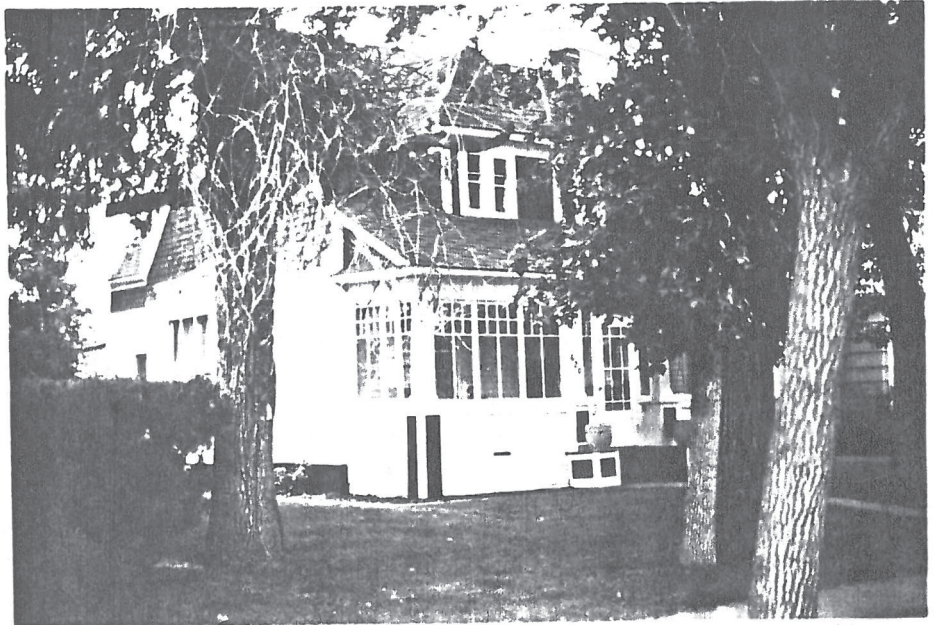
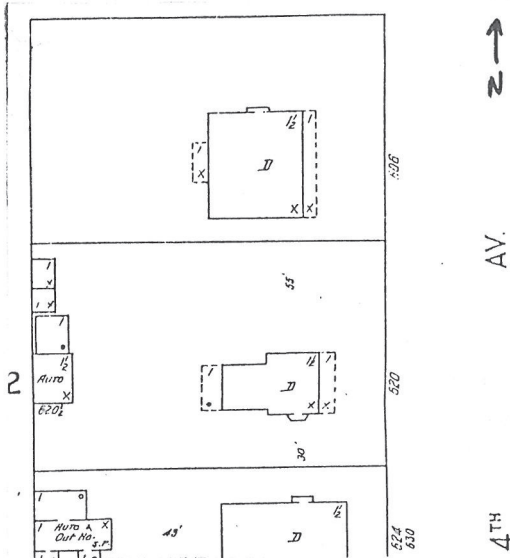


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 34 Frame# 11

Legal Description: Decelles Third Addition, Block 6, lots 15 & 16
Address: 620 Fourth Avenue
Ownership Name: Raymond L. Peck
Address: 620 Fourth Avenue, Havre, MT 59501
private: x
public:

Historic Name: Frank Bossuot House
Common Name: Bossuot House
Date of Construction: 1905 (Water Record)
Architect: F.F. Bossuot
Builder: Delaney and Bossuot
Original Owner: Frank F. Bossuot
Original Use: Single-family Residence
Present Use: Single-family Residence

Physical Description:

One and one-half story, wood frame craftsman-styled cottage. 3 x 3 bay. Gable roof over square plan. Roof is steeply pitched. Wood shingled roof. Hip roof dormer on facade has belt course and end boards. Dormer is shingle sided. Combination shingle and clapboard siding. Interior end brick chimney has corbeled cap. Oriel on south is three bay with two 1/1 double-hung sash windows and three casement windows. Oriel has tent roof. Raised concrete foundation has daylight basement. Wood water table.

Enclosed porch on facade. Porch has shed roof with closed gables on walls. Porch is clad in clapboard siding and has square

columns upporting the roof. Columns rest on vertical board and batten piers. Porch eaves are corniced. Entry is central to facade and is reached by wood steps flanked by weatherbord abutments. Door is original multi-lighted with sidelights. Porch windows are 8/2 fixed casement.

Windows on main floor and on second story walls are 1/1 double-hung sash. Daylit basement has casement windows.

Site is level.

Historical Information

The 1910 Sanborn map shows this house as a one and one-half story dwelling with an open porch on the facade. A stable was located at the rear of the property. By 1920 the stable had been converted into a garage. There were no significant exterior alterations to the house until after 1939.

Havre contractor, architect and businessman Frank Bossuot was the original owner of this house. Bossuot was born in Iowa in 1870. Bossuot opened an architectural and contracting office in Havre in 1896. In 1905, Bossuot designed and engineered the first havre water works. Bossuot married Harriet Markle in 1905.

Although trained as an architect, Bossuot spent the early part of his career in the contracting business. For many years he was associated with James Delaney. Delaney and Bossuot were responsible for much of the early residential construction in Havre. (See Frank Bossuot and Delaney and Bossuot in the overview). In 1911, Bossuot became associated with Kalispell architect Marion B. Rizzo, who had an office in Havre. While Rizzo did the designing, Bossuot was responsible for the construction undertaken by the firm.¹ In 1913, Bossuot became associated with the Home Builders Investment Company. Bossuot designed many houses, schools, commercial buildings and churches in Havre and along the Hi-Line. He was also active in the Havre Rotary Club, Masonic Order and the B.P.O.E. He was also a member of the Montana State Board of Architect Examiners. He died in this house in 1962.

Harriet Bossuot was an active member in Havre society. She was one of the founders of the Havre Women's Club and the public library. She was also a women's rights activist and a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She died in 1957.

Footnote Sources:

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Twelfth United States Census, 1900.

Polk Directory, Havre and Chouteau County, 1909.

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Research Sources:

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Water Record no.37 (1905) and Sewer Record no.32 (1905), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana

Integrity:

This structure retains its original configuration, historic fabric and many distinctive features indicative of its craftsman styling.

Significance:

This building maintains a high level of architectural integrity and would strongly contribute to the proposed Historic District. It would qualify for the National Register under criteria C as a good local example of a craftsman-styled cottage, designed and built by an important Havre architect/contractor--Frank Bossuet.

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Geographical Information

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