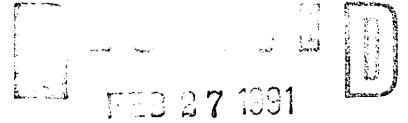


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Eder, Charles S., House

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 416 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not for publication: n/a  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>  1  </u>	<u>      </u> building(s)
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>  1  </u>	<u>      </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.

Marcella Sheff Signature of certifying official 2-12-91 Date

MT SHPO 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

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     See continuation sheet.

     determined eligible for the National Register  
     See continuation sheet.

     determined not eligible for the National Register

     removed from the National Register

     other (explain):     

for Signature of Keeper Date

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## 6. Function or Use

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Historic: Domestic/single dwelling

Current: Domestic/single dwelling

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## 7. Description

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

Materials:        foundation: concrete  
                  walls: weatherboard, shingle  
                  roof: asphalt

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This 1½ story, rectangular, Craftsman style, wood frame residence has clapboard siding with corner boards, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and exposed rafters. The house presents a side-gable facade; however, the sides of the house are longer than the front elevation and an intersecting gable covers the rear portion of the house. The gable ends have wood shingle siding and simple knee-brace brackets. Shed-roof dormers are sided with wood shingles and have the same decorative rafters and brackets. The largest dormer faces front (north) and has two pairs of 3-over-1, double-hung sash windows. The other two dormers face east and west along each side of the rear gable and have smaller 3-over-1, double-hung sash windows. A flat-roofed sun room, with 6-over-1, double-hung sash windows, projects from the east side of the house, centered on the sloping roof. A cast iron coal chute hatch is located along the east side of the sun room. A small gabled vestibule is centered on the front of the house. The vestibule has a clapboard base and vertical wood paneling on the upper portion of its walls. Like the rest of the house, the gable end of the vestibule has wood shingles. On the front elevation, a set of three windows flanks each side of the vestibule; each set consists of a wide central unit with 16-over-1, double-hung sash units and two standard width units with 6-over-1, double-hung sash windows. Windows throughout the rest of the first floor have paired 6-over-1, double-hung sash units. There are two brick chimneys with corbelled tops; one is centrally located and one is located on the west side of the house near the front. The house sets on a stucco-faced, poured concrete foundation/basement wall.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: B, C      Areas of Significance: Architecture  
Commerce

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a      Period(s) of Significance: 1914-1937

Significant Person(s): Eder, Charles S.      Significant Dates: 1914

Cultural Affiliation: n/a      Architect/Builder: Beck, Peter

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

The Charles S. Eder House is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion B, for its important associations with Charles S. Eder, one of Hardin's leading early citizens, and under Criterion C, as an excellent example of early 20th century Craftsman style residential architecture in Hardin.

One of Hardin's enterprising early businessmen, Charles S. Eder got his start as a salesman based in Billings who travelled throughout Wyoming and Montana. In 1911, four years after Hardin was founded, Eder and his brothers, Frank and William, purchased a hardware business. The business moved in 1911 to 304 North Center (the current Coast to Coast Store, a contributing property within Hardin's Commercial Historic District). C.S. Eder bought his brothers' shares of the business in 1919 and continued to operate it until 1950, four years before his death. Eder also owned the first Ford automobile dealership in Hardin, helping to promote automotive transportation in the young town.

In addition to his commercial interests, Eder was active in community organizations. He served in several civic capacities--as an alderman on the city council, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and the fire chief of the committee responsible for planting the first trees in the city park. He also was active in the religious life of the town, serving on the finance committee of the First Congregational Church of Hardin.

Shortly after marriage to Marie Elinor Beran in 1913, Eder commissioned this new family home on West Third Street. The Eder House was built by Peter Beck. Like many early builders in Hardin, he probably relied upon mail order building plans and mass produced building elements to design this home. The house provides an excellent example of Craftsman design and features many elements characteristic of the style - heavy massing, projecting shed dormers sided with wood shingling, and low to moderately pitched rooflines with wide, bracketed eaves. The projecting sun room with its banding of 6-over-1 windows and the paired fenestration rhythms elsewhere on the building lend a characteristic horizontal emphasis to the house.

Presently, the building retains a high degree of integrity, accurately reflecting the period of construction during the 1910s when Craftsman style homes came to characterize the residential neighborhoods of Hardin. The Charles S. Eder House is being nominated to the National Register as an addendum to Historic Resources of Hardin.

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**9. References**

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Hardin Tribune-Herald, Golden Anniversary Edition, 1957.  
Quivik, Frederic L., "Development of the Built Environment in the Original Townsite of Hardin, Montana," Montana State Historic Preservation Office, Helena, September 1984.  
Ibid., "Historic Resources of Hardin, Montana," National Register Nomination, Montana State Historic Preservation Office, Helena, 1984.  
Nurre, Patricia J., Montana Historical and Architectural Inventory for Eder's Hardware, 304 North Center, Big Horn County Historical Society, 1984.

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:

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References:            Zone    Easting            Northing  
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Verbal Boundary Description:

The Charles S. Eder House is located on the east half of Lot 1, Block 26, 4th Addition, Hardin, Montana. The property is located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 23, T1S, R33E.

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Boundary Justification:

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

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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City or Town: Hardin            State: Montana    Zip: 59034