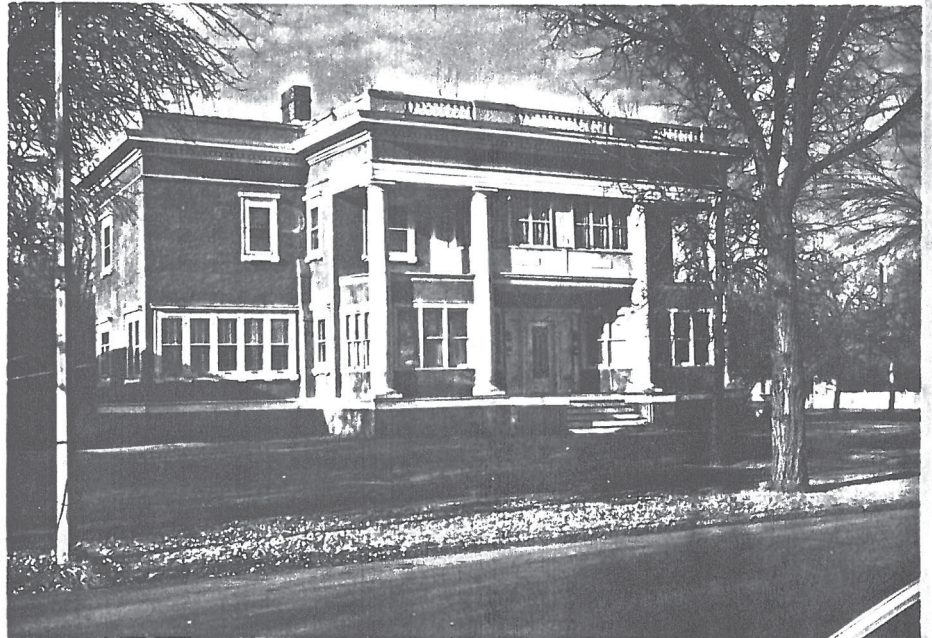
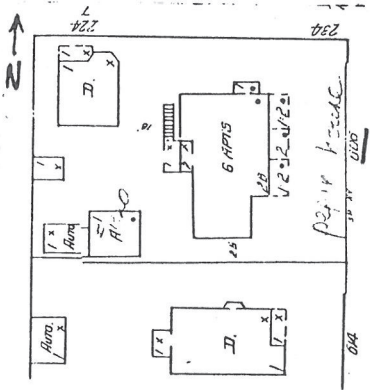


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INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 6 Frame# 14

Legal Description: Decelles Third Addition, Block 5, Lots 18-20

Address: 606 Third Avenue

Ownership Name: Exzelja Pepin Jr.

Address: 224 Sixth Street, Havre, MT 59501

private: x

public:

Historic Name: Exzelia Pepin House

Common Name: Zeal Pepin House

Date of Construction: 1914

Architect: Francis F. Bossuot

Builder: Fuglevand and Sundberg

Original Owner: Exzelia Pepin

Original Use: Single-Family Residence

Present Use: Multiple-Family Residence

Physical Description:

Large two-story, stuccoed wood-framed, Neo-Classical residence.

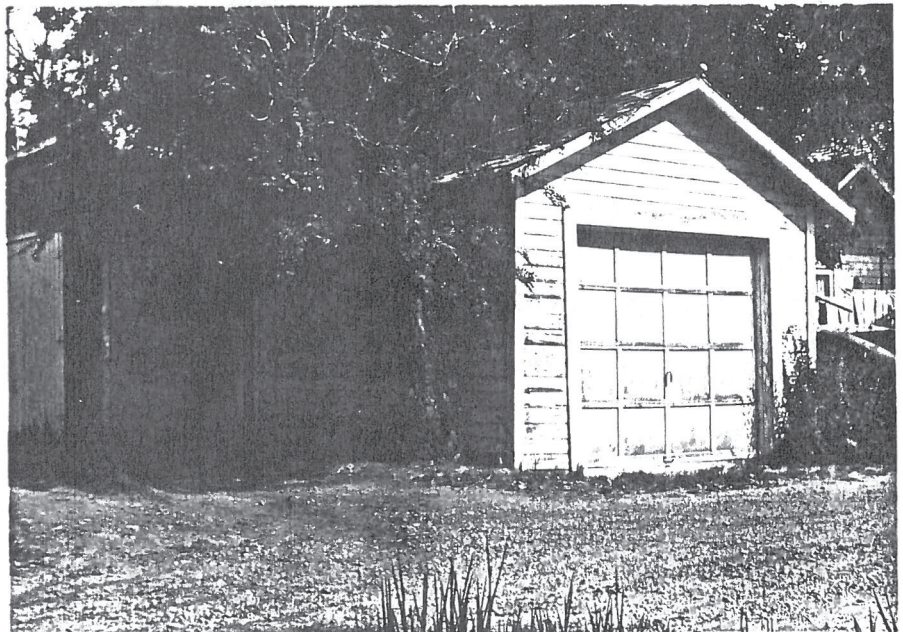
Flat roof surrounded by parapet wall and millwork balustrade. Denticulation along molded cornice. Interior brick chimney. Stucco exterior. Built-up roof. Concrete foundation.

Main central entry sheltered by monumental portico featuring four wooden Doric columns. First and second floor sections of the interior have been extended to infill what was originally an open-air verandah.

Most of the windows are 1/1 double-hung with wood sash. The wooden sills are supported with wooden feet. The north side of the main block has a slanted bay window. Some of the windows are tripled. Some windows have wooden tracery in their upper sash.

The central entry is approached via a flight of wide wooden steps flanked by stuccoed sidewalls.

The site is completely level with that of the street.



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Associated structure: A detached storehouse/garage is situated on the rear of the lot. The structure was built at two different

times. The garage was built by 1920 and the storehouse added by 1939. The storehouse faces west, while the garage faces north. The garage section has a shed roof. Each of its two bays has a pair of wooden swinging single-leaf door. The storehouse has a gable roof, is shiplap-sided and has a wooden rolling overhead door with its main entry on the north. This structure would contribute to the proposed historic district.

Historical Information:

This structure was originally built in 1914 for Exzelia Pepin, the son of Simon Pepin. The design was by Francis F. Bossuet, Havre's most prolific architect. Construction was contracted by Fuglevand and Sundberg.

The structure was originally completely symmetrical. A full two-story bay was added on the south side in 1920 while under the same ownership in order to augment the interior living space. The interior of the dwelling was completely remodeled in 1945.

In 1915 this house was lived in by Exzelia J. Pepin, Anna Pepin and May Pepin. Exzelia Pepin was the postmaster for Havre for many years. Exzelia was Simon Pepin's nephew and had homesteaded some land northeast of Havre, adjoining that of his uncle's.

In 1929 the house was lived in by Reverend Alf M. Frost, the Pastor at St. Mark's Episcopal Church from 1927 until 1935, Henry G. Bakko, a clerk at F.A. Buttrey Co., Cecile Bakko, and Howard G. Sailor, a stockman, and Otis L. Sailor, a dental assistant for J.L. Somers. This seems to indicate that by 1929 the structure had been converted into at least three separate rental units.

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Sanborn Maps: 1910, 1920, 1939.

Research Sources:

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Water Record no. 559 (1914), 1719 (1946) and Sewer Record no. 224 (1914), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre,

Montana.

Integrity:

This residence, although substantially added to after its original construction, retains a great deal of its original symmetrical configuration, historic fabric (stucco exterior) and distinctive styling details indicative of its historic period (monumental porch columns, wooden balustrade along the roof, wooden lozenge in the windows).

Significance:

This building is unique to the community because of its scale. It would qualify for the National Register under criteria A as an excellent local example of the Georgian Revival and as a surviving example of the work of Frank Bossuet, Havre's premier architect.

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Geographical Information:

Acreage: Less than one acre
USGS Quad: Havre, Montana
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