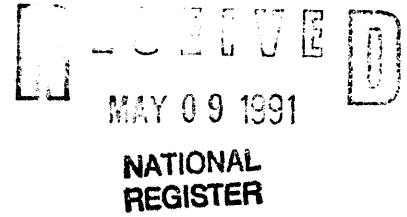


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Emhoff House

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 401 Church

not for publication: n/a

city/town: Stevensville

vicinity: n/a

state: Montana code: MT county: Ravalli code: 081 zip code: 59870

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

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 Stevensville, Montana: 1866-1941.

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.

Maudie Shep MT SHPO 4-9-91  
Signature of certifying official Date

MONTANA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
State or Federal agency and 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

\_\_\_ See Continuation Sheet

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the  
National Register

entered in the National Register William Egan 6/19/91

\_\_\_ See Continuation Sheet

\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ See Continuation Sheet

\_\_\_ removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ See Continuation Sheet

\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

for \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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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: Other: Vernacular/Gabled-Ell

Materials:        foundation: stone  
                  walls: wood  
                  roof: wood shingles  
                  other: weatherboard

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This 2-story, T-shaped residence with intersecting gable roofs is an excellent example of the gabled-ell vernacular form. A one-story wing extends south from the main gable. The structure sets on a rubble stone foundation. The roof is covered with wooden shingles. The siding is clapboard and is finished with a wooden water table, corner boards, and frieze. Each gable end is decorated with spindle and scrollwork barge board.

The main entrance is located on the east facade facing Church Street. The hipped roof porch, set in the ell, wraps around the northeast corner of the house. The porch roof is supported by turned posts with decorative brackets and spindles along the frieze. A simple stick balustrade extends between support posts.

Windows throughout the house are 2-over-2 double-hung wooden units set in a regular order, either singly or in pairs. A cottage window composed of a single pane with decorative leaded glass transom is centered on the first floor of the north elevation.

The only alterations to the building are those made by Emhoff in 1904. The outbuildings shown on the 1909 and 1927 Sanborn maps no longer exist. The outbuilding which sits at the rear of the lot was built after 1927, but likely within the historic period.

### Outbuilding

The garage is a one-story, tri-gabled structure with hinged double doors on the east gabled end facing Church Street. A square, 4-pane window and two paneled doors provide light and access to the north wing. A third door is centered on the north elevation of the main gable end. A rectangular, vertical, 1-over-1 window is centered in the wall of the north wing. The west elevation is entirely void of windows. The south elevation has only one rectangular, horizontal 3-over-3 light window. The garage was likely built during the 1930s and is considered to be a contributing element of the property.

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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: C	Areas of Significance: Architecture
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a	Period(s) of Significance: ca.1902-1904, 1930
Significant Person(s): n/a	Significant Dates: ca.1902, ca.1904, ca.1930
Cultural Affiliation: n/a	Architect/Builder: Godfried, W. E. (1904 addition)

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

The Emhoff residence is an architecturally significant example of the gabled-ell vernacular form, that exhibits ornamentation of the transitional phase of Queen Anne/Classical Revival styling at the turn of the century. This type of house was commonly built in rural settings, and its appearance within the agricultural community of Stevensville makes a very positive contribution to the streetscape. The house remains virtually unchanged since its 1904 remodelling and stands in its original location on the southwest corner of Church and 4th Streets. The use of simple ornamentation drawn from both the delicate late Queen Anne and rational Classical Revival solidly grounds this residence to its period of construction.

This residence is associated with the Emhoff family, and in particular John C. Emhoff, who was well known to Stevensville as the proprietor of the Stevensville stage and transport company. Emhoff purchased the company from L.J. Campbell in October, 1907. At that time, it was the only transport outfit which operated between the railroad depot (almost two miles northwest of Stevensville) and the central business district. In the operation of his transport business, Emhoff fulfilled a vitally important aspect of the community's early transportation needs.

John Emhoff purchased the property on which this residence is situated from D.L. Cannon and Albert May in 1901. He constructed a single story residence large enough for his wife and his twin daughters, Elizabeth and Lora. In the spring of 1904, Emhoff hired W.E. Godfried to enlarge the house, perhaps because the Emhoffs were expecting their third child. Godfried added a second story to the main east-facing gabled portion and a 16' x 18', two-story addition to the north side of the house.<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth Emhoff Saltz acquired the property after the death of her parents. After Elizabeth's death, her husband, Lawrence W., sold the property to Lars Golder. It is currently owned by Donald Golder.

In 1910, Emhoff moved a frame structure from his Main Street property to his Church Street property.<sup>2</sup> However, this building has since been removed, and is not the outbuilding (garage) which currently sets a the rear of the lots.

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<sup>1</sup> Stevensville Register, April 20, 1904; May 25, 1904.

<sup>2</sup> Stevensville Register, August 4, 1910.

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## 9. References

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Missoulian, Missoula, Montana, December 15, 1912; June 12, 1949; August 14, 1949.  
Stevensville Historical Society, Montana Genesis (Missoula: Mountain Press, 1971).  
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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:

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
	11	723100	5154400

Verbal Boundary Description:

Stevensville Townsite, Dobbins Addition, Block 3, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property includes the lots upon which the historic building is situated.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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