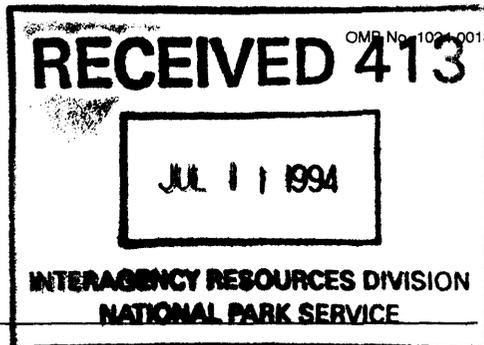


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Billsborough House

other name/site number: 24FH

2. Location

street & number: 376 6th Avenue East North

not for publication: n/a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.)

Maude Sharp MT SH PO 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): _____

her
Signature of the Keeper
Edson H. 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:
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions:
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:
Craftsman/bungalow

Materials:
foundation: CONCRETE
roof: ASPHALT
walls: WOOD: weatherboard, shingles
other: N/A

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Billsborough House is 1½-story Craftsman-style residence. The house has a roof covered with wood shingles, and the exterior wall sheathing is narrow-reveal clapboard siding with wood shingles in the second floor. The side-gabled residence has several Craftsman-style features, including large gabled front and rear dormers, the wide bracket-supported eaves, exposed rafter tails, the varied sheathing, the projecting window on the south, and the engaged porch in the southeast corner. The windows are one-over-one-light wooden double-hung units, and a diamond-shaped front window has leaded glass. There is a free-standing concrete block chimney on the north. The front door is original and has an oval glass pane. The house sits on a low concrete basement that was built in the 1940s. The interior of the house features a built-in cabinet in the dining room, a dumbwaiter in the kitchen (no longer in use), and wooden columns at the entrance to the living room. The wood work is original and unpainted, and the current owner believes it is larch. The current owners extended the living room out a short distance onto the front porch. The current heating system is a gas-burning furnace converted from oil, and the original ductwork is still in use. A stove in the living room has been added recently.

At the rear of the lot is a two-car garage with a composition shingle-covered roof, novelty siding, and two sliding doors. This garage may be the same as the one shown in the northwest corner of the lot on the 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, but this is not known for sure.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: ca.1914

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: ca.1914

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder(s): unknown

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Billsborough House was constructed between 1913 and 1915 for Benjamin and Martha Billsborough. It is a well-preserved example of a larger house in the East North part of town, built towards the end of Kalispell's peak years of residential construction. The house is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, Architecture. The side-gabled one-story residence has a number of Craftsman details, including the large gabled front and rear dormers, the wide bracket-supported eaves, the exposed rafter tails, the varied sheathing, the projecting window on the south, and the engaged porch in the southeast corner.

The property was owned by the Billsborough family from 1908 until 1940. Benjamin Billsborough died in 1917 at the age of 69, and his widow Martha continued living in the house until her death in the house in 1937. Martha Van Alstine was born in Fultonville, New York. She and her husband came to Kalispell in 1904, after having raised seven children. In 1920, according to the federal population census, Martha Billsborough was living in the house with her daughter May.

After 1937 the house was rented for a few years to meat cutter Curtis Durham and his wife Ina. In 1940, Lawrence Deist purchased the residence and lived in it with his wife Isabelle. He was the manager of the Spur Service Station, and he owned the property until 1946.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Daily Inter Lake: "Mrs. Martha Billsborough," February 17, 1937, p. 7.
Domrose, Robert (current owner), interview with Kathy McKay, June 2, 1993.
Kalispell City Directories, 1901-43.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1910, 1927, 1955.
United States Population Census, Kalispell, Montana, 1910.

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	700160	5342400

Verbal Boundary Description

Duncan's Addition, Block 7, Lot 3, Section 8, 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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Property Owner

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street & number: 376 6th Avenue East North	zip code: 59901
city or town: Kalispell state: MT	