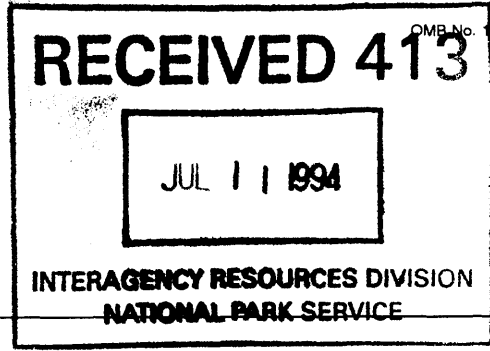


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Boyd's Shop

other name/site number: Jimmy's Welding Shop 24FH

2. Location

street & number: 227 First Street 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not for publication: n/a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.)

Mandy Sheg MTSHPD 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): _____

for
Signature of the Keeper
Edson W. 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>1</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>1</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:
INDUSTRY/manufacturing facility

Current Functions:
INDUSTRY/industrial storage

7. Description

Architectural Classification:
other: western false-front

Materials:
foundation: CONCRETE
roof: METAL
walls: METAL; WOOD/Weatherboard
other: N/A

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Boyd's Shop is a front-gabled wood frame shop building with a false front, one of the few original false fronts left in Kalispell. The building has a metal roof with shiplap siding on the front and pressed metal in a brick pattern on the sides and rear, and the foundation is a pebbly concrete. The rafter tails are exposed, and a row of windows on the east side has been covered. There is a shed-roofed addition on the west side of the building that is metal-clad (covering clapboard). The sidewalk in front of the shop still has four horseshoes stamped in the concrete flanking the sloping, grooved walkway leading to the front entrance. The front door is a sliding garage door on an outside track, and it has a person-sized door cut into it. The horseshoes have been in the concrete sidewalk since at least 1950. The roof was not originally metal; it was replaced within the past 40 years. The blacksmith and welding equipment were sold at auction after James Schmauch passed away in 1986. The bathroom towards the rear of the building was added some time after 1954; previously there had been an outhouse. The building was originally heated with a wood stove; James Schmauch added a supplementary gas blower but continued to use a wood stove.

Lettering on the east side of the building reads "P. L. Boyd - General Blacksmithing & Horseshoeing." On the west side, the lettering reads "General Blacksmithing, Welding, logging, tran[] Repair." The building has a very similar appearance to a historic photograph of a different Kalispell blacksmith shop (see attached photocopy). The building originally had a dirt floor; James Schmauch replaced it with concrete, first completing part of the floor and then doing the whole floor in concrete.

To the northwest of the building is a modern metal-clad warehouse with a shallow side-gabled roof and a large bay.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Areas of Significance: Architecture
Transportation

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: ca.1913-1943

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: ca.1913

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder(s): unknown

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Boyd's Shop was constructed between 1910 and 1915 for use as a blacksmith shop. The building is a rare example of a building style that was once common in Kalispell; one-story wood frame with a gabled roof and a false front. The building is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion C for architecture and under Criterion A for its association with the transition period in Kalispell when both horses and automobiles were in common use for transportation.

The first known tenants of the building were blacksmiths Mort Fuller and Harry Jones, listed at this address in the 1915 Kalispell City Directory. The next year, however, Mort Fuller died at the age of 33, and Harry Jones was no longer listed in the City Directory. Harry Jones died in Billings of typhoid fever in 1934 at the age of 60, reportedly from eating refuse in a city dump.

The next known occupant of the building was blacksmith Paris Logan Boyd, who was listed at 241 1st Street West in 1928 and 1930 but had moved to this building by 1934. Paris Boyd was born in 1871 at Noble, Illinois. His father died when he was 14, and he supported his family. In 1898 he married Emma Bryant in Indiana, and they came to Kalispell in 1908. The Boyds had three children. Paris Boyd passed away in 1936 at the age of 64, and the shop was then run by his son Glen Boyd under the name Boyd's Shop. Glen Boyd occupied the building until approximately 1947. He worked for a time with a partner named James Schmauch, who then bought the building and operated a one-man shop in it. From approximately 1954 until he retired in the 1980s Schmauch operated a welding shop known as Jimmy's Shop in the building. He also did some blacksmith work as well. Schmauch enjoyed restoring steam engines and antique tractors; some are still located on the site.

This site was part of Kalispell's Chinatown in the 1890s. The lot was occupied by 1892 by a steam laundry, with a Chinese laundry and dwellings on the west end of the lot. By 1894 a large laundry building had been constructed near the alley. All of the buildings on lots 7 and 8 were burned or demolished between 1903 and 1910.

The building is now vacant.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Daily Inter Lake: "Former Kalispell Blacksmith," August 11, 1934, p. 1; "Paris L. Boyd," July 16, 1936, p. 2; "J. L. 'Jim' Schmauch," August 30, 1988.

Kalispell City Directories, 1910-82.

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

Schmauch, Jeanne (current owner and widow of James Schmauch), interview with Kathy McKay, June 2, 1993.

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	699445	5341480

Verbal Boundary Description

Block 33, lots 7 & 8, East 72', Section 7, 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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