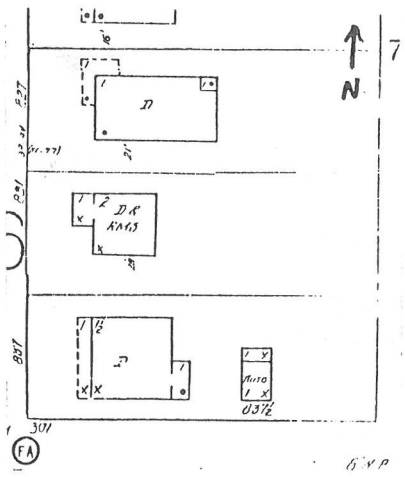


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 4 Frame# 35

Legal Description: Lucke-Taylor Addition, Block 1, All of Lots 9 and 10
Address: 837/837 1/2
Ownership Name: William Hedges Jr.
Address: 837 Third Avenue
private: x
public:

Historic Name: Second C.M.C. Taylor House
Common Name: unknown
Date of Construction: 1914
Architect: unknown
Builder: unknown
Original Owner: C.M.C. Taylor
Original Use: Single-Family Residence
Present Use: Multiple-Family Residence

Physical Description:

Large two-story, 3 x 2 bay, stucco-over-wood-frame, Craftsman bungalow. Originally a single-family residence, this dwelling has been converted to a two-family residence.

Wide and shallow eaves-front gable roof (wood-shingled). Wide overhanging eaves. The purlins extend from the main block of the house and support the roof overhang along the side (N & S) gables. Interior brick chimney.

The roof sweeps over the full-width open-air porch along the main (E) facade. The porch features massive stuccoed columns with wood detailing.

Centrally-located primary (837 Third Avenue) is accessed via a cwide flight of wooden stairs flanked by stuccoed sidewalls. The entryway itself features full-length sidewalls with a quarrel-like pattern and is flanked by large square picture windows. Originally these openings contained cottage windows.

Large gabled dormer is centrally located on the main facade and includes a 8/1, 6/1, 8/1 triple window with wood sash.

Side (N & S) gables feature false half-timbering. Their projecting tympanums are supported by wooden modillions. The gables' double windows are flanked by diamond-shaped windows with a quarrel-like pattern. All the windows of the first floor have recently (1987) been altered and remodeled and now include an oriel window on each side.

A secondary entry on the main facade (837 1/2 Third Avenue) gives direct access to the finished basement and separate living quarters. All the windows of the daylit basement have also recently (1987) been remodeled.

The rear (E) facade has a shed-roofed dormer which is now wood-shingled and detracts from the historic appearance of the structure.

The site is raised from that of the street and requires a concrete and colored stone retaining wall along the southern edge of the property, while the western edge is gently bermed.

Associated structure: Detached two-bay wood-frame garage is situated on the SE corner of the property and faces south with access via Ninth Street. Wood-shingled gable roof. Rolling overhead wooden doors. Synthetic siding. Non-contributing and would be intrusive to the proposed historic district.

Historical Information:

The earliest water and sewer records indicate that this house was constructed in 1914 and originally owned by C.M.C. Taylor. This house like the other one Taylor owned, 805 Third Avenue are very similar in design and were probably built by the same individuals at approximately the same time. The 1915 Directories do not list any residents at this address. Since Taylor was a resident of 805 Third Avenue, it seems likely that he had this house built as a

rental, or perhaps he built it on speculation.

By 1929 this residence was owned and lived by Mrs. Lillian Bishop, widow of Clinton G. Bishop.

Footnote Sources:

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

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

Sanborn Maps: 1920, 1939.

Research Sources:

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

Water Record no. 517 (1914) and Sewer Record no. 42 (1914), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Integrity:

This building retains its basic configuration, historic fabric (exterior stucco) and styling features (full-width open-air porch, extended purlins) indicative of the bungalow style. Several windows have been modernized, which has detracted somewhat from the overall historic character of the dwelling.

Significance:

This building is a good local example of a Craftsman-styled bungalow and would contribute to the proposed historic district and would qualify for the National Register under criteria C.

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Geographical Information:

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

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