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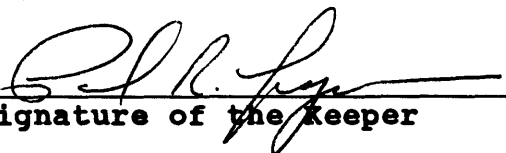
Johnson-Lee House
Property Name

Flathead
County

MT
State

Kalispell MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

8/24/94
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Significance:

This is to clarify that the property is being nominated under both Criteria A and C, in the areas of Community Planning & Development and Architecture, respectively.

This information was confirmed with Chere Jiusto of the MT SHPO.

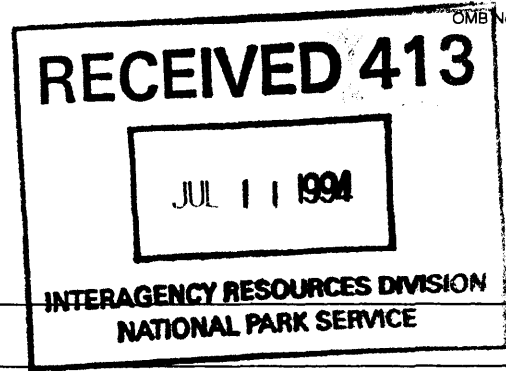
DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Johnson/Lee House

other name/site number: 24FH

2. Location

street & number: 651 2nd Avenue West 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not for publication: n/a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 Long MT SHPO 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): _____

Paul R. Long
Signature of the Keeper

8/24/94
Date of Action

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: clapboard
other: N/A

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Johnson/Lee House, built ca. 1913, is a one-story wood frame residence with Craftsman-style details including the wide bracket-supported eaves, the full-width hipped front porch supported by groups of four columns on piers sided with wood shingles, and the gabled dormers on the north and south. The roof is covered with composition shingles, and the exterior walls are sheathed in narrow-reveal clapboard. There are wood shingles in the gable ends and the dormers and below the first-floor window sills. The windows are one-over-one-light wooden double-hung units. The house sits on a full concrete basement. The kitchen and bathrooms have been remodeled. The coal-burning furnace has been converted to oil. Interior features include a plate rail in the dining room, the original stairway bannister, and a diamond-shaped window in the entry.

At the rear of the lot is a one-car garage with a composition shingle-covered gabled roof and wood shingle siding. It sits on a concrete foundation. This may be the same garage shown 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.1913-1943

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: ca.1913

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder(s): unknown

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Johnson/Lee House was one of the first residences to be built in the northwest section of Kalispell, and it has excellent physical historic architectural integrity. The large one-story home with Craftsman details qualifies for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, for its significance as one of the earliest residences in the West North section of Kalispell, and Criterion C because it is an excellent example of a carpenter-built, working-class residence.

The modest Craftsman-style house exhibits the simplified plan and distinctive stylistic detailing of its historic period. The use of wooden shingles for exterior wall sheathing below the sill level and on the gable ends and dormers with narrow-reveal clapboard between the sill line and eaves was an inexpensive way to add textural interest and enhance the horizontal aspect of the 1½-story house. Wide roof overhangs with knee brackets and the hipped-roof front porch supported by grouped square columns on wooden piers add to the stylistic identity of the residence. The house remains in an excellent state of preservation.

The original owner of the house was Erick J. Johnson, who owned the property from 1911 until 1929. During the early years, his address was sometimes listed as "end of 2nd Avenue West North," emphasizing that this house was on the outskirts of town when it was constructed. Johnson is first listed at this address in the 1913 Kalispell City Directory. Since he is listed as a carpenter it is possible that he built the house for himself. He did carpentry work, and soon he began working for the Lew Switzer Furniture Store. Johnson died in 1934 at the age of 74.

From 1929 until 1953, Bennie Lee lived in the house with his family. Lee died in 1953 at the age of 62. The house remained in the Lee family until 1961. Bennie Lee's widow Eleanor continued living in the house; she did clothing alterations at a shop in town.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Berry, Dorothy (neighbor), interview with Kathy McKay, June 2, 1993.
Kalispell City Directories, 1901-43.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Kalispell, Montana, 1927, 1956.
Schara, Kathy (current owner), interview with Kathy McKay, June 2, 1993.

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	699250	5342420

Verbal Boundary Description

Addition 6, Block 235, Lot 6, Section 7, 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

name/title: Kathy McKay, Historian	date: May 1993
street & number: 491 Eckelberry Dr.	telephone: (406) 892-1538
city or town: Columbia Falls	state: Montana zip code: 59912

Property Owner

name: Dan G. and Kathy S. Schara
street & number: 651 2nd Avenue West North
city or town: Kalispell state: MT zip code: 59901