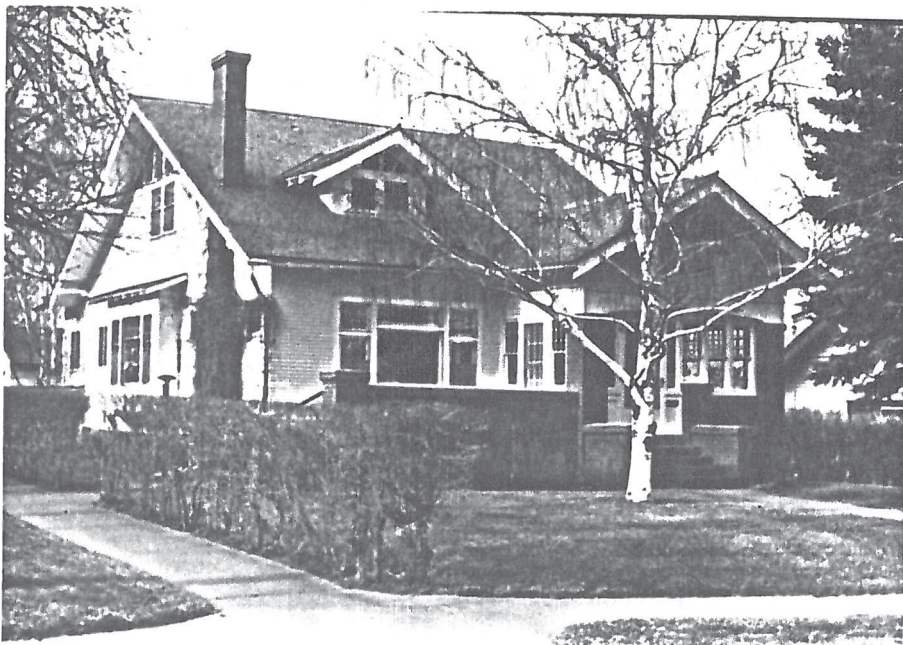
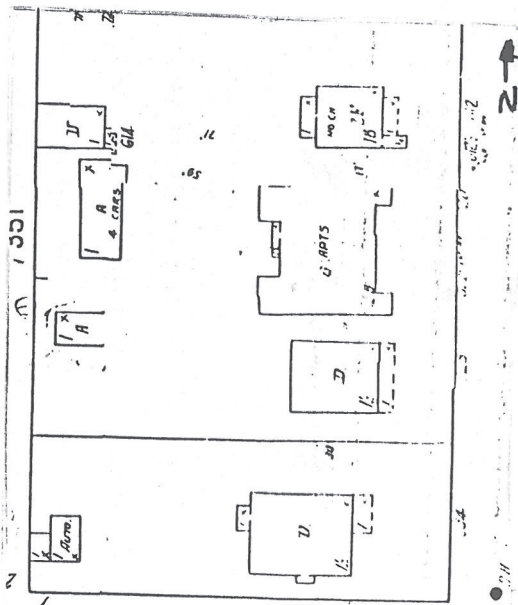


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 2 Frame# 29

Legal Description: Ken-Wright Hills First Addition, Block 4, Lots 1-2

Address: 636 First Avenue

Ownership Name: Paul J. Hanson

Address: 636 First Avenue

private: x

public:

Historic Name: Max P. Kuhr House

Common Name: Kuhr House

Date of Construction: 1919 (Water record)

Architect: Francis F. Bossout

Builder: Chris Fuglevand

Original Owner: Max P. Kuhr

Original Use: Single-Family Residence

Present Use: Single-Family Residence

Physical Description:

Large one-and-one-half story, 2 x 3 bay, wood-framed Craftsman bungalow. Asphalt-shingled eaves-front gable roof with open eaves (E & W) and exposed rafters. Endwall (S) brick chimney and interior brick chimney. Narrow-gauged clapboard siding. Gable peaks (N & S) exhibit false half-timbering. Concrete foundation.

Projecting gabled extension on the right-front of the main block contains a window-enclosed half-width porch (originally open-air until at least 1939) and the main entry. Access is gained

through one of two means; either a short flight of concrete steps with brick sidewalls from the east or from a concrete and brick landing (not original) that runs along the front elevation of the main structure and leads to a second doorway into the enclosed porch.

Although all windows have wood sash and sill, they vary considerably. Both the main (E) and side (S) facades feature a tripartite window with multiple upper and top lights over single glass panes. The porch windows are all 9/1 double-hung. The gabled window dormer on the east has a pair of 9-light wood casement windows. The south side has a pair of 12-light wood casement windows flanking the endwall chimney.

Site drops in elevation to the north and requires a low concrete retaining wall along the northern edge of the property.

Associated structure: c. 1980 garage has been moved to this site from the present owner's former place of residence. It is a two-bay gable-roofed synthetically-sided garage with rolling overhead fiberglass doors. The original c. 1920 detached garage no longer survives. The present structure, because of its recent age, would not contribute to the proposed historic.

Historical Information:

The main dwelling and the original garage first appears on the 1920 Sanborn Map. The water and sewer records show that it was standing by 1919. The main dwelling is shown as having a wood shingle roof. The 1939 Sanborn Map shows the front porch as enclosed, the wood shingle roof still in place, and a single-bay wood-framed garage still in place. Since 1939 tile has replaced wood shingle as the roofing material and the original detached garage no longer survives.

Max Kuhr (1891-1955) was the son of Jurgen Kuhr, an early and large cattle rancher located in the Bear Paw Mountains south of Chinook. Max Kuhr became the attorney for Hill County.

Footnote Sources:

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

Grits, Guts and Gusto; A History of Hill County. Compiled by the Hill County Bicentennial Commission. (Havre: Bear Paw Printers, 1976), p. 197.

Research Sources:

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

Sanborn Maps: 1920, 1939.

Water Record no. 872 (1919) and Sewer Record no. 510 (1919),
Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Integrity:

Good. This structure retains its original configuration and plan, historic fabric (clapboard siding, brick porch walls) and styling details (multi-light upper window sashes, exposed rafters, false half-timbering).

Significance:

This structure retains its architectural integrity and historic character and is an excellent local example of a Craftsman bungalow in Havre. It is one of only a few residences throughout town that was professionally designed by an architect. Frank F. Bossout (1871-1962) was Havre's most prolific architect and a prominent figure across the entire Hi-Line area.

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Geographical Information:

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