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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Bader/Jaquette and Westwang Houses and Rental Property

other name/site number: 24FH

2. Location

street & number: 46 5th Avenue West, 36 5th Avenue

not for publication: n/a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 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 meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mauro Shep 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

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determined eligible for the

National Register

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determined not eligible for the

National Register

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removed from the National Register

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other (explain): _____

for
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> 3 </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> 3 </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/institutional housing
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:
Queen Anne

Materials:
foundation: STONE
roof: SYNTHETICS: Fiberglass
walls: WOOD: Weatherboard, Shingle, Asbestos
other: N/A

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The two-story Bader/Jaquette House has typical Queen Anne features including the hipped roof with lower cross gable, the pent roof enclosing the front gable, the recessed second-floor porch, the full front porch, the two-story cutaway bay windows on the front gable, the stained glass and leaded glass windows, the pediment at the entry, the two-story bay window on the south, and the varied siding (wood shingles on the second floor and clapboard on the first floor). The front door has sidelights and a transom. The second-floor porch has slightly curved arches very similar to those on the house Bader constructed next door at 36 5th Avenue West. The house has a recessed porch on the southwest and a lower rear wing. The foundation is coursed native rock, a blue-gray argillite probably from a quarry southwest of Kalispell. The basic plan has remained the same since it was built, except that a porch on the south side of the rear wing was enclosed between 1903 and 1910. The front porch supports are fluted square columns. Original interior details include egg-and-dart trim, wood floors, and the stair banister and newel posts. A room off the kitchen has been converted to a bathroom. In 1992 the residence was remodeled. Work at that time included enclosing four windows with beveled glass in insulated glass fixed pane units, replacing the front door, replacing the remaining windows with retrofit units of similar configuration, and installing a fiberglass shingle roof.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C	Areas of Significance: Architecture
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a	Period(s) of Significance: 1895-1903
Significant Person(s): n/a	Significant Dates: 1903
Cultural Affiliation: n/a	Architect/Builder(s): Bader, Elmer (builder)

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1903 Bader/Jaquette House qualifies for listing on the National Register of Historic Places because it is an excellent example of a Queen Anne residence with stylistic details favored by its builder, Kalispell carpenter and lumber retailer Elmer Bader. One of relatively few two-story houses on Kalispell's west side, the house has a hipped roof with lower cross gable, cutaway bay windows, and stained glass and leaded glass windows. Stylistic details favored by Bader in his home construction included the recessed second-floor porch, the slightly curved porch arches, and the fluted square porch supports. Bader built the three residences on this corner. The 1895 Westwang House to the north (36 5th Avenue West) is similar in massing and design to the Bader/Jaquette House and contributes to the significance of the latter. The 1894-97 residence to the west also contributes to the significance of the Bader/Jaquette House. It is a simple Queen Anne residence and has long been a rental property associated with the larger house. Until 1953, the other ten lots on this city block were occupied by the Kalispell Malting & Brewing Company complex and a house belonging to brewery managers.

Elmer Bader was born in 1868 in Wisconsin (his father was a Wisconsin pioneer). He came to Kalispell in 1891 and worked as a carpenter. He married his Canadian wife Frances in 1897, and in 1900 they had one daughter, Phebe. In 1899 Bader entered the lumber business, selling windows, doors, moldings, building papers, lath, shingles and lumber. His office and lumber yard were originally located at the corner of 5th Avenue West and 1st Street, the site of the Bader/Jaquette House. Bader built quite a few buildings for Kalispell residents, including many dwellings. In 1901 he sold a half interest in the business to M. W. Dupuis of Illinois and offered a more extensive line of building materials to the public. By 1903 the Bader lumber yard had moved to 2nd Avenue East between 1st and Railroad Streets. Soon Bader had branch lumber yards in Havre and Whitefish, and a local newspaper mentioned that he employed only union help. In 1905 Bader sold his lumber to the O'Neil Lumber and Kalispell Lumber companies and moved with his family to Eureka. There, he built a mill to manufacture lumber and sell wholesale. The Bader Lumber Company merged into the Eureka Lumber Company in 1906. Bader also invested in real estate around the Pacific Northwest.

Bader purchased the two corner lots in 1895 for \$1,000. He built his two other residences on these lots in the 1890s. 521 1st Street West was built between 1894 and 1899, and 36 5th Avenue West was built in 1895. In 1900, the Baders were living in the smaller house, 521 1st Street West, and renting out 36 5th Avenue West. In 1903, the *Flathead Herald-Journal* commented that Elmer Bader was building a "large and handsome house on Fifth avenue west, and when it is completed he will have a house that anyone might be proud of." That house, 46 5th Avenue West, was ready for occupancy by July, as in that month Frances Bader placed an advertisement seeking a "steady girl for general housework" to work at this address. Bader continued to rent out the other two houses he had built on this corner. He and his family lived here until 1905, when they moved to Eureka.

In 1906, Bader sold the two houses on this lot to Walter and Luella Jaquette, and the property remained in the Jaquette family until 1955. The Jaquettes did not live here until 1931, when Walter Jaquette retired from farming and moved to Kalispell, living at 46 5th Avenue West. He lived in the Bader/Jaquette House until 1955, when he moved in with his daughter at 242 4th Avenue West.

Walter Jaquette was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1863. In 1886 he spent a summer in California, coming to Montana in 1887. First he prospected with his brother in Sheridan, then he came to the Flathead Valley in December, after "hearing how the Butte miners were going up into the Flathead and taking up rich farm lands." He had a homestead

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three miles northwest of Kalispell (in the Spring Creek area) and eventually owned 240 acres. He also engaged in the buying and selling of real estate for investment purposes. Jaquette married Luella Belle Patton of Pennsylvania (she did not know him until coming out to the Flathead Valley to marry him, as arranged by a Kalispell family who knew both parties). Both Walter and Luella were teachers for a few years. The Jaquettes had eight children, but Mrs. Jaquette died after the eighth child was born in 1908. Their oldest daughter Dorothy cared for the household for some time, and then Mrs. Jaquette's sister Mary Patton came to manage the household, allowing Dorothy to stay in Kalispell and finish high school. Walter Jaquette later married Mary Patton. Mr. Jaquette was a member of the Brother of American Yeomen, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Elks. He died in 1958 at the age of 94.

46 5th Avenue West was rented out over the years to a variety of people, several of them well-known Kalispell residents. In 1903, Great Northern Railway machinist James Watson rented rooms in the house. In 1907 George B. McCrea is listed at this address in the Kalispell City Directory. He came to the Flathead with his family (including six children) in 1906 and was superintendent and later secretary of the Northwestern Lumber Company. He died in 1913 at the age of 58.

In 1909 and 1910 John C. Alexander lived here with his family and with a boarder, John Pringle, who worked at his livery. John Alexander was born July 4, 1860, in Momence, Illinois, and he attended Valparaiso University. He married Melinda Ann Fosket, who had been born in Forest City, Illinois, in 1881. Mr. Alexander was an auctioneer, and he also at various times was involved in real estate and loans, operated a livery feed and sale stable, and ran a taxi livery. The Alexanders had nine children. Before coming to the Flathead, they lived in Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming. They moved to the Flathead in 1902 hoping, in Mrs. Alexander's words, that it would "prove to be the ideal place for home-building described in our farm paper." The Alexanders lived in Kalispell for many years, moving by 1911 to their house at 112 5th Avenue West. When Mrs. Alexander died in 1918, the *Kalispell Bee* called her a "writer of more than usual force and a speaker of exceptional ability." It continued, "Her literary life was devoted to the championing the cause of the weak, and she always stood for the right, no matter what the sacrifice." John Alexander was "keenly interested in politics and stood fearlessly by his convictions." He married Elizabeth Clifford of Kalispell in 1920, and he lived in Kalispell until his death in 1934 at the age of 73.

The next known occupant of the house was Bradley McAllester, who is listed at this address in the 1911 Kalispell City Directory. McAllester had come to the Flathead from Minnesota in 1909 to work for the Farmers Protective Association as a grain buyer and then manager of the implement department. When that organization was taken over in 1915 by Equity Supply, McAllester was made secretary-treasurer and general manager, a position he held until his death. McAllester also served as secretary-treasurer of the Flathead Farmer's Mutual Insurance company and as a member of the board of the North Pacific Grain Growers Association. He was active in civic affairs and a leader in the Presbyterian Church. He was affiliated with the Masons, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Modern Woodmen and the Yeomen. McAllester took his own life in 1933 at the age of 55. Because of "his widespread acquaintance and the esteem in which he was held, the attendance at his funeral was one of the largest ever in Kalispell."

Later tenants, according to the Kalispell City Directories, included Ambrose C. DeLange, an engineer (ca. 1925-28), Mrs. Isabel Johnson (ca. 1930), and salesman Carl R. Smith (ca. 1934). By 1936, owner Walter Jaquette had moved to town and was living here.

The house to the west, 521 1st Street West, was built by Elmer Bader between 1894 and 1899, and Bader apparently lived in it until he built 46 5th Avenue West in 1903. The house was a rental property after that for several decades. As mentioned above, in 1906 Bader sold this property to Luella and Walter Jaquette. This lot (with the two houses) remained in the Jaquette family until 1955.

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The first known tenant of 521 1st Street West was Isaac Busey, who is listed at this address in the 1904 Kalispell City Directory. He and his family soon moved across the street to 106 5th Avenue West, and he died in 1907 at the age of 63. Dr. Adelbert Howe rented the house in 1907. By 1911 he had moved to the house across the street, 106 5th Avenue West, where he lived for many years. Dr. Howe was born in Iowa in 1876, attended Oskaloosa College, and graduated from the American College of Ophthalmology in Chicago in 1899. He came to Kalispell in 1902 and had a practice for many years as an ophthalmologist. In 1906 Dr. Howe married Nellie Busey, the daughter of Isaac and Nellie Busey. His civic activities included helping to get the YMCA, Kalispell General Hospital and the Central Christian Church built. He also owned the *Daily Inter Lake* for a number of years and was president of the Kalispell Drug Company (in which his wife was also involved). He was active in Republican party politics and was a member of the Kalispell Club and the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Howe left Kalispell in approximately 1927 and was located in Plentywood, Montana, for about five years. He died in 1946.

The next known occupant was John H. Montgomery, who lived here c. 1909-10. Montgomery, originally from Iowa, was the president of the Kalispell Pressed Brick Company located by the railroad tracks at the western edge of town. He had bought the business with partners in 1900. According to the 1910 federal census, he lived here with his wife Alice, a Christian Science practitioner, and their two children.

When the 1920 federal census was taken, the tenants of this house were Henry Sievers, his wife Laura, and their two daughters. Sievers and a partner ran the Fix-It automobile repair shop (although he later became a carpenter/contractor). They lived at this house until c. 1922.

Other pre-World War II tenants of 521 1st Avenue West included Earl and Lena Coram (c. 1930), lumberman John B. Pound (c. 1934), Joseph, Allen, Ethel and Pearl Foss (c. 1938), and millwright Edward Kienas and his wife Alice (c. 1940).

36 5th Avenue West was built beginning in November of 1895 by Elmer Bader. Bader owned the property until 1906, when he sold the house to Lewis A. Cox. In 1900 Bader rented out the house to Eugene McIntyre, a locomotive fireman who lived here with his wife Katherine. Both were from Canada. A 1902 advertisement offered a "furnished front room" for rent at this address, so this house was not always a single-family residence.

The next known occupant was Captain James Eaton, who is listed at this address in the 1903-04 Kalispell City Directory as a salesperson of farm implements. Eaton was born in Rochester, New York, in 1836. When he was 18 he moved to Ontario and married Margaret Ann Gordon, who was born in northern Ireland. He lived in Kentucky and served in the Civil War. Next he lived in North Dakota until 1896, when he came to the Flathead Valley. In Kalispell, he organized Company H of the Montana National Guard, which served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. During the war, he was Inspector General for the state of Montana. Eaton was a Mason, and he died in 1920. His wife died in 1912.

Lewis Cox bought the house in 1906 and lived here with his family. He operated a "public automobile," and his son Harvey was an apprentice molder at the Kalispell Iron Works. By 1909 the Coxes had moved to Ronan, Montana, and they sold the house in 1913 to Walter Jaquette, who owned it until 1929. Jaquette rented the house out for many years, moving in to Kalispell in approximately 1934 to live in the house to the south, 46 5th Avenue West.

The tenant in 1909 was John L. Thurman, who was the secretary of the King-Thurman Nursery, located 3 miles east of Kalispell. In 1915, the tenants were the Palmer family. According to the Kalispell City Directory, Frank Palmer was a laborer, Ruby Palmer was an operator with the Northern Idaho & Montana Power Company, and Mabel Palmer was an operator at the American Laundry Company. The Palmers lived here until c. 1917.

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When the 1920 federal census was taken, the occupants were Leslie and Lola Donaldson (he was a foreman at the city water works) and their three children, plus Ervin and Gladys Clem and her mother. The owner and occupant of 36 5th Avenue West from 1929 until 1940 was Marcus Westwang, a foreman at the Kalispell Lumber Company, and his wife Frances. James Hellman purchased the house in 1940, and it remained in the Hellman family until 1981.

9. Major Bibliographic References

See continuation sheet

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	699120	5341420

Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 5 & 6, Block 159, Addition One, Kalispell.

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

(46 5th Avenue West and 521 1st Street West)

name/title: Western Montana Regional Community Mental Health Center, Administration	telephone:
street & number: Fort Missoula, Building T-12	zip code: 59801
city or town: Missoula	state: MT

(36 5th Avenue West)

name/title: Charles D. Lee	telephone:
street & number: PO Box 1194	zip code: 59903
city or town: Kalispell	state: MT

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