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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Krug, Charles, House

**

AND/OR COMMON

Krug House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 103 North Douglas

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Glendive

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

02

STATE Montana

CODE 30

COUNTY Dawson

CODE 021

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Paul Krug; George Krug, Mrs. Irene Hanrahan, Mrs. Emma Cummins

STREET & NUMBER

103 North Douglas

CITY, TOWN Glendive

VICINITY OF

STATE Montana 59330

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Dawson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

241 West Bell Street

CITY, TOWN Glendive

STATE Montana 59330

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Landmarks of Glendive

DATE 1975-1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Dawson County Bicentennial Committee

CITY, TOWN Glendive

STATE Montana 59330

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located a short distance from the cottonwood-lined banks of the Yellowstone River, the Krug House in Glendive, Montana, stands today as a testament to the early history of Dawson County. It is a structure that was built to stand the rigors of the cold winters and hot summers of the prairie, and it was designed to express the current architectural styles popular at that time. The basic exterior materials of brick and stone have endured the climate well and are as handsome today as the year the house was completed in 1907.

Mr. Krug commissioned his new home to be constructed following a successful ranching operation in the area near Glendive. He evidently desired to move his family to the city to live in a house befitting the image of his success. Since there were no architects within several hundred miles, he engaged the services of a St. Louis firm, Herbert C. Chivers, to prepare the architectural drawings and construction specifications. Chivers responded to the challenge by designing a grand facade in the pseudo-classical style that was popular at the turn of the century and brought his own craftsmen and artisans to execute the elaborate details.

The plans call for the first floor to be raised four feet from the ground on a sandstone foundation, with windows in the foundation providing daylight to the full basement. The entrance to the two-story structure on the northeast side is classical in design, complete with a wide porch ascended by stone steps and square wood columns supporting a triangular pediment, which formed the roof over the entry. This pediment is the strongest single design element of the front elevation including medallions, column capitals, and dentils in the pattern work. Detailed designs of alabaster adorn the cornice surrounding the building. Double-hung wood windows are symmetrically spaced to provide light and ventilation to the interior rooms. Exterior front corners of the house continue the classical appearance, with projecting brick quoins. Dormer windows project from each side of the hipped roof. The slate roof is capped with galvanized-iron finials and iron rods support three tall chimneys. Overall, the house measures 53 feet by 42 feet, 3 inches.

Inside, the rooms are large with eleven foot ceilings and each room is accessible from the generous central hall. The main floor includes the parlor, sitting room, and dining room on the southeast side with an office, chamber and kitchen on the other. Two corner fireplaces, in the parlor and dining room, have glazed porcelain tile fronts. The interior throughout is decorated with quartersawn oak. Some of the original furniture remains as well.

An elaborate stairway leads to the second floor chambers (bedrooms) and also extends up to the partially finished attic where the maid and valet were housed as well as visiting ranch hands from time to time. The basement included not only a furnace room, laundry, tool room, and vegetable room, but also a wine cellar with a steel door once used in the "First National Bank of Bismarck" and a playroom with a merry-go-round for the children.

The entire house is in generally excellent condition with the handsome interior woodwork complimented by solid plaster walls. Only the heating system and electrical wiring have evidence of advancing age, and many of the wood windows are loose.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES January, 1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Herbert C. Chivers

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the early 1920's when Montana suffered the hardest times in her history, and was described in The Saturday Evening Post as "That Pain in the Northwest," only Glendive of the state's major towns had no "busted" banks. And Glendive's good fortune was in having Charles Krug as its leading citizen. Yet Krug, one of eastern Montana's first permanent settlers, most successful stockgrowers, chairman of the Dawson County Commissioners when Montana became a state, innovative businessman, and Glendive's first self-made millionaire, remains almost unknown outside of his own county.

His monument is The Krug House, completed in January, 1907 at the corner of Bell and Douglas Streets in Glendive. The glazed Hebron brick of the exterior, laid with a minimum of mortar by Michigan masons, is after 70 years as perfect as ever. The limestone pre-cut door and window sills, the slate roof, the leaded glass windows, the hardwood floors, doors, stairs and pillars, the bronze hardware, the porcelain tile fireplaces are relatively unmarred in the 25-room, three-story mansion.

Charles Krug was born November 1, 1846 in Petersburg, Ohio and moved to Michigan as a boy with his parents Conrad and Sophia Krug, both German immigrants. In 1881, he arrived in Glendive with his sister Emma, in search of a climate to arrest her severe case of asthma.

Working for the railroad, Krug immediately began to build a cattle herd on the open ranges by buying a cow or steer each payday. His herd, like thousands of others, was wiped out during the winter of 1886-1887. Discouraged but not defeated, he started all over again with sheep, developing a great ranch at Hoyt on the Yellowstone River. Eventually, he owned 34,000 acres of land, 25,000 sheep, 1000 cattle, and 700 horses. His less successful business interests included: a sawmill, a creamery, an implement company, a bee and honey business, the first oil drilling in eastern Montana (1912), the Glendive Flour Milling Company, and a hotel in downtown Seattle.

It was as a banker that Charles Krug made his greatest contribution. When the drought years, falling farm prices, and the credit squeeze after World War I forced one out of every three Montanans off their land, and banks were failing in the dryland country, he is credited with saving the Glendive banks. In 1924, he was president of the Merchants' National and a stockholder in the Scandinavian-German bank. With Harry Dion, president of the Exchange State Bank, he had made a mutual assistance pact that each would help the other with cash if there was a "run" on either one. Then he made his famous public announcement: that if necessary he would put every penny he had to keep his banks solvent and go out of Glendive as broke as he had arrived 45 years before. Since he was known as a man of his word, the confidence he engendered prevented panic "runs" on the Glendive banks. All four survived.

(see continuation sheet, item #8)

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 MacDonald, Marie. Glendive: History of a Montana Town. Glendive, Montana, 1968.
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 Division, Montana Department of Fish and Game, Helena. September, 1975. 5pp.
 (see continuation sheet, item #9)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.43 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>1, 3</u>	<u>5, 2, 1, 5, 2, 0</u>	<u>5, 2, 1, 6, 7, 5, 0</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Glendive townsite
 Block 5, Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David G. Conklin, Historical Sites Management Officer

ORGANIZATION

Recreation and Parks Division

DATE

January 20, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Montana Department of Fish and Game

TELEPHONE

(807) 499-2532

CITY OR TOWN

Helena

STATE

Montana 59601

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Ran Holiday

TITLE Montana State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE January 30, 1976

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
Acting	DATE <u>6/3/76</u>
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
ATTEST <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE <u>6.2.76</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
RBR for WJM 6-2-76	

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Statement of Significance

In 1900 at the age of 54, Krug married Mrs. F. B. (Annie) Ketcham, the divorced mother of two daughters. They had five more children and in 1906 Krug built his spacious house with the family's comfort in mind. The seven youngsters had a large playroom in the basement, with a merry-go-round. All the children in town came to the Krug house to enjoy it; at class reunions 60 years later the old-timers still talk about it.

Charles Krug's four living children still own the house. His youngest son, Paul, resides there; and George, the other living son, was one of the first airplane pilots in eastern Montana.

The Krug House is a grand expression of a by-gone age, reminding our current generation of the integrity and perseverance of Charles Krug, and of the timeless values of fine construction that are represented in this eastern Montana home.

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