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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "NA" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name: ANDERSON, HERMAN AND HANNAH, HOUSE
other names/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 209 South 7th Avenue not for publication
city, town: Forsyth vicinity
state: Montana code: MT county: Rosebud code: 087 zip code: 59327

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public - local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	2	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public - State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public - Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		objects
		2	Total
Name of related multiple property listing: HISTORIC RESOURCES OF FORSYTH, MONTANA		Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0	

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official Mandla Slap Date 12-21-89

State or federal agency and bureau MT SHPO

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.
 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:)

Patrick Andrews

Signature of the Keeper

2/12/90

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival
Queen Anne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation: concrete
walls: wood

roof: asphalt
other:

Describe present and historic physical appearance:

The Herman and Hannah Anderson residence is located at the corner of Front Street and South Seventh Avenue in the community of Forsyth, Montana. Forsyth has an estimated 1989 population of 2,100; its economy is based largely on agriculture, railroad, and energy-related employment. The building site is in a relatively small, largely historic residential area with limited, relatively modern commercial development nearby. This "south-side" neighborhood is separated from the bulk of the Forsyth community by the right-of-way of the Northern Pacific (now Burlington Northern) Railroad.

The home is a two-story building, wood-framed with a cross-gable roof. A 1 1/2 story gabled addition (present on the 1910 and 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps) with a longer roof surface is to the east of the 2-story area. Exterior walls are surfaced with clapboard siding, and the gable ends are surfaced with diamond-patterned wood shingles. The roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles. The home rests on a concrete foundation. The building is visually defined by a large shed-roofed porch running along much of the home's north and west elevations. The wood-floored porch has a partial solid balustrade; a series of simple Tuscan

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columns supports the porch roof. A single-story octagonal bay exists just east of the porch on the north elevation, and a prominent two-story cutaway bay is on the south elevation. Some historic bracketing is visible near the south bay. A small single-story hip-roof addition is on the east facade; this is shown as a rear porch in historic Sanborn maps.

Building fenestration appears to be wood-framed and historic, although some aluminum-framed storm windows have been added to the building. Most windows are one-over-one double-hung, although a few smaller casement windows also exist. Two large cottage-style windows are present on the first floor, and small casement windows in the gable ends contain multiple lights of colored glass. The modern wooden doors contain no windows or detailing. The home is painted white, with green trim.

An inspection of the building interior was not possible. The original single-family building configuration was divided into five small apartment units, reportedly during the 1970's. Portions of the original room configuration apparently survive, however.

A small gable-roofed garage with shiplap siding and a shingle roof is just south of the home. The garage features exposed rafter ends, a historic hinged entry door and historic wood-framed multi-light windows. This building does not appear on the 1920 Sanborn map; it may date from ca. 1925.

8. Statement of Significance

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

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register criteria: A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture
Transportation

1908-1939

1908

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

n/a

Builder: J. W. Waddell

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

The Herman and Hannah Anderson residence meets criteria "a" and "c" for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The building is significant as an excellent surviving example of a larger early twentieth-century Forsyth residence. The building's gabled design, shiplap siding, and Queen Anne/Colonial Revival detailing are all representative. The Anderson house is locally unusual for its southside location; most larger Forsyth homes were erected in the primary residential district across the tracks. The building's chosen location reflects Herman Anderson's long-term railroad employment and, presumably, his desire to be near his work. The Anderson residence was at the extreme northern fringe of Forsyth's lightly-developed residential district, and was within 300 feet of the Northern Pacific Railroad's 16-stall roundhouse.

Historical Significance

The land now occupied by the Herman and Hannah Anderson residence was initially a portion of the Northern Pacific Railroad's 900-foot right-of-way through the Forsyth townsite. In 1899, the southerly 300 feet of the NP right-of-way was platted by the railroad as the "Northern Pacific Addition." Most of this newly-platted land remained vacant for decades, although occasional lots were sold to prospective homebuilders during the first ten years of the twentieth century.

The two building lots upon which this residence sits were purchased by Herman Anderson in 1907. Anderson was a Swedish immigrant who had arrived in America in 1889; he soon found employment with the Northern Pacific Railroad and continued working for the NP for the remainder of his career. Herman's future wife, Hannah,

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arrived from Sweden to join him in 1895; Herman was stationed in Glendive, Montana at the time. The Andersons settled in Forsyth in 1903, where Herman worked as a foreman for the railroad. A family reminiscence states that in 1908, "longing for a permanent home, the Andersons gave a Mr. Waddell the contract to build the eleven-room house on Front Street" for them. This "Mr. Waddell" was almost certainly J.W. Waddell, who advertised himself as a "contractor, builder, and jobber" in Forsyth newspapers as early as 1905. This home is Waddell's only documented building project; by the time the local 1914 Polk directory was prepared, Waddell had moved to the small nearby community of Custer.

The Andersons raised five children in the home, and both Herman and Hannah spent the remainder of their lives there. The home passed out of the Anderson family in 1954, and a subsequent owner converted the building into five small apartments.

Architectural Significance

This home displays elements of a transitional Queen Anne/Colonial Revival building form. Although this is larger than most, several other Forsyth homes (all built during the 1905-15 period) display similar qualities. Nearly all larger Forsyth homes of the period featured gable roofs, clapboard siding, one or more bay window areas and at least one cottage-type window. The Anderson home displays the highest level of integrity of any of these buildings; the survival of its historic clapboard siding is especially noteworthy.

Forsyth's transitional Queen Anne/Colonial Revival homes reflect the lessening favor of the nineteenth-century Queen Anne style, a relatively uncommon Forsyth building form. By the early twentieth century, Colonial Revival design features began to appear in the larger Queen Anne homes, and by approximately 1915 Queen Anne detailing was almost nonexistent in new construction.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # _____

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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

A	<u>113</u>	<u>317105210</u>	<u>511243210</u>	B	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	D	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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Verbal Boundary Description

All of Lots 11 and 12, Block 8, Northern Pacific Addition to Forsyth, Rosebud County, Montana.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes only the city lots upon which the Anderson residence is located.

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