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MONTANA HISTORICAL/ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY # 34 (ADDENDUM TO BOZEMAN MRA)

HISTORIC NAME: Harris House  
ADDRESS: 502 W. Mendenhall  
LEGAL BOUNDARY: Tracy's 1st, Blk E  
Lots 47 and 48  
OWNER'S NAME: Effrosine H. Voulkos  
OWNER ADDRESS: 60 Cedro Way,  
San Francisco, CA 94701  
SPECIFIC DATE: 1904-1910  
ARCHITECT: Unknown  
BUILDER: Unknown  
ORIGINAL OWNER: J.H. Harris  
ORIGINAL USE: residence  
PRESENT USE: residence  
UTM REFERENCE: 12/496650/5058300  
ACREAGE: less than one  
U.S.G.S. QUAD: Bozeman, 1953



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Applicable Criteria: C

Number of Contributing Properties: 1

Areas of Significance: architecture

An excellent example of eclectic, turn of the century architecture in Bozeman, and the most significant residential use of pressed stone in the city, this unique house is independently eligible for the National Register due to its architectural significance. The house was built between 1904 and 1910 for James H. Harris, proprietor of J.H. Harris & Co., in a partnership with J. Henry Quade and Thomas L. Colbern. The business was advertised as "The Exclusive Shoe Store" in the 1910-11 City Directory. Harris served as the city Clerk and Recorder by 1927. By 1933, he had left Bozeman, and Mrs. Iva Lutes, the widow of Gardner Lutes, a fieldman for the Gallatin Valley Seed Co., was living here. A replacement front door is the only detriment to this otherwise very well preserved house.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This detached, one-and-one-half story, single-family, cast concrete block residence has a basically square plan with an engaged porch recessed into the front, northeastern corner and the porch features a gable overdoor and Doric column porch supports. The asymmetrical facade features one-over-one double-hung windows and fixed windows. There is a half hexagonal bay on the first story on the east elevation. The gable end of the north elevation features a triplet of one-over-one double hung windows with a small, wooden half circle above the center window which gives the impression of a Palladian window. The concrete block and frame construction has decorative wood shingles in the gable ends and sets on a concrete block foundation. The gable-hipped combination roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has an interior brick chimney. The axis of the main roof is perpendicular to the street. The house retains an extraordinarily high degree of historic architectural integrity, and, with the exception of the replacement of the original entrance door, there have been no significant modifications to the exterior.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map: 1904

Application for Sewer Connection: 502 W. Mendenhall, J.H. Harris

City Directories: 1904; 1910-11, p. 97; 1912-13, p. 92; 1916-17, p. 91; 1927, p. 72; 1933, p.89

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