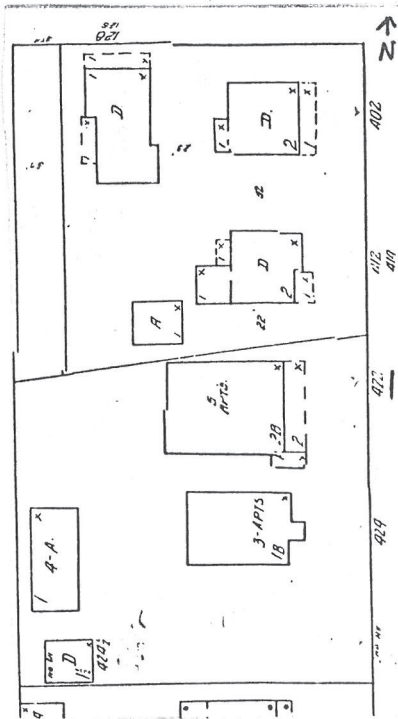


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 3 Frame# 10

Legal Description: Decelles Addition, Block 1, All of Lot 1, Part of Lot 2.

Address: 422 Second Avenue

Ownership Name: Verlyn G. Stahlecker

Address: 27 Saddle Butte Drive, Havre, MT, 59501

private: x

public:

Historic Name: Pratt Apartments

Common Name: Same

Date of Construction: c. 1925, remodeled, 1928

Architect: N/A

Builder: unknown

Original Owner: V.K. Pratt

Original Use: Multi-family residence

Present Use: Multi-family residence

Physical Description:

Two-story, 5 x 5 bay, stucco-over-wood-frame, multi-family residential structure. Shallow hip roof with open eaves and exposed rafters over basically square plan. C. 1950 asphalt shingle roof (originally wood shingle roof up until at least 1939). Large interior brick chimney. Stucco exterior. Cement

foundation.

Double-story porch with wood porch posts and repeating arches dominates the main (E) facade and shelters the three primary entries for four different units within the main structure. (A separate covered entry with a gabled door hood on the south side leads to the basement and a fifth unit.) Each of the main entries is accessed via a separate flight of concrete steps and has its own doorway. The central entry leads to the two upstairs apartments. Each of the doors has three upper lights. Two cottage windows with multiple toplights, wood sash and sill separate the three doorways. Similar windows are found on the second floor; one for each unit.

Most of the windows are 4/1 double-hung with wood sash and plain wood sill and trim. Many are paired, while those that aren't are smaller in size.

Historical Information:

According to Tom Manaras, the present owner of the building, this multiple-unit dwelling was constructed sometime in the mid-twenties. In an item appearing in the Daily News in 1929, V.K. Pratt was just finishing an addition to this apartment building. John Kay was the contractor. With completion of the addition, there would be "five up-to-date apartments" in the building. The work was scheduled to be finished by Kay on October 1, 1929.¹

Footnote Sources:

1. Havre Daily News, September 24, 1929.

Conversation with Tom Manaras, 6/3/88.

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

Sanborn Maps: 1910, 1920, 1939.

Research Sources:

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

Water Records nos. 258 (1907), 1405 (1938) and Sewer Record no. 168 (1912), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Integrity:

This structure retains visibly unaltered and retains its original configuration and several significant styling details (double-story porch, cottage windows, stucco exterior, open eaves and exposed rafters).

Significance:

This building retains its architectural integrity and historic character and would qualify for the National Register under criteria C and would contribute to the proposed historic district.

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Geographical Information:

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

UTM's: