

This Four Square home with colonial revival details has several notable architectural characteristics, including:

- ◆ A large wooden colonnade porch and balcony along the front of the home.
- ◆ Six Roman Tuscan columns along the porch supporting the upper level balcony.
- ◆ A symmetrically balanced façade entrance with two matching windows on either side of the front door.
- ◆ A front door with beveled leaded-glass topped with a radiating Voussoir and triple keystones.
- ◆ Two matching double-hung windows with beveled leaded-glass in the upper portion to match the front door pediment.
- ◆ Dentil molding along the front and back porches of the home.
- ◆ A steeply pitched and hipped roof.
- ◆ A widow's walk at the top of the home with wrought iron railing.



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THE BISHOP HOME is a reflection of the development of Casper from a small pioneer community to a commercial and agricultural center and oil town.



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The Bishop Home

Celebrating the Second Century



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A Cadoma Foundation historic building

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MARVIN LORD BISHOP, SR.

Marvin Lord Bishop was born November 3, 1861 in Broome County, New York to John Titus Bishop and Margaret Catherine Peale Bishop, though shortly after his birth his family moved to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia.

In the 1880s, Marvin began his journey west—an area that had always fascinated him—and along the way met Leona A. Hathaway, a schoolteacher from Kimball, Nebraska. On June 21, 1888, Marvin and Leona were married. In 1889, the couple moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming and in 1892, to Casper.

Marvin began his career as Casper's postmaster, appointed to the position by President Grover Cleveland in 1892. He also operated M.L. Bishop's Cash Store for fine family groceries, one of the few businesses established in this community during the 1890s.

Upon resigning as postmaster in late 1898, Bishop ventured into sheep ranching and for the next 40 years was a woolgrower with holdings in the Pathfinder dam area southwest of Casper.

Bishop supplemented his livestock business with the operation of sheep shearing pens. In 1905, his shearing pen operation was located in Cadoma, Wyoming twelve miles west of Casper. In 1916, the pens were moved a short distance to Bishop, Wyoming, a town named after Bishop and located 15 miles southwest of Casper.

Bishop was very active in the community. He was a founding father of the Natrona County Woolgrowers Association (1915) and served as its president for 15 years. He was a member of the Casper City Council during 1918 and 1919 and served as commissioner of the Board of Natrona



The Living Room

County Commissioners from 1938 until his death in 1939.

Bishop was instrumental in obtaining a series of stock drives and rest stations on main stock trails in Natrona County. As dry farmers began to fence the open range lands, Bishop advocated the need for rights of way to allow transport of sheep along the railways. These trails and rest stations remain in use to this day.

OTHER FACTS

- ◆ Marvin and Leona Bishop had seven girls and three boys. Ellen Virginia died in infancy, however, the rest of the Bishop children continued to reside in Wyoming and were prominent members of their communities.
- ◆ In 1893, Bishop helped establish one of the earliest churches in Casper, the First Methodist Episcopal Church, now the First United Methodist Church.
- ◆ The Point on the Pathfinder Reservoir was named to commemorate the original location of Bishop's sheep ranch.
- ◆ Cadoma, Wyoming was homesteaded by the Bishop's second eldest daughter, Katherine Elvira.
- ◆ The youngest Bishop daughter, Lucile, lived in the Bishop Home her entire life—from 1908 to 1997.

ABOUT THE BISHOP HOME

- ◆ The Bishop family home was constructed in 1907 in the Capitol Hill Addition area of Casper, Wyoming during Casper's first boom time.
- ◆ The home is the first multi-story brick house built in Casper, moving the building trend of modest bungalows to larger, more upscale homes (considered mansions in 1907).
- ◆ The home resides in its original location at 818 East Second Street on a hill overlooking downtown Casper.
- ◆ The contractor was W. T. Evans, founder of Evansville, Wyoming. The Bishop Home is believed to be his first venture into large-scale family homes.
- ◆ The architect is believed to be Elias N. Miller.



The Foyer

Because the Bishop Home has been continuously owned by members of the Bishop family, the integrity and condition of the home has been preserved since its construction a century ago. The family's original furniture and clothing still remain in the home today for visitors to enjoy.

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