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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Lewis House

other name/site number: Stone building #296

2. Location

street & number: 702 W. Boulevard

not for publication: n/a

vicinity: n/a

city/town: Lewistown

state: Montana

code: MT

county: Fergus

code: 027

zip code: 59457

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.)

Munell Shufy SHPO 12-11-93
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): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Patrick Andrews

Date of Action

1/27/93

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property	Contributing	Noncontributing
	<u> 2 </u>	<u> </u> building(s)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
	<u> 2 </u>	<u> </u> Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Stone Buildings in Lewistown, Montana and Vicinity

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:	Current Functions:
Domestic/single dwelling	Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements/Prairie School	Materials: foundation: stone walls: stone roof: asphalt other:
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Narrative Description

The central mass of this two-story Prairie style residence is a cube in form, with the exception of a re-entrant corner at the right front corner. The walls are of uncoursed cut stone construction with raised mortar joints to give the appearance of random ashlar. A nearly full-width, one-story stone projection extends from the back of the house that is long enough to accommodate individual rooms. It is connected to a wood frame, one-story, gable-roofed garage that is located along the alley. The building originally provided living quarters for a servant. The garage contributes to the property's historical significance. A veranda extends across the front or entry elevation of the house and returns along the northeast elevation of the central mass until it intersects the re-entrant corner noted above. The porch cap is composed of poured concrete. The re-entrant corner is built in above the veranda with wood frame construction to house and enclose a sunroom or balcony space. The roof is essentially pyramidal, covered with composition shingles, and has a hipped dormer centered on the front of the house. The veranda and one-story extension are also hip-roofed; all fascias are narrow and plumb, and all soffits are boxed with bead pattern boards.

Exterior walls are squared sandstone with pitched faces. The back wall is of smaller scale stones and has the appearance of coursed rubble. Mortar joints are smeared on this residence (extensively on the back side), which gives a rubble stone appearance. Lintels and sills are composed of sandstone. Windows are placed symmetrically in the elevations with wood double-hung windows evident for bed and bathrooms. Large fixed panes with an upper horizontal fixed transom light can be seen in the second story middle window and in the living and dining rooms below. The veranda on the entry side is composed of three bays with the left bay open to serve the left-of-center entrance beyond; other bays have a stone balcony

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Lewis House/Stone Buildings of Lewistown MPD

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height railing. Notable are the massive wood columns that support the veranda and define the bays. They are square, tapered, and grouped in pairs at each support point. Prairie style wood trim, suggestive of abstract Corinthian columns, adorns each face of the column capitals. Two stone chimneys extend through the roof plane along the east side of the house. A third brick chimney extends up from the center of the one-story projection.

A garage is found near the rear of the building. This structure sits upon a partial stone-partial poured concrete foundation. Clapboard siding with corner boards covers the garage. Composition roofing covers the gabled structure and the corner entrance is covered by a shed roof. The garage also houses 2-over-2 double hung windows and large wooden, swinging double doors.

The interior of the Lewis House retains its original layout and decor. The entry foyer is still graced by a Lincrusta wainscot, and wood trim has been neither repainted or stripped. Notable on the interior are the original light fixtures in the foyer, the living room and the dining area. They are cross arm brass pendants with delicate opalescent glass shades.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C	Areas of Significance: Architecture
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a	Period(s) of Significance: 1902
Significant Person(s): n/a	Significant Dates: 1902
Cultural Affiliation: n/a	Architect/Builder: Peter Tus, builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Lewis House is significant because it is one of few remaining examples of early sandstone residential construction in Lewistown for which documentation exists to attribute its construction to the highly skilled Croatian masons who worked in the area. Peter Tuss, the lead mason on this project, immigrated to the United States in 1890 and was one of the most important builders and general contractors in the community during the first two decades of the 20th century. Although the designer of this residence is not known, it stands today as a well-preserved, very early example of a highly popular cubic building form and simplified Prairie School styling in Lewistown. Local availability of sandstone as well as the stone building traditions imported by the earliest settlers provided a natural solution to the housing needs created by a burgeoning population in the days prior to improved transportation. The Lewis House maintains historic integrity of design, location, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. A second floor balcony has been enclosed, but this is an alteration that is easily reversible. The exterior stone construction is unaltered, except for minor repointing.

The house was built originally for John L. and Georgana Bright in about 1902. Liens against the property by Anthony Weingart, Peter Tus (stone mason), Donald Davidson (painter), and William M. Roberts (carpenter) were released when the property was deeded to Rufus B. Thompson in 1905. Originally the Bright property included a stone barn (site #297), of which the Brights retained ownership. John L. Bright was president and treasurer of Citizen's Electric Company, which in 1903 was building the stone mill house (site #310) for the purpose of generating electricity for Lewistown. Rufus B. Thompson was president of Empire Bank and Trust Company. Ownership of the residence has remained with members of the Thompson family for 82 years.

A frame residence attached to the rear of the house, according to interviews with the current owners, provided quarters for a black caretaker who had been a freed slave. He had no assigned surname, and adopted the name "Freeman."

9. Major Bibliographic References

Lewis, M. Helen, Interview and Abstract Reading, 3/10/87, with Jeff Shelden.
Lewis, Bernard, Interview, 3/11/87, with Jeff Shelden.
Polk City Directories for Lewistown, Montana, 1904, 1906, 1910, 1911, 1915
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1894, 1901, 1908
Sievert, Ken and Ellen, "Historical and Architectural Survey of Sandstone Resources of Lewistown, Montana," unpublished manuscript, March 31, 1987. Available at State Historic Preservation Office.
U.S. Twelfth and Thirteenth Census, 1900 and 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
 University
 Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References:

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	12	619060	5213300

Verbal Boundary Description

This property is located in the Stafford Original Addition, Block 1, NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 11, all of lot 12, in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T15N, R18E, City of Lewistown, Montana.

Boundary Justification

This property is part of a discontinuous multiple property nomination. This specific parcel includes only the city lots upon which the building is located.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Jeff Shelden, Lewistown Historic Preservation Officer/edited by Kim Currie, SHPO Intern
organization: Lewistown Historic Preservation Office **date:** 2/23/89, Rev. 5/29/91
street & number: Box 626 **telephone:** 406/538-2201
city or town: Lewistown **state:** MT **zip code:** 59457

Property Owner

name/title: Helen Lewis
street & number: Box 1094 **telephone:** 538-3983
city or town: Lewistown **state:** MT **zip code:** 59457

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Stone Buildings in Lewistown MPS Fergus County, MONTANA

	Substantive Review	Date Listed
COVER		1/27/93
1. Anderson House		1/27/93
2. Big Springs Stone Quarry Historic District	DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review	1/27/93
3. Bright House		1/27/93
4. Hopkins Brothers Grocery Warehouse	DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review	Ret.
5. House at 324 W. Corcoran		1/27/93
6. House at 805 W. Watson		1/27/93
7. House at 809 W. Watson		1/27/93
8. House at 813 W. Watson		1/27/93
9. <u>Lewis House</u>	Substantive Review	1/27/93
10. Lewistown Airport Hangar	DOE/OWNER OBJECTION Substantive Review	1/27/93
11. Mill House		1/27/93
12. Schroeder Hospital		1/27/93



Site No 296 - Lewis Horse

702 W. BLVD.

Fergus County, Lewistown, MT

Aug., 1991

Photo: JEFF SHELDON

Neq.: MT SHPD

View: South and West Elevations



Site No. 296 - Lewis House
702 W. BIRD.

Fergus County, Lewistown, MT

Aug., 1991

Photo: JEFF SHELDON

Neg: MT SHPO

VIEW: EAST & (~~North~~) ELEVATIONS

~~South~~

North

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500347

National Register of Historic Places

Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2014

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bright--Thompson--Lewis House

MULTIPLE NAME: Stone Buildings in Lewistown MPS

STATE & COUNTY: MONTANA, Fergus

DATE RECEIVED: 9/26/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/12/14
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001765

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 11-5-14 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 11-5-14

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.



1. Name of Property

Historic name: Bright-Thompson-Lewis House
Other names/site number: Lewis House/24FR0788/NR Reference # 92001765
Name of related multiple property listing:
Stone Buildings in Lewistown, Montana and Vicinity
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 702 W. Boulevard
City or town: Lewistown State: MT County: Fergus
Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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 at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide x local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

x A ___ B x C ___ D

<u>Mark F. Zaunher / SHPO</u>	<u>9/23/2014</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
<u>MONTANA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE</u>	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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Bright-Thompson-Lewis House
----- Name of Property
Fergus County, MT
----- County and State
Stone Buildings in Lewistown, Montana and Vicinity
----- Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

The Lewis House in Lewistown, Montana was listed in the National Register on January 27, 1993 (NR# 92001765) as part of the larger *Stone Buildings in Lewistown, Montana and Vicinity* Multiple Property Document. The house was constructed for Citizens' Electric Company president John L. Bright in 1902. In 1905, Rufus B. Thompson, a prominent sheep rancher, Fergus County legislator, and president of the Empire Bank and Trust Company, acquired the deed. Thompson, his wife Immergene, and their five children used the residence as an "in-town" home. An addition at the back housed the Thompsons' caretaker, Bill Freeman, the son of freed slaves, whose family adopted the name "Freeman" after the Civil War. Thompson's passing in 1914 was mourned by the entire community; ownership of the property, however, remained in the Thompson family, passing to relatives Ronald and Helen Lewis in the 1940s. From 1943 to 1948, the residence served as the Church of Christ. Since 1948, it has been home to members of the Lewis family. This addendum to the Lewis House nomination changes the name of the property from "Lewis House" to the "Bright-Thompson-Lewis House" to fully reflect the historic associations of the property. No other changes occur to the existing National Register documentation.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

National Register of Historic Places
Memo to File

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Lewis House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Stone Buildings in Lewistown MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MONTANA, Fergus

DATE RECEIVED: 12/14/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/29/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/14/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/28/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001765

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 1/27/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Lewis House is a fine local example of early 20th century stone construction in Lewistown. A substantial residence, the house reflects the impressive skills of the region's Croatian masons who were responsible for most of the local stonework designs. The property meets the registration requirements of the MPS cover document & is eligible under criterion C.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER PAUL R. LUSIGNAN
DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN
DATE 1/25/93

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 applicable criteria
 justification of areas checked
 relating significance to the resource
 context
 relationship of integrity to significance
 justification of exception
 other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____

NOTICE TO OWNERS

Before a property may be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the owner or owners must be given an opportunity to concur in or object to the nomination in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36CFR60. Owners are asked to sign the attached form and return it to the State Historic Preservation Office within 30 days. If the State Historic Preservation Review Board approves the nomination and the property owner(s) have not gone on record objecting to National Register listing, the nomination then may be submitted to Washington, D.C. for official National Register designation.

In the case of a proposed **historic district**, support for a nomination is sought from **all** property owners, including the owners of non-historic buildings within the district boundaries. If more than 50% of property owners object to the nomination, the district will not be listed in the National Register.

If a majority of property owners object to nomination, the State Historic Preservation Officer may choose to submit such nominations to the Keeper of the Register for a formal determination of whether the property or district meets the criteria for Register listing. In these cases, the property or district will not be officially included in the Register until such time as the majority of property owners declare their support for the listing of their properties in writing to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing may submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a **notarized** statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property and objects to the listing.

**OWNER CONCURRENCE OR OBJECTION
TO NATIONAL REGISTER LISTING**

This is to confirm that I have received information on the National Register of Historic Places and am aware of the effects of National Register listing. (See enclosed NRHP brochure and "National Register Facts.")

I recognize that under the National Historic Preservation Act and the Montana State Antiquities Act, I may concur in or object to the listing of my property in the Register. I understand that any objection to listing must be notarized.

The property name and address of my property is: **Lewis House, 702 W. Boulevard, Lewistown.**

I **concur** in the nomination of my property to the National Register of Historic Places.

M. Helen Lewis 9-9-92
Owner's Name (printed) Date

M. Helen Lewis
Owner's Signature Co-Owner's Signature (if applicable)

Address (if different than above) City State Zip

I **object** to the nomination and request that my property not be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Owner's Name (printed) Date

Owner's Signature Co-Owner's Signature (if applicable)

Address (if different than above) City State Zip

Alta Mae Pallett
Notary Signature

NOTARY SEAL

*Alta Mae Pallett
Notary Public, State of Montana
Residing in Lewistown
My commission expires June 20, 1992*



State Historic Preservation Office Montana Historical Society

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January 27, 1993

Paul Lusignan
National Register of Historic Places
United States Department of the Interior
P.O. Box 37127
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

Dear Paul,

In reference to a recent multiple properties nomination submission--Stone Buildings of Lewistown--the owner of the Lewis House, Helen Lewis, did concur in the nomination of her property. We made the mistake of stating, in our cover letter to Carol Shull, that she objected to the nomination. This was a mistake. Therefore, we would like to request that the Lewis House be placed on the National Register. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Marcella Sherfy
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures



September 23, 2014

Carol Shull, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1201 Eye St. NW
8th Floor (MS 2280)
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull,

Per communications with Paul Lusignan on September 22, 2014, please find enclosed a National Register nomination addendum consisting of page 1 of the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form and an associated Continuation Sheet. The addendum changes the name of the National Register-listed *Lewis House* (NR# 92001765) in Lewistown, Montana to the *Bright-Thompson-Lewis House* to fully reflect the historic associations of the house. The house is listed as part of the *Stone Buildings in Lewistown and Vicinity* Multiple Property Document.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Boughton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Boughton
National Register Coordinator
Montana State Historic Preservation Office
Montana Historical Society
1410 8th Avenue
Helena, MT 59620

Enclosure

Old Name

ACTION: NATIONAL REGISTER INFORMATION SYSTEM
Id 92001765 LI 01/27/1993 MT Fergus Lewis House
01 More

Name Lewis House
Address 702 W. Boulevard
City Lewistown Vicinity Restrict
State MONTANA County Fergus
Status LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER Date 01/27/1993
Day45 Resource Type BUILDING Acreage 0.9
Multiple Stone Buildings in Lewistown MPS
Contributing bldg 2 Site 0 Strc 0 Obj 0 Total 2
Noncontributing bldg 0 Site 0 Strc 0 Obj 0 Total 0
Park