

Historic Name: House

Property ID: 706405

Location



Address: 7408 E 4th Ave, Spokane, Washington, USA

GeographicAreas: Spokane, Spokane County, T25R43E24, SPOKANE NE Quadrangle

Information

Construction Dates:

| Construction Type | Year | Circa |
|--------------------------|------|-------|
| Built Date | 1946 | |

Number of stories: N/A

Historic Use:

| Category | Subcategory |
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| Domestic | Domestic - Single Family House |

Historic Context: Architecture



Photos



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SRS-22e.JPG



SRS-22b.JPG



SRS-22f.JPG



SRS-22c.JPG



Inventory Details - 7/16/2016

Common name: Stone House

Date recorded: 7/16/2016

Field Recorder: Stephen Emerson

Field Site number: SRS-22

SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

| Category | Item |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Foundation | Concrete - Poured |
| Form Type | Single Dwelling - WWII Era Cottage |
| Roof Type | Gable - Front |
| Roof Material | Metal - Tile |
| Cladding | Stone |
| Structural System | Wood - Braced Frame |
| Plan | Rectangle |

Surveyor Opinion

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Yes

Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): No

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local): No



Significance narrative:

This house was built in 1946 and was owned by Harold M. Alexander by at least 1956. Mr. Alexander lived in the house from then until the mid-1990s, making him by far the longest lived occupant of the house. In many ways this house is a typical WWII-era Cottage, with its modest boxy shape and shallow pitched roof with short enclosed eaves. The stone veneer is unusual however. Flagstone cladding was not nearly as popular as other types of stone, such as basalt, granite, and cobblestones. Mr. Alexander's occupation is listed as truck driver. He owned his own trucking company in 1960, retiring in 1976. There is nothing to indicate that he was experienced in stone masonry, so it can reasonably be assumed that he contracted for this house to be built. The primary modification to this residence is the replacement of original windows with vinyl materials. The stone trumps the vinyl, however. Due to the durable nature of the stone veneer and the integrity of the walls, as well as the rarity of its use, this house is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, under Criterion C, architecture.

Physical description:

This residence is a 1-story wood frame building with a rectangular plan. The front-gabled roof has a shallow pitch, is covered with unusual aluminum shakes, and has short, enclosed eaves. A brick chimney emerges from near the roof crest. Most exterior wall surfaces are clad with a veneer of randomly-placed flagstones with mortared joints. The gable faces are clad with vertical board siding. The foundation is poured concrete. Both the front (north), rear, and side porches approach wood panel doors and are accessed by poured concrete steps with railings. The windows are a combination of vinyl sash sliding and double-hung units.

Bibliography:

Emerson, Stephen. A Historic Property Inventory of Rock Structures in Spokane County, Washington. Archisto Enterprises, 2016.