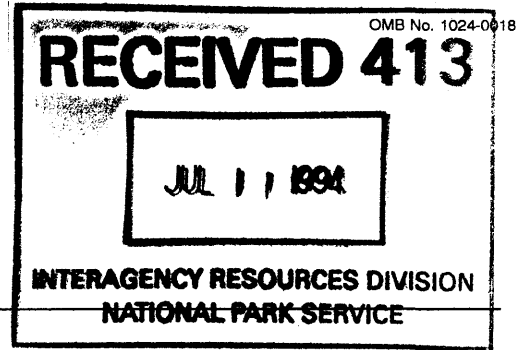


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Ferguson House

other name/site number: 24FH

2. Location

street & number: 320 Fourth Avenue West

not for publication: n/a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 Shey MTSHPO 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.

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): _____

Edson H. Beall 8-24-94
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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> 2 </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> 2 </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:
Other: four-square cottage

Materials:
foundation: stone
roof: metal
walls: wood/weatherboard
other: n/a

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Ferguson House is a representative example of 1890s railroad worker housing in Kalispell. The four-square, one-story residence has a pedimented full-width front porch and a projecting central entry under the porch. Queen Anne-style decorative details include the turned porch supports, the sun ray pattern in the porch pediment, and the decorative wood shinglework and arched window in the front gable end. The house has a metal roof, clapboard siding, and a small random native rock basement that has a dirt floor and contains the water heater. There is a rear gabled wing. The windows are one-over-one-light wooden double-hung units. The front door has sidelights and a transom. The interior of the house has been changed very little over the years. The first-floor bathroom off the kitchen was probably added after the house was built. The wood floors and the original woodwork are still in the house, although the floors have been covered with carpeting.

At the rear of the lot is a side-gabled shed with vertical board siding. This appears to have been built between 1910 and 1927, according to the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C	Areas of Significance: Architecture
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a	Period(s) of Significance: ca. 1894
Significant Person(s): n/a	Significant Dates: ca. 1894
Cultural Affiliation: n/a	Architect/Builder(s): unknown

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Four Square Cottage-style Ferguson House, built between 1891 and 1897, is an excellent example of railroad worker housing in Kalispell. It was probably built according to a pattern book design, and it possesses excellent integrity of design and materials. It is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion C, architecture.

The residence was built between 1891 and 1897, when it appears on a bird's-eye view of Kalispell. The original owner was Frederick Ferguson, who lived in the house from at least 1900 until approximately 1904, when he moved to Whitefish. Ferguson was a boilermaker for the Great Northern Railway. He was born in Chestershire, England, in 1844, his wife Esther Sales in the Channel Islands. Ferguson immigrated to Chicago and became a United States citizen in 1875. When the 1900 federal population census was taken, the Fergusons were living here with Elsie's son Herbert Ozanne. They had seven other children who were not living with them at that time. Ferguson later married Isabel Rozetn. Ferguson was a member of the Eastern Star and the Boilermakers' Union. The property was owned by Fred Ferguson until his death in 1925 (although he continued to live in Whitefish), and then by members of the Ferguson family until 1971. Fred Ferguson apparently built homes in Kalispell as investments, as the *Kalispell Bee* reported that he built two frame residences in 1900 for a cost of \$3,200.

From approximately 1905 until 1910, Captain James D. Eaton rented the home. When the 1910 census was taken, he was living here with his wife Margaret and their daughter Jennie, who was a school teacher. Eaton was born in Rochester, New York, in 1836. When he was 18 he moved to Ontario and married Margaret Ann Gordon, who was born in northern Ireland. He lived in Kentucky and served in the Civil War. Next he lived in North Dakota until 1896, when he came to the Flathead Valley. In Kalispell, he organized Company H of the Montana National Guard, which served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. During the war, he was Inspector General for the state of Montana. Eaton worked as a brickmason and sold farm implements. He was a Mason, and he died in 1920. His wife died in 1912.

In 1915, Jonathan Turner, who ran a saloon with his partner Charles Poppleton, rented the home. Then from approximately 1917 until 1925 Mrs. Ella Proud, a widow, rented the home. When the 1920 census was taken, she was living here with her son and granddaughter. She was born in Massachusetts. Landscape gardener Julius Stender and his wife Catherine occupied the home in 1930. In 1934, Lloyd and Bertha Crail were the tenants. He was a bartender at the New Stockholm Saloon. From approximately 1936 until 1938, painter William Pierce occupied the home with his wife Florence. In 1940, sheetmetalworker James Curtis and his wife Olga lived in the home.

At the rear of the lot were several outbuildings over the years, including a carriage house that was converted to a dwelling along the alley. This was gone by 1927, when two square outbuildings were along the alley. A cabin shown on the 1899, 1903 and 1910 maps was also gone by 1927.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Kalispell Bee: December 20, 1900, p. 11.

Kalispell City Directories, 1901-43.

Kalispell Journal: "Peaceful Death of Mrs. J. D. Eaton," May 30, 1912.

Kalispell Times: "Obituary," June 3, 1920; "Fred Ferguson Dies at Whitefish Home," April 23, 1925, p. 1.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Kalispell, Montana, 1899, 1903, 1910, 1927, 1956.

Thuesen, Richard (current owner), interview with Kathy McKay, June 2, 1993.

United States Population Census, Kalispell, Montana, 1900, 1910, 1920.

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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	11	699330	5342380

Verbal Boundary Description

Block 70, Lot 3, Section 18, Township 28 North, Range 21 West, Montana Principal Meridian.

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

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