1, double-hung window on the west side and a small 1-over-1, double-hung east of center. A porch at the east side has been enlarged and enclosed to create an addition. An entrance door and small double window are located in the west wall of the addition. A glass double door and large vertically divided window are located in the north wall of the addition.

A central 1-over-1, double-hung window is located in the gable of the east elevation. A pair of 1-over-1, double-hung windows is located on the north side. A large, modern concrete block exterior chimney has been built on the south side of the east elevation.

The Wilbur Cook house retains a high degree of historic architectural integrity. The property remained in the Cook family until the 1950s, and many of the original decorative features have been retained. The enclosure of the back porch is out of character, as the walls have no horizontal divisions, and the exterior concrete block chimney is quite incompatible. In spite of these alterations, the house retains a great deal of its original appearance.

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Outbuildings

A gable-roofed, single-bay garage is located northwest of the house. The roof is covered with shingles; the walls are sided with clapboard. The single auto door is located in the west elevation. An entrance door and small 1-over-1, double-hung window are located on the east side of the facade.

A medium-sized, wood-shingled, gambrel-roofed barn with weatherboard-sided walls, is located north of the garage. The barn has a large double loft door in the south facade above a large entrance door on the ground floor. Small single-light windows are located at each side of the door. Rows of nine small, single-light windows are located on both the east and west elevations. The barn was likely built using standardized plans, possibly provided by the Agricultural Experiment Station at Corvallis.

The outbuildings were likely built at the time of the house and contribute to the significance of the property.

8. Statement of Significance

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: ca. 1910

Significant Person(s): n/a Significant Dates: ca. 1910

Cultural Affiliation: n/a Architect/Builder: Unknown

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

The Wilbur Cook house is an excellent, representative example of a Craftsman bungalow. The multi-light windows, wide overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails, decorative roof brackets, horizontally divided walls with shingle and narrow reveal clapboard siding all identify the Craftsman influence. The house is part of a grouping of three Craftsman bungalows located at the northern outskirts of Stevensville that were part of a planned suburban development that apparently never fully materialized. The triad of Craftsman bungalow homes is significant as local representations of the national trend toward the use of this less expensive, modest housing style during the 1910s. At the time the Cook house was built in 1910, Stevensville was nearing the crest of its early 20th century burst of prosperity and population growth.

In 1903, there were rumors that the McCormick and Catlin ranches, two large properties along the north side of Stevensville, would be subdivided into five- and ten-acre lots and sold for homes and gardens. The idea of creating suburban areas with lots large enough to use for rural homes with sufficient land for pasturage and limited agricultural production was popular in many parts of the country at that time. Orchard Homes in Missoula was such a development of the same time period. This idea did not mature in Stevensville and this house and its two neighboring Craftsman bungalows are all that remain to represent this nascent suburban development.

In 1909, Wilbur M. Cook purchased this parcel of land from James M. Higgins, who had purchased a large part of the Catlin Ranch. Cook owned the property until 1950. Cook was listed as a bartender at the Stevensville Hotel in the 1906 Polk Directory. In 1909, he was identified as a farmer. By 1917, he was in the drayage business in partnership with John Emerson.

Cook appears to have made few changes in the building while he was living in it. The only major alterations are rather recent and include the construction of the large concrete block chimney on the east elevation and the porch enclosure on the north elevation. Doors and windows throughout the house all appear to be original and clearly portray the Craftsman influence.

¹Stevensville Register, January 21, 1903.

²Chain of Title.

9. References Missoula Herald, Missoula, Montana, Special Edition, January 1, 1909. Missoulian, Missoula, Montana, December 15, 1912; June 12, 1949; August 14, 1949. Polk Directory, 1906, 1909, 1917-18. Stevensville Historical Society, Montana Genesis (Missoula: Mountain Press, 1971). Stevensville Register, Stevensville, Montana, Special Edition, December 23, 1909. Western News, Hamilton, Montana, December 19, 1911. 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: X State historic preservation office Other state agency Federal agency __ Local government University Other -- Specify Repository: 10. Geographical Data Acreage of Property: Less than one acre UTM References: Zone Easting Northing 723780 5154950 11 Verbal Boundary Description: A portion of lot 1, located in NW1, NW1 of section 26 of Township 9 North, Range 20 West. approximately 210 feet west of the intersection of the highway and the Bitterroot Valley

The point of beginning is located along the northern right-of-way of the East Side Highway Railroad right-of-way. The boundary runs 180 feet to the north; 50 feet to the west; 180 feet to the south; and 50 feet to the east to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property includes the lots upon which the historic house, barn and garage are situated.

11. Form Prepared By

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City or Town: Missoula State: Montana Zip: 59801