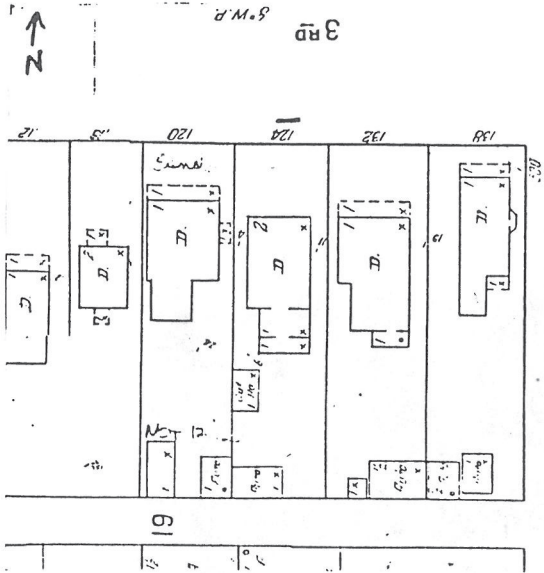


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 15 Frame# 12

Legal Description: Havre Original Townsite, Block 19, Part of Lot

3 and All of Lot 4

Address: 124 Third Street

Ownership Name: Warren Blomdahl

Address: PO Box 262, Havre, Montana 59501

private: x

public:

Historic Name: John H. Matthews House

Common Name: unknown

Date of Construction: After 1892 (Title) By 1903 (Sanborn Map)

Architect: unknown

Builder: unknown

Original Owner: John H. Matthews

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

Physical Description:

Two-story plus attic, 3 x 2 bay, vernacular, transitional Colonial Revival/Queen Anne-detailed, wood-frame residence. Wood-shingled hip roof over square plan. Interior brick chimney. Clapboard siding. Concrete foundation.

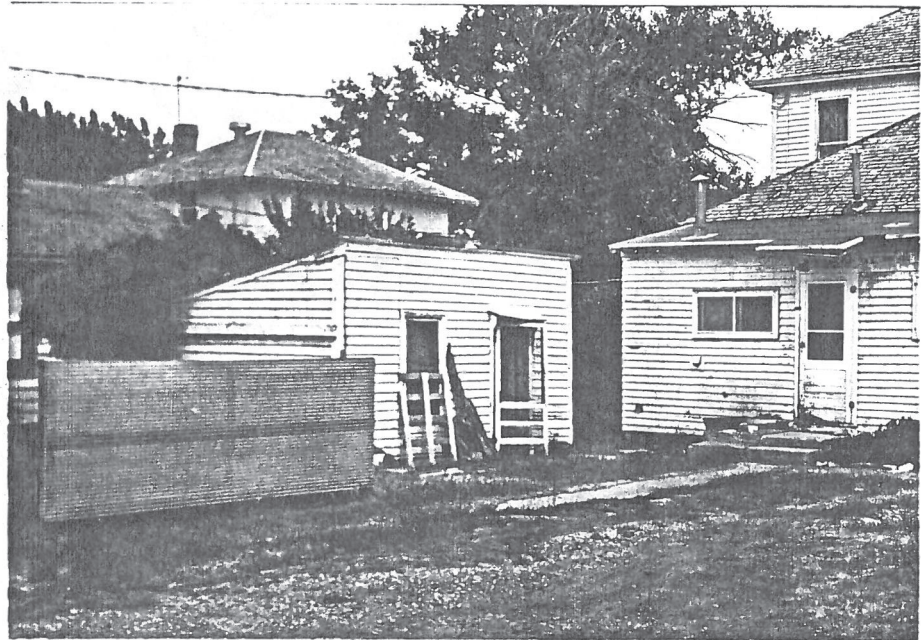
Gable wall dormers on the main (N) and side (E) facades. Each is faced with diamond-shaped wood shingled.

Left-side primary entry contained within a window-enclosed half-

width porch with wood-shingled bellcast roof. (Originally the entry was sheltered within a corner cut-out porch and remodeled sometime between 1903 and 1910.) The first floor of the main facade has a bay window with a cottage window. Other windows are mostly 1/1 double-hung with wood sash.

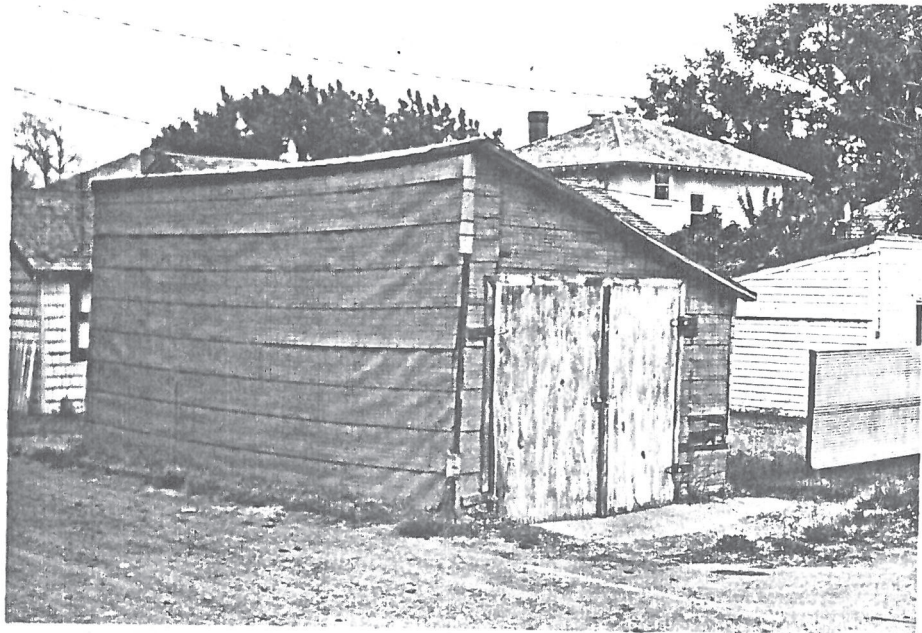
The site is completely level with that of the street.

Associated structures:



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1) Detached, shed-roofed, wood-frame garage is situated towards the rear (S) of the lot. It faces south with access via rear service alley. This building was built too recently to be eligible for the National Register and would therefore not contribute to the proposed historic district.



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2) Detached, wood-frame, shed-roofed shed. Faces south and is situated perpendicular and to the west of the main structure. It might have originally functioned as a chicken coop or as a utility shed. It too was built sometime after 1939 and would not therefore be eligible for the National Register.

Historical Information:

According to the 1910 Census this house was owned and lived in by John H. Matthews, along with his wife Kathryn and their five children, ranging in age from 14 years to two months. Mr. Matthews was born in Canada, emigrated to the U.S. in 1875, moved to Havre between 1900 and 1904 and was presently working as an agent for an express company.

Also residing at this address as boarders were William Goms, a messenger for the express company, John Everett, a messenger for the express company, Frank D. Williams, proprietor of a barber shop, Mary Daniels, a student, and Paul Tayimo, a Japanese servant.

In 1915 this house was lived in by John H. and Leslie Matthews. John Matthews was a bookkeeper/bartender for Pat Yeon Liquor Store and Bar and Leslie Matthews, John's son, was a clerk for the Great Northern Railway.

By 1929 this house was lived in, but not owned, by Frederick H.

and Emily V. Frahm. Mr. Frahm was a dispatcher for the Great Northern Railway.

Footnote Sources:

Thirteenth Census of the United States Population, 1910.

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

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

Sarborn Maps: 1903, 1910, 1920, 1939.

Research Sources:

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

Water Record no. 88 (1906), and Sewer Record no. 97 (1908), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Integrity:

Good. This house retains its basic configuration and massing, historic fabric (clapboard siding) and some stylistic features (diamond-shaped wood shingles) indicative of the transitional Colonial Revival/Queen Anne style.

Significance:

This building would qualify for the National Register under criteria C as a contributing element within the proposed historic district.

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Geographical Information:

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

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