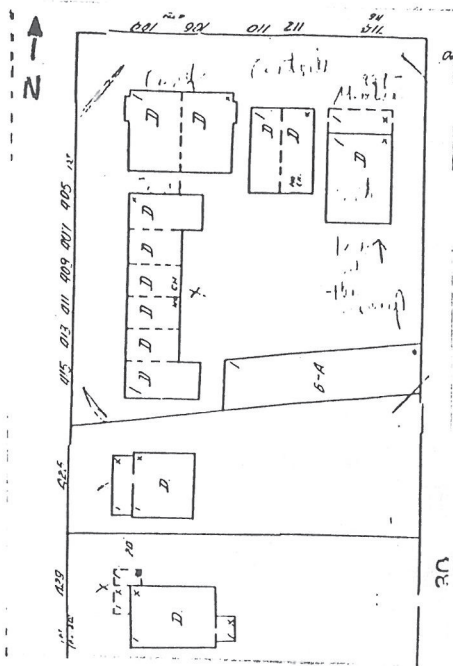


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 1 Framed# 23-24

Legal Description: Meili-Almas Addition, Block 7, Part of Lot 6 and All of Lots 7 - 10.

Address: 405/407/409/411/413/415 First Avenue

Ownership Name: Edwin Freier, Trustee - H. Earl Clack Estate

Address: 401 Seventh Avenue N., Hayre, Montana 59501

private: x

public:

Historic Name: H. Earl Clack Apartments

Common Name: unknown

Date of Construction: 1936 (water record)

Architect: unknown

Builder: H. Earl Clack Co.

Original Owner: H. Earl Clack

Original Use: Multiple-family residence

Present Use: Multiple-family residence

Physical Description:

Single-story, 10 x 4 bay residential six-plex. Gable roof over elongated U-shaped plan. Wood-shingled roof with closed eaves. Stucco exterior. Concrete foundation.

The entries to the six individual units are grouped in a 1-2-2-1 rhythm (the central four are paired). Each entry features a gabled hood with wooden brackets as support. Only 409 retains

its original wood storm door. All the other now have c. 1970 aluminum storm doors. Four of the six main entries (405, 407, 411 and 415) have wood-paneled inner doors with three vertical upper lights. The other two entries are similar but only have two horizontal upper lights. Each entry also has a concrete landing. The north and south sides have secondary entries (one each), while the rear (E) facade has three secondary entries.

Windows are 3/1 double-hung (upper lights are vertically oriented), plain wood sash, sill and trim. Most are paired.

Concrete retaining wall runs along the west edge of the property.



Roll # 22 Frame # 24-24A

Associated structure: C. 1936 detached 6-bay community garage situated at the rear (E) of the property. It faces north and is situated at a right angle to the service alley that borders the property to the east and provides vehicle access to it. Wood-shingled gable roof. Stucco exterior. Deteriorated condition. This structure retains its architectural integrity and is an excellent example of a community garage in Havre. Because it was built sometime after 1939 (it does not show on the 1939 Sanborn Map) it cannot qualify for the National Register and would not presently contribute to the proposed historic. But because of its uniqueness within the community, it should be eligible in the future.

Historical Information:

This structure was constructed in 1936 by H. Earl Clack's construction company. It is very similar to two duplexes just around the corner from it (104/106 and 110/112 Fourth Street) and were probably developed at approximately the same time and by the same individuals.

No directories have yet been uncovered for Havre during the 1930s and little about the residents of this structure at that time has been uncovered.

Research Sources:

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

Polk's City Directory, Havre, 1929-30.

Sanborn Maps: 1920, 1939.

Water Record No. 1343 (1936) Sewer Record No. 1104 (1936), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Integrity:

This structure retains most of its original configuration, fabric and detailing (i.e. door hoods, windows, wood-shingle roof).

Significance:

This structure would contribute to the proposed historic district based on its high degree of architectural integrity 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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