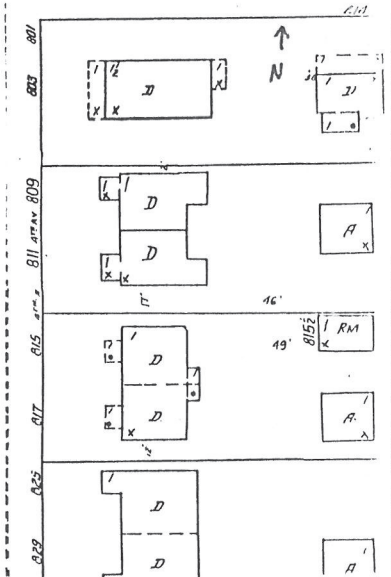


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MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 32 Frame# 22

Legal Description: High School Addition, Block 3, lots 3 & 4
Address: 809-811 Fourth Avenue
Ownership Name: Beatrice Burch
Address: 811 Fourth Avenue, Havre, MT 59501
 private: x
 public:

Historic Name: F.B. Wilbur House
Common Name: Unknown
Date of Construction: 1926 (Assessor's records)
Architect: Unknown
Builder: Unknown
Original Owner: F.B. Wilbur
Original Use: Duplex
Present Use: Duplex

Physical Description:

One story, stucco over wood frame Spanish Colonial style duplex. 4 x 3 bay. Combination hip and gable roof over U-shaped plan. Asphalt shingled roof (originally wood shingled). Exposed rafters. Interior brick chimneys at north and southsides of duplex. Raised concrete foundation with daylight basement.

Clipped gable roofs over entries on north and south facade. Entries are enclosed. entry is arched with sidelights. Entry windows are also arched. Entry windows are fixed casement with mutli-lighted toplights. Side windows are 1/1 double-hung sash. Original multi-lighted doors with screen additions. Entries are reached by concrete steps flanked by concrete abutments.

Windows are 9/1 double-hung sash. Daylit basement has casement windows.

Rear facade entries are also enclosed.

Detached one-bay garage at rear of lot was constructed by 1939. Hip roof with clapboard siding. Asphalt shingled roof.

Site is slightly raised and bermed to level of sidewalk.

Historical Information

According to the Polk Directory, this structure was numbered 805-807 from 1926 until sometime after 1929 and before 1939. F.B. Wilbur was the original owner of the house, although he had died by 1929. May Wilbur continued to live in the house. In 1929, Ole and Hazel Forde lived in 811. Forde was the manager of the Havre Western Union office.

In 1929, a building permit was issued to Mrs. May Wilbur to enclose the entries to the house for a cost of \$200. Charles C. Harper was hired for the job.¹

Footnote Sources:

1. Havre Daily News, March 27, 1929.

Polk Directory, Havre and Chouteau County, 1909.

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

Sanborn Maps, 1910, 1920 and 1939.

Building Permit no.1246, dated March 16, 1929. Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Research Sources:

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

Water Record no.1087 (1926) and Sewer Record no.850 (1926), 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 styling.

Significance:

This building maintains a high level of architectural integrity and would strongly contribute as a primary element to the proposed Historic District. It would qualify for the National Register under criteria C as a good local example of a Spanish Colonial style duplex.

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Geographical Information

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad:

UTM's: