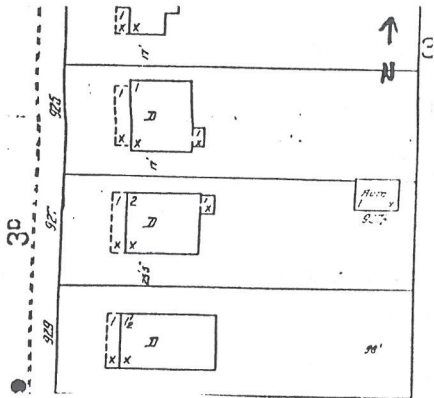


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



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Legal Description: Lucke-Taylor Addition, Block 5, Part of Lot 9
and All of Lot 10

Address: 924 Third Avenue

Ownership Name: Paul English

Address: 924 Third Avenue

private: x

public:

Historic Name: Alvin Lucke House

Common Name: Alvin Lucke House

Date of Construction: 1928

Architect: N/A

Builder: Charles C. Harper

Original Owner: Alvin Lucke

Original Use: Single-Family Residence

Present Use: Single-Family Residence

Physical Description:

Single-story, 3 x 3 bay, stucco-over-brick, Spanish Colonial Revival bungalow. Gable roof with no eaves over L-shaped plan. Metal roof that simulates tile covering. Large endwall chimney on side (S) facade. Flat-roofed attached garage on north side with

trellis screening just in front, now includes a c. 1980 rolling metal overhead door. Concrete running strips lead from the garage to Third Avenue.

Centrally-located primary entry accessed via concrete steps and an open-air patio bordered on two sides by the main house. The main entryway is flanked by sidelights and wood shutters. There is a secondary entry on the side (N) facade of the gabled ell, also accessed via the patio. It too features full-length wood shutters.

The main (E) facade of the ell includes a large tripartite window that is gathered underneath an elliptically-arched toplight that features some decoratively leading. It is flanked by wood shutters. Other windows are primarily 1/1 double-hung with wood sash and similar treatment of decorative leading in the upper sashes. Some windows are paired.

The site is gently raised from that of the street. The rear yard is enclosed with a white picket fence.

Historical Information:

The present owner, Paul English, retains a copy of the original architectural drawings. They were prepared by Angelus Architectural Service Co., 321 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California. It seems that these plans were ordered through the mail by the original owner, Alvin Lucke.

Both the sewer record and the building permit indicate that this building was constructed in 1928. The building permit lists Charles C. Harper, a local and prominent builder in Havre, as the builder of this house. This was one of three houses constructed on Third Avenue in 1928.

Paul English also believes that the bricks used in the construction of the house were salvaged from buildings at Fort Assiniboine. The Fort was declared surplus and soon thereafter systematically buildings were torn down and the building materials salvaged. Mr. English further stated that the house was probably constructed by the Neuwerth Construction, Co. They were centered here in Havre and specialized in brick construction. It seems quite likely that they were subcontracted for much of the work, since in an oral interview with Charles Harper's daughter, it was uncovered that Harper did not do any masonry or brick work and normally sub-contracted for things of that nature.

Footnote Sources:

1. Havre Daily News, January 26, 1929.

Building Permit No. 1163, Dated April 24, 1928, Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Copies of the original architectural plans are now on file with Bear Paw Development, PO Box 1549, Havre, Montana.

Conversation with Paul English, 12/29/87.

Research Sources:

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

Water Record no. 1059, (1926) and Sewer Record no. 942 (1928), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Integrity:

This building remains practically unchanged and retains its architectural integrity and historic character and is a rare example of its style in Havre. This structure retains its original configuration, fabric and styling details (i.e. stucco exterior, simulated tile roof, decorative window leading, garage trellis, etc.)

Significance:

This dwelling would strongly contribute as a primary element to the proposed historic district and would qualify for listing under criteria C on the National Register as an excellent example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style.

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Geographical Information:

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