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National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name: Sullivan, James J., House

other name/site number: Jacobson House

2. Location

street & number: 220 West Third Street

not for publication: n/a
vicinity: n/a

city/town: Hardin

state: Montana code: MT county: Big Horn code: 003 zip code: 59034

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Buildings

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	_____ building(s)
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>2</u>	_____ Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Hardin

4. 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. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

2-12-91
Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register See continuation sheet. **Entered in the National Register**

determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain):

Signature of Keeper Date

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic/single dwelling

Current: Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements: Craftsman

Materials: foundation: concrete
walls: weatherboard
roof: shingle

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This 1½ story residence is an excellent example of Craftsman style architecture in Hardin. The wood frame building sets on a poured concrete foundation with a gable roof and wood shingles with exposed rafter ends and simple knee brackets. There are two gabled dormers, one facing northeast, one facing southwest. Each contains two 4-over-1, double-hung sash windows, as do the majority of the windows throughout the building. The front porch sets under the main body of the roof and projects outward at the northwest corner, having a gable roof with exposed rafter ends and knee brackets. The porch is screened and has wood storm sash windows. The three exposed corners of the porch have decorative brick columns seen nowhere else in Hardin. The two chimneys, located on opposite corners, are of brick with corbelled tops. The rear porch is under the main body of the roof and has 4-over-1 wood sash windows. The basement entry at the rear of the house is covered with a gambrel roof nearly to the ground. This is the only feature of the building that does not add to its significance.

Setting on the back of the lot is an open shed/garage, the back wall being the side wall of the Burla barn on the adjoining property. This wood frame, open front shed was built by 1920, within the historic period of significance. The property is landscaped with deciduous trees and shrubs, and ornamental wooden trellises which appear to be original.

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: 1914-1920

Significant Person(s): n/a Significant Dates: 1914

Cultural Affiliation: n/a Architect/Builder: Bruer and Stanton (builders)

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

The James J. Sullivan House is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C, as an excellent example of Craftsman style residential architecture in early 20th century Hardin. The property gains significance under Criterion B through its associations with James Sullivan, a prominent businessman in early-day Hardin.

The Sullivan House is a well-preserved Craftsman style house, exemplifying many of the elements common to this popular style--substantial, square massing, projecting upper-level dormers, narrow lap siding, and low-pitched roof with exposed rafters. The ample front porch with its heavy, battered piers and horizontal window banding are also characteristic of the style.

Currently, the house retains a high degree of its integrity despite the recent incompatible basement entry addition. The building in context, with its open yard landscaped with deciduous trees and shrubs and ornamental wooden trellises, accurately conveys its historic appearance.

James J. Sullivan was encouraged to come to Hardin by Guen F. Burla, Hardin's first County Commissioner to Yellowstone County and President of the First National Bank in Hardin. In September 1913, Mr. Burla sold Sullivan the east half of his own property to build this residence. At that time, James Sullivan was the president of the Third Street Investment Company, and his wife, Anna Sager Sullivan, was the secretary-treasurer. This family-run company was responsible for arranging the funding to build the Sullivan Building in 1913, Hardin's first large business block.

The James J. Sullivan House was constructed the following year, by the contractors who erected the Sullivan Building, Bruer and Stanton of Billings. Based on these connections, it is not unlikely to suppose that the Billings architect who designed the Sullivan Building, Curtis C. Oehme, was also responsible for the design of this home.

Sullivan continued his activity in the town's business circles, although on a less influential level--serving as assistant cashier for the First National Bank, one term as manager of Big Horn County, and five years as manager of the Hardin Gas Company, after which time he relocated to Billings. In the fall of 1920, ownership of the property was passed in a sheriff's sale.

E.E. Jacobson purchased the Sullivan House as a family residence in 1932. Jacobson arrived in Hardin in 1924, and opened the new McCormick-Deering store and also carried the International line of motor trucks. Serving the agricultural community in the outlying Hardin area at a time of increasing mechanization of farming, his business grew. In 1932, he went into partnership with E.E. Smith of Sheridan, Wyoming, establishing Big Horn Implement. The house remained in the Jacobson family and estate until 1980, and is still known locally as "The Jacobson House".

The James J. Sullivan House is being nominated as an addendum to Historic Resources of Hardin.

9. References

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- Billings Gazette obituary for James J. Sullivan Sr., June 28, 1958.
- Hardin Tribune, October 13, 1913, February 27, 1914.
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- Polk, R. L. and Co. of Montana, Directory of Billings, Red Lodge and Yellowstone, Carbon, Stillwater and Big Horn Counties, (Helena and Butte: 1916, 1918).
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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
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
	13	297000	5067260

Verbal Boundary Description:

The James J. Sullivan House is located on the east half of Lots 1 & 2, Block 12, First Addition, Hardin, Montana. The property is located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 23, T1S, R33E.

Boundary Justification:

These boundaries encompass the legally recorded property which contains the buildings described in this nomination.

11. Form Prepared By

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