

SPOKAI . REGISTER OF HISTO. C PLACES

Nomination Form

OPR 91-696

City/County Historic Landmarks Commission
Sixth Floor - City Hall
Spokane, Washington 99201-3333

Type all entries--complete applicable sections

1. Name The Levi Monroe House
 historic _____
 and/or common _____

2. Location
 street & number West 1427 Sixth Avenue and South 611 Walnut
 city/town Spokane _____ vicinity of _____
 state Washington county Spokane

3. Classification

<u>Category</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Present Use</u>
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>occupied</u>	<u>agriculture</u> <u>museum</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>building(s)</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>private</u>	<u>unoccupied</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>commercial</u> <u>park</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>private residence</u>
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>entertainment</u> <u>religious</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>yes:restricted</u>	<u>government</u> <u>scientific</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>yes:unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u> <u>transportation</u>
		<u>no</u>	<u>military</u> <u>other:</u>

4. Owner of Property
 name Sandra Hayden
 street & number East 1922 Twenty-Fourth Avenue
 city,town Spokane _____ vicinity of _____ state WA

5. Location of Legal Description
 courthouse,registry of deeds,etc _____
 street & number _____
 city,town Spokane County Courthouse (Lot 6, and the West Half of Lot 5, Block 35, CANNON'S ADDITION, state per plat recorded in Volume "B" of Plats, Page 52, records of Spokane County,

6. Representation in Existing Surveys Situate in the City of Spokane, County of Spokane, State of Washington
 title Original Survey Map of Cannon's Addition to Spokane Falls, Washington Territory, May 1883. copy attached
 date Resurveyed in 1991, copy upon request federal state county local
 depository for survey records _____
 city,town _____ state _____

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance-Check and justify below		
--prehistoric	--archeology-prehistoric	--economics	--military
--1400-1499	--archeology-historic	--education	--music
--1500-1599	--agriculture	--engineering	--philosophy
--1600-1699	XXarchitecture	--exploration/settlement	--politics/government
--1700-1799	--art	--industry	--religion
--1800-1899	--commerce	--invention	--science
XX1900-	--communications	--landscape architecture	--sculpture
	--community planning	--law	--social/humanitarian
	--conservation	--literature	--theater
			--transportation
			--other(specify)

Specific dates Duplex built in 1902
Main house in 1903

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The Levi Monroe house is quite typical of upper-middle class homes of early 1900's in that the Industrial Revolution and the site of Spokane as a major railroad town allowed a middle-class family to have an intricate, custom designed home that had previously only been available to the wealthy. On October 21, 1901, Levi G. Monroe purchased this property from the Northwestern and Pacific Hypotheekbank. In 1902, the smaller house (611 South Walnut) was completed. Levi and Sara lived there while the main house, West 1427 Sixth, was being built. In 1903, the Monroes and their two children, Merle and Merlin, moved into the main house, and the duplex was used as servant's quarters, until its remodeling in 1929. From 1902 to 1906, Levi served as the Livestock Editor of the Spokane Chronicle. Between 1906 and 1920, Levi left the Chronicle and became the Secretary of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce. As a long-term officer there, he contributed to the planning and formation of early Spokane's business community. During this period, he also served as an officer of the Washington Livestock Association, Washington Horticultural Society, and Spokane Horticultural Society. Between 1920 and 1940, Mr. Monroe owned and operated his own advertising agency, and also served as advertising editor for the Spokane Chronicle. During the Depression, Levi Monroe was the assistant to James O'Sullivan, Secretary of the Columbia Basic Commission. In this position, Mr. Monroe worked with federal, state, and local government officials in the planning of Grand Coulee Dam and the great changes it brought to Eastern Washington. Mr. Monroe "retired" in the early 1940's, but remained active in local civic affairs. Marie Lindell, of West 1425 Sixth, was a neighbor and friend of the Monroes since the early 1940's. Mrs. Lindell remembers Levi Monroe as being a "politician who worked at City Hall" in his later years, but no research has been done on this. Sara Monroe died of a heart attack at age 87 on February 18, 1955 while Levi, age 88, was hospitalized at St. Luke's. Levi Monroe died shortly thereafter. Their son, Merlin, then made the decision to sell the home in 1956.

The Monroe house is one that contains many important aspects of Queen Anne architecture typical of its period. Few examples of Queen Anne styling remain in Spokane. Even fewer remain in an unmuddled state. The relatively pure state of the Monroe house makes it an excellent candidate for the Historic Preservation List.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Spokane City Directories, 1905-1956 (residence, occupation of Levi Monroe); Spokesman-Review, February 19, 1955 (obituary of Sara E. Monroe); Hail Columbia, The 30-Year Struggle for Grand Coulee Dam, George Sundborg, 1954, The Macmillan Co, page 287 (mention of Levi Monroe as "faithful assistant" of James O'Sullivan; A Field Guide to American Houses, Virginia and Lee McAlester, 1984, Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.; American Vernacular Interior Architecture, 1870-1940; Jan Jennings & Herbert Gottfried, 1988, Van Nostran Reinhold Company.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached survey

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state

county

state

county

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sandra Hayden

organization _____

date _____

street & number East 1922 Twenty-Fourth

telephone 535-3837

city/town Spokane

state WA

12. Signature of Owner(s)



For Office Use Only:


Date Received: 6-5-91

Date Heard: 6-19-91


Commission Decision: Approved

Council/Board Action: Approved

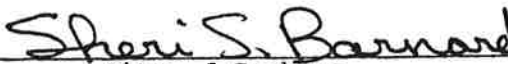
Date: July 8, 1991


Attest: 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to Form:


Ass't City Attorney

We hereby certify that this property has been listed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places:


MAYOR, City of Spokane or CHAIR, Spokane County Commissioners


CHAIR, Spokane City/County Historic Landmarks Commission


City/County Historic Preservation Officer

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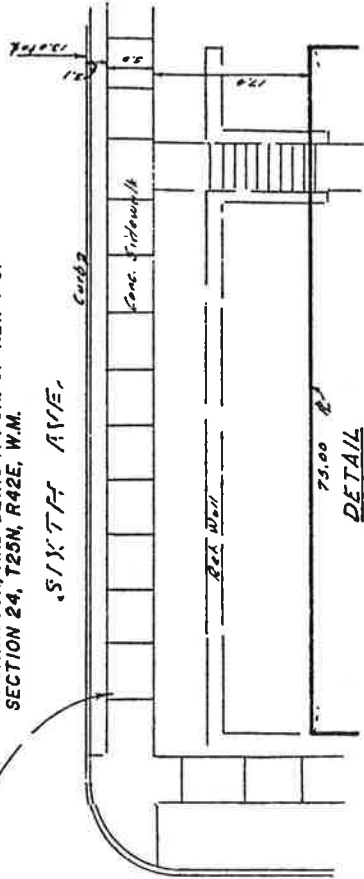
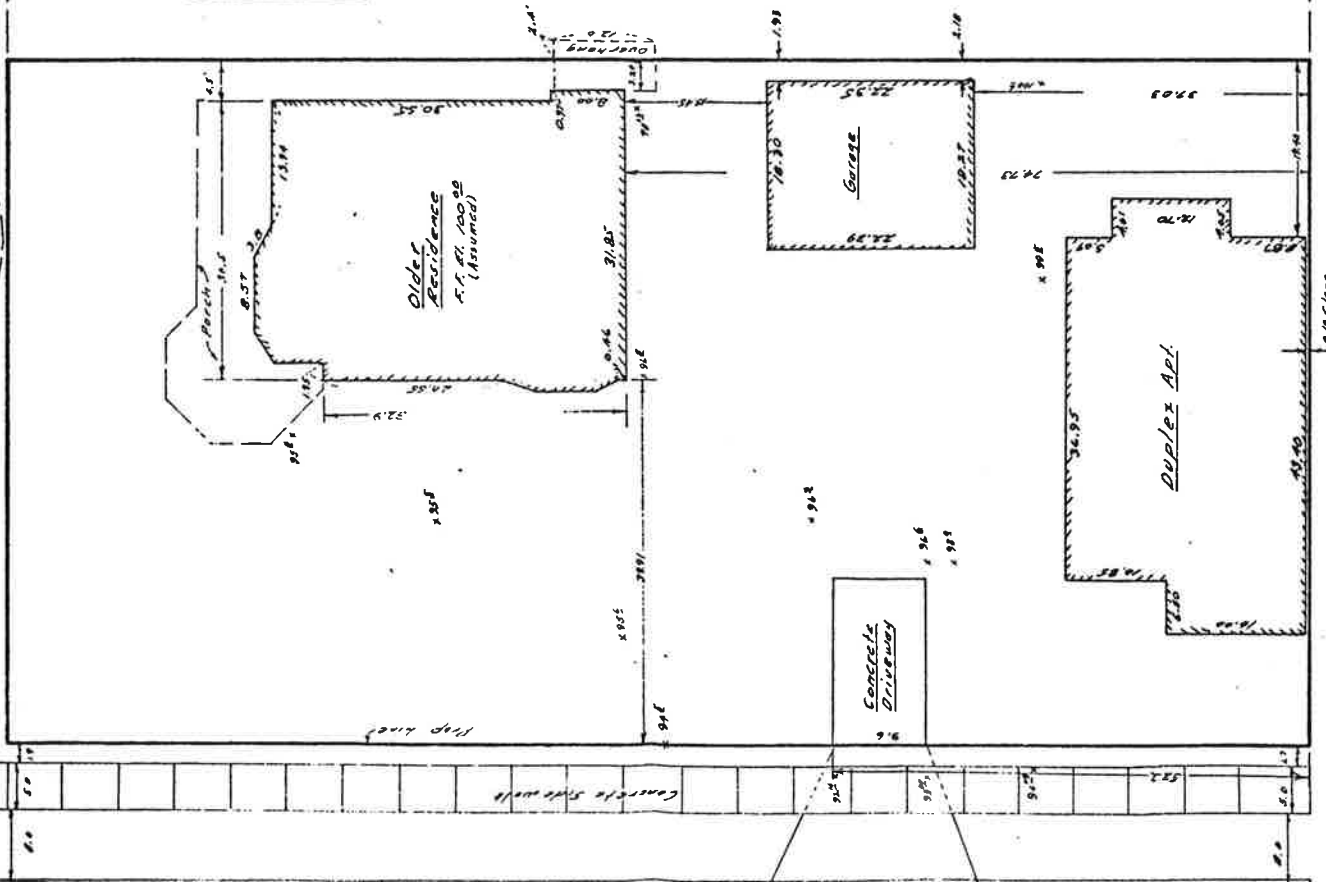
AUDITORS CERTIFICATE
 FILED FOR RECORD THIS _____ DAY OF _____
 BOOK _____ OF SURVEYS AT PAGE _____
 THE REQUEST OF _____

W1/2 LOT 5 AND ALL LOT 6, BLOCK 35, CANNON'S
 ADDITION TO CITY AND COUNTY OF SPOKANE,
 WASHINGTON, AND BEING A POR. OF NE1/4 OF
 SECTION 24, T25N, R42E, W.M.

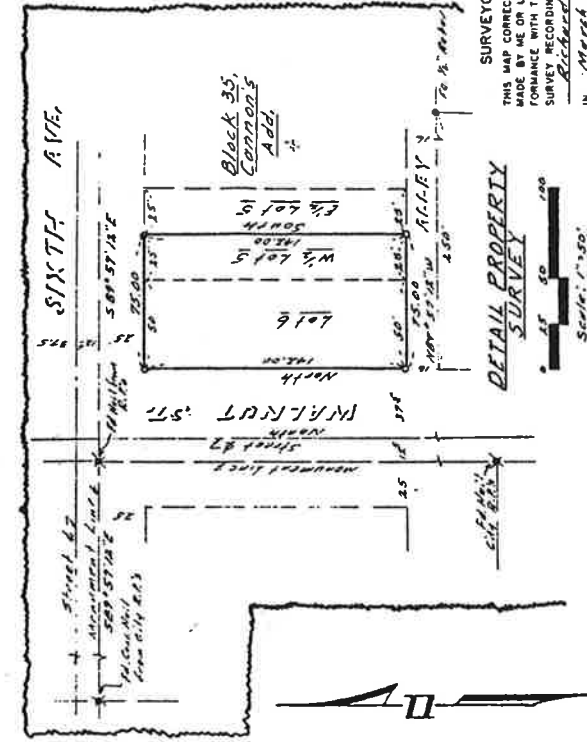
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DETAIL



DETAIL PROPERTY SURVEY

SURVEYORS CERTIFIC
 THIS MAP CORRECTLY REPRESENTS A SURVEY
 MADE BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECTION IN CON-
 FORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
 SURVEY RECORDING ACT AT THE REQUEST OF

 IN _____
 J. PAUL RAMER, C.S. & P.E., No. 10071

BASIS OF BEARINGS:
 WALNUT STREET, ASSUMED NORTH

EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES:
 The survey performed hereon
 was by use of a 10 second
 theodolite, distance meter,
 survey tape and plumb bobs.
 The procedure was by field
 traverse. Closure was within
 legal limits.

LEGEND
 O INDICATES SET 3/4" REBAR AND CAP
 MARKED "LS 1000" UNLESS NOTED
 OTHERWISE.
 X INDICATES 1/2" (or smaller) CAP
 INDICATES MONUMENTS FOUND AS
 NOTED.



J. PAUL RAMER & ASSOCIATES, INC.
 CIVIL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
 P.O. BOX 18779, (N. 1015 NEWPORT HWY) SPOKANE, WASH. 99208, (509) 487-3241
 DATE _____ BY _____
 SCALE _____
 PROJECT NO. 91091
 SHEET _____ OF _____

