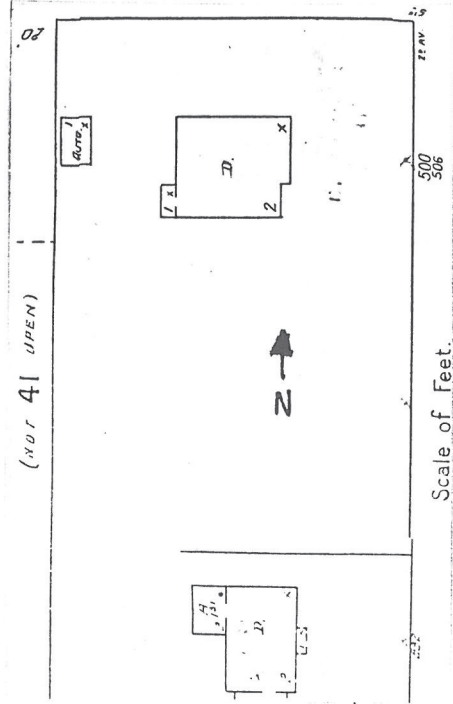


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MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 3 Frame# 17-18

Legal Description: Broadwater Addition, Block 1, Lots 17 - 20

Address: 500 Second Avenue

Ownership Name: Kenneth L. Myers

Address: 500 Second Ave.

private: x

public:

Historic Name: Edward T. Broadwater House

Common Name: Broadwater House

Date of Construction: 1911 (Water record)

Architect: George Shanley

Builder: unknown

Original Owner: Edward T. Broadwater

Original Use: Single-family residence

Present Use: Single-family residence

Physical Description:

Large two-and-a-half story, Colonial Revival, four-square, wood-frame residence. Hip roof that flares out at the edges. Open eaves have decoratively-carved exposed rafter ends.

The fenestration is irregular, but most of the windows have 1/1 double hung wood sash; some are doubled, others are tripled. Each facade has a gabled window dormer; the one on the main (E)

facade has a tripled window. All others have a single window. The second floor of the main facade includes an oriel and four-window wall dormer with a hip roof and decorative dragon motif relief ornament in the frieze. All the second story windows have wooden balconets with decorative wooden cut-outs. The north side of the structure has second floor oriel windows. All the dormers are sheathed with wood shingles. The remainder of the structure is sided with narrow-gauged clapboard. The watercourse between stories is trimmed with denticulation underneath.

The almost full-width porch on the main facade is enclosed with windows and features an elongated segmental arch with molded trim that stretches the full length of the porch. Contained within the porch is the main central entry, which is approached via two small flights of concrete steps flanked by metal hand railings.

Large endwall chimney on the north facade breaks through the open eaves. Second smaller interior brick chimney towards the rear. The rear facade has a small extension that supports a second-story open-air balcony. Concrete foundation.

The site is raised from that of the street. There is a low concrete retaining wall long the east edge of the property. A higher concrete walls follows the west edge of the property before meeting the rear service alley.

Associated structure: A large two-bay garage was added in 1973. It therefore would not contribute to the proposed historic district. It faces north and is accessed via Fifth Street. Hip roof. Fiberglass overhead rolling doors. A c. 1975 greenhouse addition connects the garage with the rear of the main structure. Both the garage and the greenhouse are clapboard-sided. The garage roof peak is surmounted with a metal weathervane featuring an American eagle and the date 1896 stenciled in cut-out numbers.

Historical Information:

This house is the first of three built for one of Havre's founding fathers - Edward T. Broadwater (1861 -1942); a distant cousin of Colonel Charles A. Broadwater. Edward Broadwater first arrived in the area in 1882 and found work as a clerk in the post trading store at Fort Assiniboine, then owned and operated by Colonel Broadwater. In 1891 Edward joined with Simon Pepin and established their own store in a tent on the present-day site of Havre; the first in the community and region outside of the Fort itself.

The store occupied grounds that the Great Northern Railway wanted as a right-of-way, which Broadwater and Pepin were glad to exchange if Jim Hill, owner of the Great Northern, would agree to make this the site of a division point for the Great Northern. Broadwater went on to develop real estate, a series of mercantile enterprises and helped organized several banking operations.

While this house was undergoing construction in 1911, a fire was discovered smoldering under the basement. Because of the circumstances surrounding the fire, the Havre Fire Department determined it had been set by an arsonist.

Footnote sources:

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

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Research Sources:

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

Water Record no. 410 (1911), and Sewer Record no. 166 (1912), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Integrity:

Although this building has not been substantially altered on either the main or side facades, large additions have been made to the rear. These include the addition of a greenhouse and an attached two-bay garage. They have diminished the integrity of an otherwise architecturally important residence.

It still retains most of its original historic fabric (narrow-reveal clapboard siding, full-width porch) and historic ornament (i.e. the relief dragon, fenestration detailing, etc.).

Significance:

This building is significant because of its association with the early period of Havre's history in the last decades of the 19th century and because it is an excellent example of the design work of George Shanley, an important architect in the state of Montana. It would qualify for the National Register under criteria C as an example of the work by Shanley and under criteria A (Transportation), due to its association with Edward T. Broadwater, a significant figure in the establishment of Havre as a division point on the Great Northern Railway.

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Geographical Information:

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

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