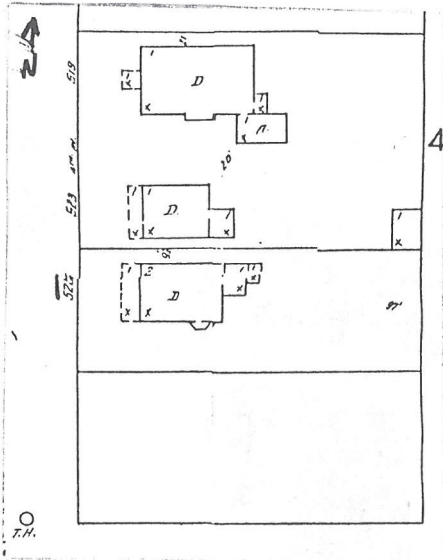


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 33 Frame# 20

Legal Description: Morris-Smith-McCulloch Addition, Block 1,
lots 8 & 9

Address: 525 Fourth Avenue

Ownership Name: Harold & Betty Lou Bell

Address: %Patrick Lamphier, 524 Fourth Avenue, Havre, MT 59501

private: x

public:

Historic Name: Charles Wilson House

Common Name: Jim Shawlee House

Date of Construction: 1910 (Assessor's Records)

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Original Owner: Charles B. Wilson

Original Use: Single-family Residence

Present Use: Single-family Residence

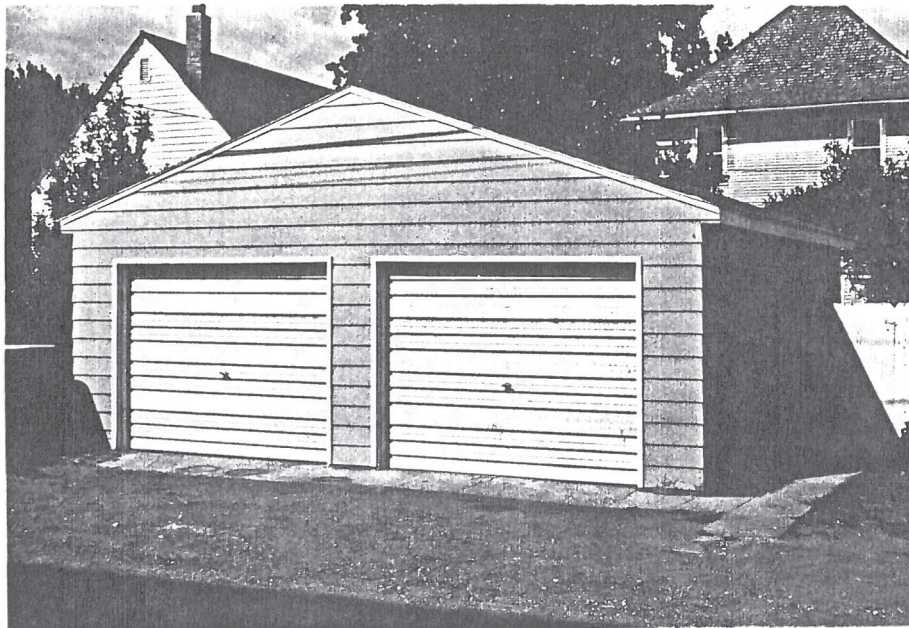
Physical Description:

Two and one-half story, wood frame "Prairie-Box"-style residence. 2 x 2 bay. Hip roof over rectangular plan. Wood shingled roof. Clapboard siding. Hip roof dormer on west side. Raised concrete foundation with daylight basement. Interior brick chimney. Oriel on south wall.

Open porch on facade (W) has hip roof supported by three square columns with plain capitols. Wood steps lead to porch and entry which is offset to north of facade facade. Entry is flanked by decorative shutters.

Windows throughout are 2/2 double-hung sash. Dormer has casement windows. Windows at west second floor have decorative shutters. Oriel has three 1/1 double-hung windows. Daylit basement has casement windows and concrete wells. All windows except at attic dormer, have recent metal storm additions.

Site is level.



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Associated Structure: Recent two-bay gabled roof garage. Aluminum siding. Fibreglass overhead door. Construction is too recent and style does not match the house. Its recent construction would make the garage ineligible for the National Register

Historical Information

The 1910 Sanborn map lists this house as a two story structure with an open porch on the front and rear facades. There was also an oriel on the facade. By 1920, the oriel had been removed and the rear porch enclosed. There is no evidence of any significant exterior alterations on the 1939 Sanborn map.

Charles B. Wilson was the original owner of this house. Wilson was the Secretary-Treasurer of the G.A. Hulfish Company. In 1922, Wilson was elected chairman of the board of School District No. 16. By 1929, Wilson had removed to 804 Fifth Avenue (See 804 Fifth Avenue).

Jim Shawlee is listed as the owner of this house in 1929. Shawlee was an immigrant from Afghanistan. He is listed as Jim

Shawleekhan in the 1910 United States Census. Shawlee was born in Afghanistan in 1877. He arrived in Havre in 1907. Upon his arrival in Havre, he sold hot tamales from a basket in the city's business district. By 1918, Shawlee had opened a lunch counter located on the corner of Third Avenue and First Street. In 1927, Shawlee rented a small space underneath the Fair Hotel on First Street.¹ By 1929, he owned and operated Jim's Chili Parlor adjacent to the Grand Hotel on First Street. Jim opened a fourth restaurant called Jim's Silver Grill in 1933. Shawlee died in 1952.

Footnote Sources:

1. The Hill County Democrat, April 15, 1927.

Thirteenth United States Census, 1910.

Grits, Guts and Gusto: A History of Hill County. Compiled by the Hill County Bicentennial Commission. (Havre: Bear Paw Printers, 1976), pp. 283-284.

Polk Directory, Havre and Chouteau County, 1909.

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

Sanborn Maps, 1910, 1920 and 1939.

Research Sources:

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

Water Record no.371 (1910) and Sewer Record no.240 (1915), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana

Integrity:

This structure retains its original configuration, historic fabric and many distinctive features indicative of its craftsman styling.

Significance:

This building maintains a high level of architectural integrity and would strongly contribute to the proposed Historic District. It would qualify for the National Register under criteria C as a good local example of a craftsman "Prairie-Box"-style residence.

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Geographical Information

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

UTM's: