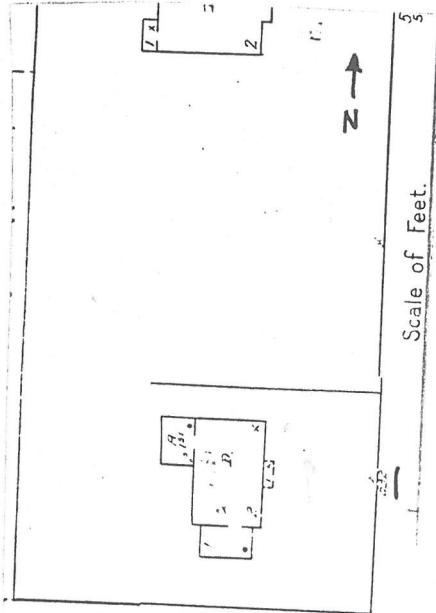


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MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 3 Frame# 21-23

Legal Description: Broadwater Addition, Block 1, All of Lots 11, 12 and 13 and part of Lot 14.

Address: 532 Second Avenue

Ownership Name: Robert and Majorie Sizemore

Address: 1003 Minnesota Street, Chinook, MT 59523.

private: x

public:

Historic Name: H. Earl Clack House

Common Name: H. Earl Clack House

Date of Construction: 1927

Architect: Frank F. Bossout

Builder: probably Christ Fuglevand

Original Owner: H. Earl Clack

Original Use: Single-family residence

Present Use: Single-family residence

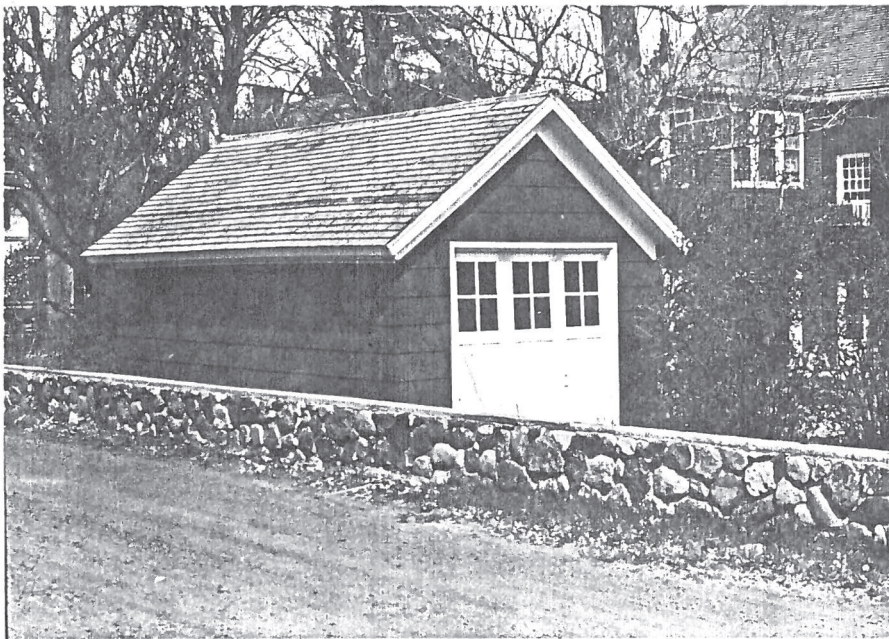
Physical Description:

Two-and-one-half story, 5 x 2 bay, Georgian Revival, common-bond brick residence. Eaves-front gable roof with small gable returns over rectangular plan. One story flat-roofed enclosed porches extend from either side (N & S) of the main block. Each is surmounted by a millwork balustrade. Two story brick extension on the rear (W) facade houses garage bays on the first floor and living area on the second. Brick endwall chimneys on either side (N & S) of the main block.

Most of the windows are 12/12 double-hung with wood sashes and rowlock brick sills. Those of the first story have splayed brick lintels. Windows on the first and second levels of the north facade of the main block are tripled and are 9/9 double-hung. Endwall chimneys are flanked by 8-light quarter round windows with wood sash and brick surrounds at the attic level.

The main central entry is sheltered by a gabled portico which includes a full entablature and is supported by a pair of wooden Doric columns at the corners. The entry is flanked by a pair of similarly styled pilasters. The entry itself features a semi-circular fanlight above and is flanked by a pair of full-length six-light sidelights.

The site is raised from that of the street. Colored stone retaining wall borders the property along the east edge and forms a planting bed at the southeast corner of the property. A wrought iron fence rims the south and north edge of the property. A low stone wall borders the property to the west along the rear service alley.



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Associated structure:

C. 1930 detached wood-frame garage is situated on the S.W. corner of the lot and faces south with access via Sixth Street. It has a wood-shingled gable roof and is sheathed with a modern synthetic siding. Its three-leaf wooden door has been nailed and rehung so that it no longer slides along an interior track but can be raised overhead. Although not mentioned in the original

nomination form this structure this building retains its architectural integrity and historic character and should also be considered a contributing building within the proposed historic district.

Historical Information:

H. Earl Clack (1881-1955) was one of the Hi-Line's most successful entrepreneurs of the early Twentieth century. He invested and developed several different businesses; chief among them were oil distribution, grain elevators and tourist cabins.

Having emigrated to Havre from Texas in 1899 he built his first home himself of stone at 320 First Avenue. (For more on H. Earl Clack's history see 320 First Avenue Inventory Form.)

Once he was more firmly established and financially successful he hired Frank F. Bossout, a local Havre architect, to design a larger and more gracious dwelling in 1926. Construction of the building was completed a year later.

The sun porch to the north was not original and was added after Clack had a stroke and could no longer comfortably climb the stairs to the second floor. The north addition was used as his bedroom. The materials and design very carefully match that of the original porch and does not detract from the overall appearance of the structure.

Footnote Sources:

Robert C. Lucke, Historic Houses of North Central Montana. (Havre: Hill County Printing, 1977), pp. 52-53.

Research Sources:

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

Integrity:

This house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. No visible changes have taken place since its listing.

Significance:

The H. Earl Clack House remains one of the most stylish houses in the city and the region, and is an excellent example of the Georgian Revival architecture as executed by F. F. Bossout, Havre's premier architect. It qualifies for the National Register under criteria C for that reason.

Its association with H. Earl Clack, one of the region's most influential and successful businessmen lends it an additional significance, under criteria A (commerce) of the National

Register.

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Geographical Information:

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

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