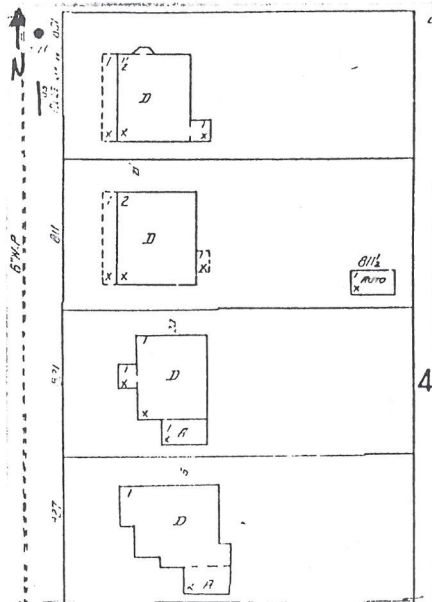


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 35 Frame# 5

Legal Description: First University Addition, Block 3, Lots 1 & 2

Address: 803 Fifth Avenue

Ownership Name: Cyril M. Morrison

Address: 803 Fifth Avenue, Havre, MT 59501

private: x

public:

Historic Name: Martin O'Neil House

Common Name: Unknown

Date of Construction: 1917 (Assessor's records)

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Original Owner: Martin O'Neil

Original Use: Single-Family Residence

Present Use: Single-Family Residence

Physical Description:

One and one-half story, 2 x 4 bay, craftsman bungalow. Gabled asphalt shingled roof over square plan. Open eaves with brackets and exposed rafters (E & W). Notched barge boards on gabled ends. Originally wood shingled. Clapboard sided with plain friezes and wood water table. One interior brick chimney. Raised

concrete foundation with daylight basement. Shed roof at kitchen (E) projection with notched barge boards and exposed rafters.

Primary entry is central to facade and is reached by concrete steps flanked by recent wrought iron railings with "CM" monogram. Originally open, the porch has been enclosed since 1939. Porch roof is supported by square columns topped with plain capitals. Exposed rafters along porch roof. Porch windows are 1/1 double-hung sash.

Gable roofed dormer on west side with one group of three 9/1 double-hung sash windows. Rear gabled dormer has similar but exposed rafters, and only two 9/1 double-hung sash windows. One window has been filled in. Hipped roof criel on north side with three large 9/1 double-hung sash windows. All windows on structure are 9/1 double-hung sash with exception of fixed windows at porch. Rear shed roof entry.

Site is slightly raised and is bermed to level of sidewalk.

Historical Information:

The original owner of the house, Martin O'Neil does not appear in either the 1909 Chouteau County Polk Directory or the 1915-16 Hill County Directory. O'Neil was a homestead rancher on Clear Creek south of Havre in the Bear Paw Mountains. This house was used as a winter home for his family. He was an active member of the Havre community and appears frequently in the "local news" columns of the Havre Plaindealer.

By 1929, Maurice and Ann Clark owned the house and Edna and Harry Mabbott lived in rental quarters, probably on second story. Clark was a salesman for the Ryan Havre Company, a wholesale grocers. Mabbott was a salesman for Runkel Brothers, a Havre automobile dealership.

Footnote Sources:

The Havre Plaindealer, 1901-1921.

Polk Directory, Havre and Choteau County, 1909, Havre and Hill County, 1915-16 and 1929-30.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1910, 1920, 1939.

Research Sources:

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

Sewer Record no.451 (1917), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Integrity:

Excellent. This structure retains its original configuration, historic fabric and many distinctive features indicative of its bungalow styling. Its styling is classic bungalow architecture and is one of the few remaining examples of a pristine bungalow in Havre.

Significance:

This building retains its historic presentation to the street and would contribute as a primary element within the proposed historic district and would qualify for the National Register under criteria A as a good example of a craftsman bungalow built in Havre during the period of its greatest demographic, economic and residential expansion from 1913-1917, when 117 houses were built within the proposed historic district. It would also qualify for the National Register under criteria C.

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Geographical Information:

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

UTM's: