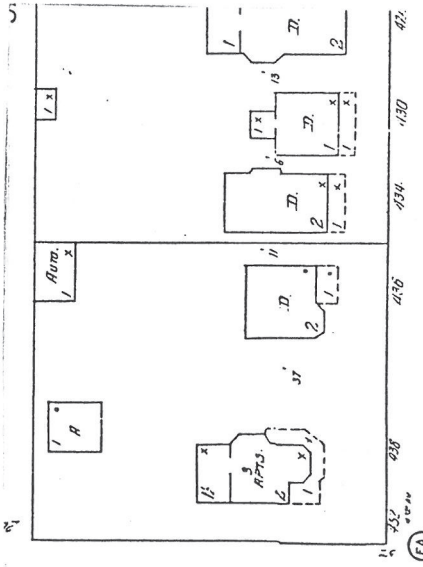


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MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 36 Frame# 27

Legal Description: Decelles First Addition, Block 2, Lots 15 & 16
Address: 436 Fourth Avenue
Ownership Name: Roger A. Barber
Address: 35 Ridge Road, Havre, MT 59501
 private: x
 public:

Historic Name: Abe Crosson House
Common Name: Unknown
Date of Construction: C.1915 (Estimated)
Architect: Unknown
Builder: Unknown
Original Owner: Abe Crosson
Original Use: Single-family Residence
Present Use: Multi-Family Residence

Physical Description:

Two story, wood frame Colonial Revival residence. 2 x 3 bay. Hip roof over square plan. Roof has original ogee moldings and soffits. Asphalt shingled roof. Stucco exterior with watertable. Interior brick chimney. Concrete foundation with daylight basement.

Open porch on facade with hipped roof. Arched stucco surrounds. Entry is central to facade and is reached by wood steps. Enclosed porch on second story facade was originally open. Porch does not stylistically match the rest of the house and was probably added in 1952.

Windows throughout structure are 1/1 double-hung sash. Windows on south wall have aluminum awnings.

Detached one-bay gable roof garage at rear of lot. Clapboard siding and casement windows. Built between 1915 and 1924.

Site is level.

Historical Information

The 1920 Sanborn Map shows this as a two story asphalt shingled dwelling with an open porch on the facade. By 1939, there were no significant exterior alterations.

Abe Crosson was the original owner of this house. Crosson was a pioneer sheepman and one of Hill County's first county commissioners. He was Chairman of the Commission in 1918. Crosson was also Director of the Citizen's Bank of Havre. Abe and Isabella Crosson still lived in the house in 1929. Abe died in 1931.

In 1944, owner Ray van Buskirk was issued a building permit to remodel and repair the roof of the house. C. C. Harper did the work for \$400. In 1949, van Buskirk was issued another permit to convert the house into a three unit apartment building. The remodeling included the addition of another one and one-half story to the house. The alterations cost \$5,000. Finally, in 1952, van Buskirk was issued a building permit to add another bedroom and a porch to the house for \$750.

Footnote Sources:

1. Havre Plaindealer, March 9, 1912.

Grits, Guts and Gusto: A History of Hill County. Compiled by the Hill County Bicentennial Commission. (Havre: Bear Paw Printers, 1976), p. 38.

Polk Directory, Havre and Chouteau County, 1909.

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

Sanborn Maps, 1910, 1920 and 1939.

Building Permit No. 1949, dated September 13, 1944. Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Building Permit No. 3412, dated November 10, 1949. Department of

Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Building Permit No. 3764, dated June 3, 1952. Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Research Sources:

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

Water Record no.2016 (1949), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana

Integrity:

This structure retains little of its original configuration, historic fabric and many distinctive features indicative of its craftsman styling because of alterations made to the house in 1944, 1949 and 1952.

Significance:

This house does not retain enough of its original character and integrity to qualify for the National Register and would not contribute to the proposed Historic District.

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Date: November 12, 1988

Geographical Information

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

UTM's: