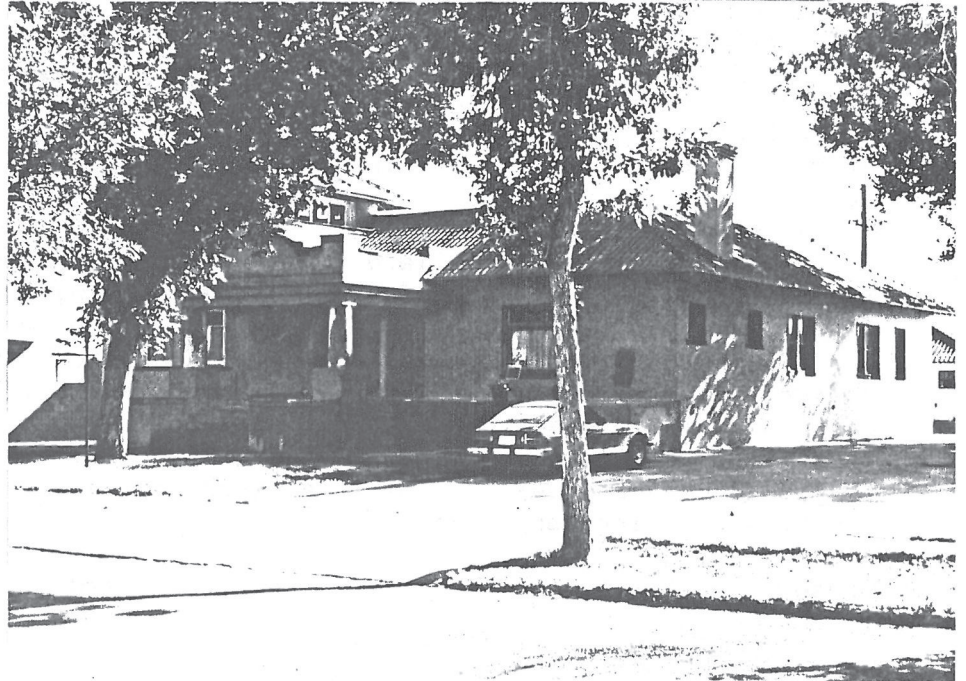
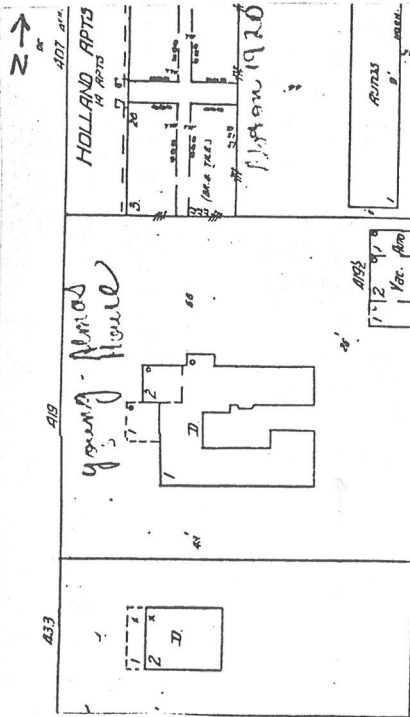


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 36 Frame# 18-20

Legal Description: Decelles Addition, Block 2, lots 5-7

Address: 419 Fourth Avenue

Ownership Name: Bruce Swenson & Wanda Thompson

Address: 419 Fourth Avenue, Havre, MT.

private: x

public:

Historic Name: C.W. "Shorty" Young House

Common Name: Young-Almas House

Date of Construction: 1914 (Assessor's Records)

Architect: Frank F. Bossuot

Builder: Christ Fuglevand

Original Owner: C.W. "Shorty" Young

Original Use: Single-family Residence

Present Use: Law Offices

Physical Description:

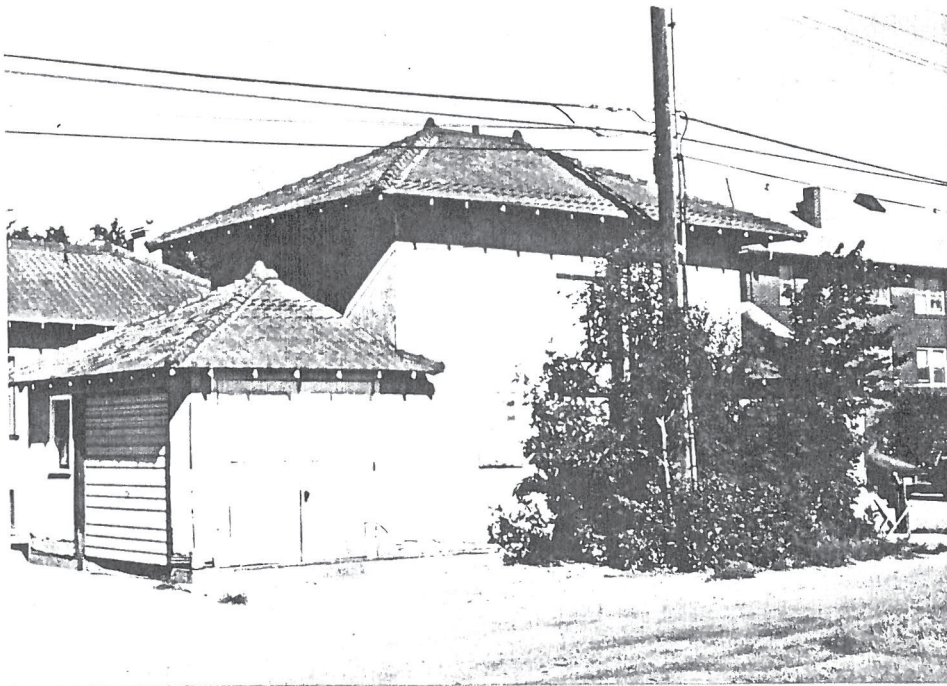
One story, stucco over wood frame Spanish-style residence. 3 x 5 bay. Tiled hip roof over irregular U-shaped plan. Exposed rafters. Roof has small finials. Two story tower on north facade has peaked hip roof with tiles. Canted bay window on facade has flat roof with cornices. Tower's second story has corniced flower box on facade. Box is supported by modillions. Interior brick chimney with corbeled cap on southside. Chimney is also clad in stucco. Raised concrete foundation.

Open porch on facade. Porch roof is crenelated and is also clad

in stucco. Wood laths are exposed on southside of porch roof and on facade. Porch roof has corniced entablature. Porch roof is supported by smooth doric columns resting on concrete piers. Entry is central to facade and is reached by concrete steps flanked by concrete abutments and piers. Sidelighted door has wrought iron barred grate. Door is original wood. Sidelights are multi-lighted stained glass and are protected by wrought iron bars. Sidelights are divided into eight lights.

Facade window is 1/1 fixed casement with multi-lighted stainedglass toplight with lead tracery. Windows on southwall and are 1/1 fixed casement with forty-two light stainglass toplights. Toplights have stainedglass shield in center. Two small fixed casement windows on westend of southwall are also multi-lighted stainglass with lead tracery. Other windows are 4/1 double-hung sash. Bay window has three 1/1 double-hung sash windows with decorative stainedglass toplights. Tower windows are grouped in four on facade and walls. They are fixed casement with decorative stainglass toplights.

House is currently clad in pressed particle board siding on facade.



Roll# 36 Frame# 17

Associated Structure: Detached stucco over wood frame garage/carriage house/apartment at rear of lot. Faces east. Two story. Four bays on east, south, west and northwest of structure. Tiled hip and pyramid roof over irregualr plan. Exposed rafters. Concrete foundation. Windows are 4/1 double-hung sash. Some windows and hay loft opening are now covered with wood paneled shutters. Three of the four bays still have original wood paneled doors. Bay on south has modern overhead

fibreglass door.

Historical Information

The 1920 Sanborn map shows this as an irregular U-shaped dwelling with tile roof and a two story tower on the northwest facade. There was an open asphalt roofed porch on the facade and garages and apartments located in the carriage house at the rear of the lot. The carriage house had a metal roof and the apartment was vacant in 1920. By 1939, a bay had been added to the north wall just behind the tower (probably added between 1920 and 1923). There were no other significant exterior alterations.

According to the water record, C.W. "Shorty" Young was the original owner of the house. Perhaps Havre's most notorious businessman, Shorty Young has been called the "Vice King of Havre" in several accounts of the city's history. After his arrival in Havre in 1894, Young owned and operated the Montana Concert Hall--the Honky tonk and the Mint Bar. He was also involved in prostitution and gambling in the city. In many respects, Young was Havre's red light district since he owned the district's most important and prominent establishment on Havre's westside. Once Prohibition was declared in 1919, he was also involved in bootlegging and was the target of numerous raids by local and federal authorities. Young was also a member of the Elks and Eagles societies and was an unwanted member of the Havre masonic lodge. He also served on the Havre city council just after the turn of the century. Nearly destitute, Young died in 1944.

Located on property once used as corrals by Simon Pepin, the house's design is based on the design of a Spanish villa near Pasadena, California. When Young's house was built, it was the showcase of Havre. The main rooms of the house all contained leaded glass doors and Japanese rice cloth wall coverings. Artist Thorgood Ronne decorated the ceilings with scenes of ducks in flight, with oak leaf borders and metal etched horseless carriages. The fireplace tiles came from Italy. The tower on the facade had a concrete floor and was used as a conservatory by Young's wives and boarders.

The carriage house at the rear of the lot also contained an apartment, hay loft and storage for automobile, buggy and horses.

In 1915, a student named Thomas Corley and Carrie Romener, a domestic, were also listed as tenants of the house.

By 1929, Dr. Joseph and Georgiana Almas were owners of the house. Almas was a general physician at the Havre Clinic. Almas was also one of the directors of the Home Builders Investment Company. Almas was Havre's first doctor, arriving in the city in 1892. He died in 1935.

In 1945, Georgiana Almas was issued a building permit to repair

the garage of the house for a cost of \$25. The work was completed by William Trudeau.

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Research Sources:

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

Water Record no. 524 (1914) and Sewer Record no. 237 (1914), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana

Integrity:

This structure is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Significance:

This structure is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Geographical Information

Acreage: Less than one acre
USGS Quad:
UTM's: