



A, C, D, & J. BARROWS HOUSE
24 Maple Street, Steamboat Springs

The home is named after the Barrows family, who came to Steamboat Springs from California in 1951 and owned and occupied the house from 1954 to 2004. Steamboat Springs, known as Ski Town, U. S. A. because it has sent more athletes to the winter Olympics than any other single town in the world, began its nationally renowned Winter Carnival in 1914 to celebrate the introduction of recreational skiing the previous year (See Howelsen Hill below). The Barrows family was active in skiing fundraising efforts and the organization of Winter Carnival events. Mrs. Barrows taught three generations of elementary school-aged children; Mr. Barrows, a former airplane mechanic, owned and operation a gas station and garage as well as served ten years on the Steamboat Springs City Council; daughter Nancy has been a ski instructor since 1972, and son James 'Moose' Barrows, among his long and varied activities and credentials associated with skiing, was one of the youngest members of the Junior National Team, participated as a member of the United States Ski Team from 1965 to 1970, was North American Downhill Champion in 1969, coached the Men's Downhill Ski Team in 1979-1980, and was inducted into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame in 1996. As well as its association with a skiing family and their contributions to the social, educational, and recreational history of the area, the Barrows House, a Vernacular Wood Frame one-and-a-half story utilitarian house built in 1906 with a steel metal roof, wood and shingle siding, a front porch, and double-hung windows, is indicative of the style of home found throughout Colorado's mountain towns. A 1908 panoramic view of Steamboat Springs shows that the property once contained several sheds and outbuildings and served as a dairy farm between approximately 1922 and 1947. Hence, the Barrows House is significant architecturally as well as in association with a local agricultural enterprise and later a family that contributed in several ways to the development of the community.