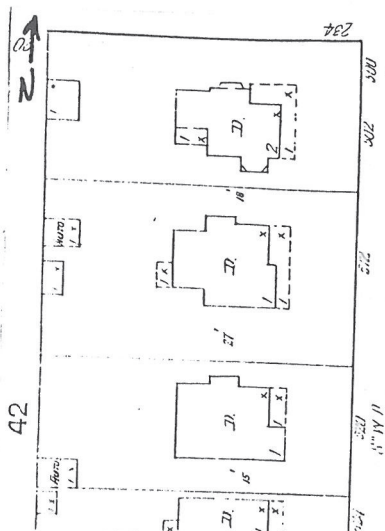


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Roll# 38 Frame# 17

Legal Description: Decelles Second Addition, Block 4, lots 19 & 20

Address: 502 Third Avenue

Ownership Name: Mrs. Policeena Valadon

Address: 502 Third Avenue, Havre, MT 59501

private: x

public:

Historic Name: Florian Carnal House

Common Name: Joseph Valadon House

Date of Construction: 1905 (Water Record)

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Original Owner: Charles B. Griffin

Original Use: Single-family Residence

Present Use: Single-family Residence

Physical Description:

One and one-half story, wood frame Queen Anne/Colonial Revival residence. 3 x 3 bay. Combination multi-intersected gable and hip roof over square plan. Wood shingled roof. Combination clapboard, shingle and brick siding. Combination square-butt and fish scale wood shingles on facade and dormer freizes. Gable roof dormers on north and south sides. Dormers have wrought iron balconies. Facade second story window also has wrought iron balcony. Interior brick chimney is not original and has been replaced sometime since 1962. Partially raised concrete foundation with no apparent basement. Foundation has recent facebrick veneer which

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groundlevel to about twelve inches above floorline. Contrasting colored brick on east facade and around corners to north and south walls.

Enclosed porch on facade is clad in clapboard and brick siding. Porch windows have been replaced with fixed casement picture windows. Entry is central to facade and is reached by concrete steps with brick veneer concrete abutments. Entry has original oval-lighted wood door.

Windows on facade are recent fixed casement picture windows. Windows on walls and on second floor are 1/1 double-hung sash windows. Windows on facade have metal lattice awnings.

Site is level and is surrounded by wrought iron fence around originally came from Chinook, Montana. Back yard is enclosed with wood lattice fence.

Associated Structure: Detached one-bay garage with gable roof faces alley (W). Clapboard siding and wood shingled roof. Fibreglass overhead door. Roofed breezeway connects house to garage.

Historical Information

The 1910 Sanborn map shows this house as a two story dwelling with an open wrap-around porch covering the facade. There was an enclosed one-story rear entry at the SW corner of the house. An asphalt roofed garage was located at the rear of the lot. There were no significant exterior alterations to the house according to the 1920 and 1939 Sanborn maps.

Charles B. Griffin was the original owner of the house. He was a Great Northern Railway trainmaster. By 1906, he had sold the house to Florian Carnal, a lawyer and entrepreneur. In 1909, Carnal was a deputy county attorney. An item appearing in the Plaindealer in 1913, stated that Carnal had been ousted from the Montana Progressive Party for not following the dictations of his party associates. He was, apparently, too progressive.

Carnal was forced to move out of the house in 1919, when Joe Valadon sued Carnal, the Security Bank of Havre and the Merchant's Association for non-payment of a loan.² The house was sold at sheriff's sale to Valadon in June, 1919.² Valadon and his wife, Policeena, however, did not³ move directly into the house because of extensive remodeling.

Joseph Valadon was born in 1868 in Portugal. He arrived in Montana by 1894, where he homesteaded eight miles east of Havre. After a devastating hail storm, Valadon went into the sheep business in 1895. Believing that the homestead boom in the area would hurt the stockgrowing business, Valadon sold out in 1910. A firm believer in astrology, Valadon wrote a series of articles appearing in the Plaindealer in which he charted the movement of

the planets and their annual affect on crops in Montana.⁴

In 1920, Valadon journeyed to the Azore Islands to claim his wife, Policeena. Joseph died in 1950. His wife continues to live in the house.

In 1958, Policeena Valadon was issued a building permit to remodel the interior of the kitchen and to build a new foundation for \$1,000. In 1959, she was issued another permit to repair and enclose the porch for \$2,500. Finally, in 1962, she hired Chris Fuglevand to fence in the front yard with a wrought iron fence aquired in Chinook. Portions of the house's second floor were also "fenced-in". The project cost \$500.

Footnote Sources:

1. The Havre Plaindealer, January 18, 1913.
2. Ibid, June 7, 1919.
3. Ibid, August 7, 1920.
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Polk Directory, Havre and Chouteau County, 1909.

Polk Directory, Havre and Hill County, 1915-16 and 1929-30

Sanborn Maps, 1910, 1920 and 1939.

Building Permit no. 4821, dated October 13, 1952. Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Building Permit no. 4885, dated April 22, 1959. Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Building Permit no. 5405, dated June 26, 1962. Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Research Sources:

Assessor's Records, Hill County, Hill County Courthouse, Havre Montana

Water Record no.68 (1906) and Sewer Record no.30 (1905), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana

Integrity:

Despite the addition at the rear of the house and the addition of the wrought iron decoration, this structure retains much of its original configuration, historic fabric and many distinctive features indicative of its Queen Anne/Colonial Revival styling.

Significance:

This building maintains a high level of architectural integrity and would strongly contribute to the proposed Historic District. It would qualify for the National Register under criteria C as a good local example of a Queen Anne/Colonial Revival residence in Havre.

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Geographical Information

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

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