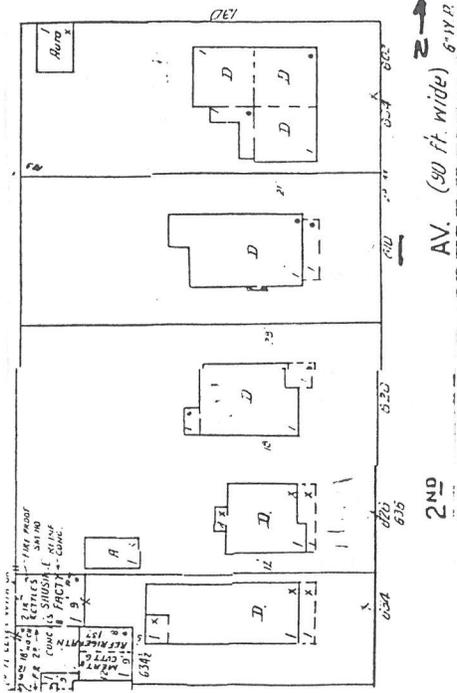


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 3 Frame# 26

Legal Description: Decelles Fifth Addition, Block 1, Lots 17-18.
Address: 610 Second Avenue
Ownership Name: C. M. Beck
Address: 610 Second Avenue
 private: x
 public:

Historic Name: James C. Auld House
Common Name: Same
Date of Construction: c. 1915 (Historic photo)
Architect: unknown
Builder: probably Christ Fuglevand
Original Owner: James C. Auld
Original Use: Single-family residence
Present Use: Single-family residence

Physical Description:

Single-story, 3 x 5 bay, wood-frame bungalow with Craftsmen detailing. Combination hip and jerkinhead gable roof with open eaves and exposed rafters. Asphalt shingle roof. (Originally a wood shingle roof that was replaced by 1939.) Stucco exterior. Concrete block foundation. One brick endwall chimney on the north facade, partially stuccoed over (from the roof line down) and one interior brick chimney.

The roof extends over a full-width porch on main (E) facade that is now enclosed with screening and shelters the main central entry. Access to entry is gained via a small flight of wooden steps flanked by stuccoed sidewalls. Porch features include large wood-paneled columns. Concrete blocks have been introduced (c.1960) underneath to support the porch.

Most windows are 1/1 double-hung with wood sash and concrete sill and plain wood trim. The north facade has two wood casement windows with leaded lozenges.

Enclosed rear porch.

Site falls off slightly in elevation to the east just before meeting the sidewalk.

Associated structure: A large, c. 1950, detached, single-bay, wood-frame, garage is situated on the rear (W) of the property and faces east. Wide-gauge wooden siding. Asphalt-shingled eaves-front gable roof. Access to Second Avenue is via a dirt and gravel driveway. A recent (c. 1980) addition to the garage has created an open-air patio. This building would not be eligible for the National Register since it is less than fifty years of age, and would not contribute to the proposed historic district.

Historical Information:

The earliest record found connected with this house is a picture of it published as part of the Souvenir Program of the Great Northern Stampede. The caption reads "James Auld."

James C. Auld (1853-1933) was born in Ontario, Canada and began farming in Huron County, Canada at age 24. In 1887 he moved to Montana and began work as a ranch hand for the N-Bar-N Cattle Company. In November of that same year he moved his family to Toledo, not far from Havre, and began his new job as section foreman for the Great Northern Railway. In 1892 he "squatted" on land seven miles east of Havre, formerly part of an Indian Reservation, but newly opened to settlement.

Sometime in the 1900s, Auld opened up a livery on Third Avenue and Second Street and built himself and his family a two-story house on the same block (225 Third Street).

The sewer records shows that the building was connected to the municipal system and was owned by William C. Auld, James' son, as of that date. By 1929 this house was owned and lived in by William C. and Ada Auld. William Auld was a rancher at the time. (In 1909 his profession is listed as bartender for C.W. Young. At that point he roomed at 220 First Street. In 1915 he was listed as a rancher and lived 227 Fourth Street.)

Footnote Sources:

Sanborn Maps: 1910, 1920, 1939.

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Fenton's Directory, Havre and Hill County, 1915-16.

Polk's Directory, Chouteau County, 1909-10.

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

Research Sources:

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

Water Record no. 2787 (1936) and Sewer Record no. 762 (1924), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Integrity:

This structure retains its original configuration typical of a bungalow, historic fabric (stucco exterior) and some significant styling details (i.e. windows with leaded lozenges, full-width front porch with wood-paneled columns) indicative of the Craftsman style.

Significance:

This building would qualify for the National Register under criteria A as a good intact example of a Craftsman-styled bungalow, popular in Havre in the 1910s and 1920s.

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Geographical Information:

Acreage: Less than one acre
USGS Quad: Havre, Montana
UTM's: