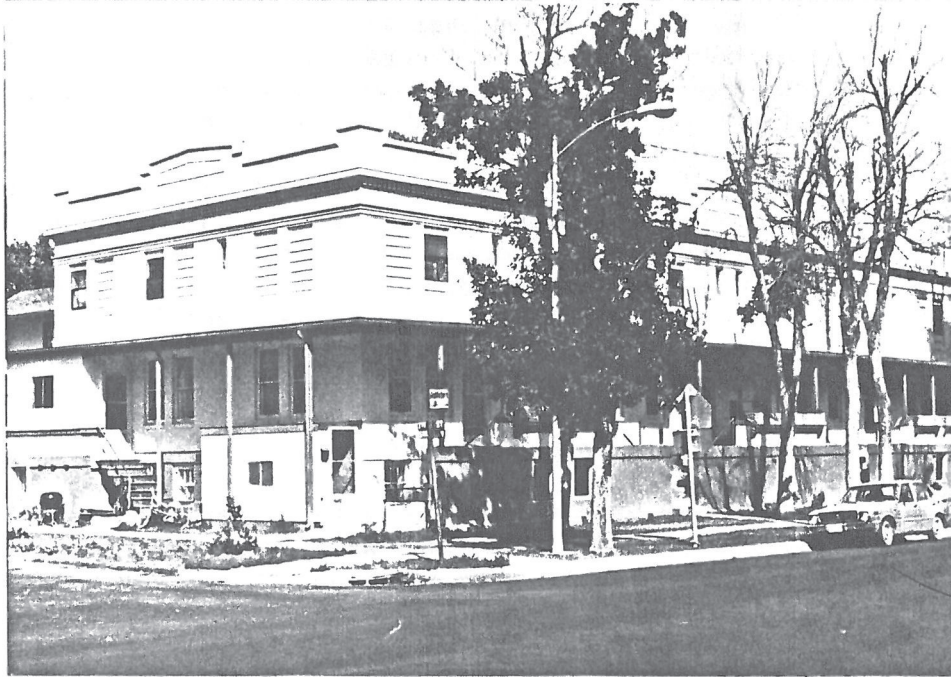
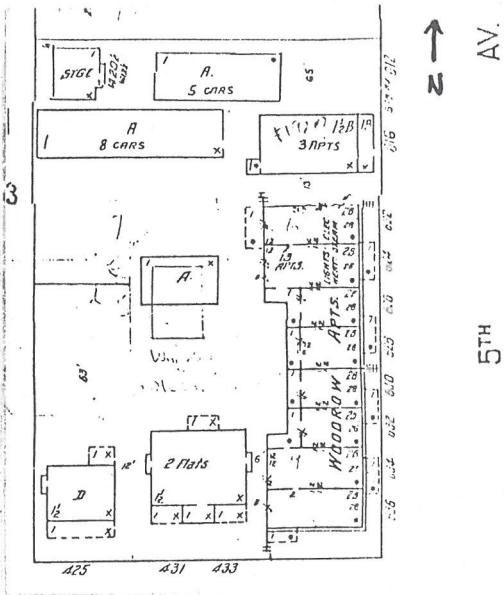


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 36 Frame# 4 & 6

Legal Description: Pepin's Second Addition, Block 7, lots 6-10
Address: 622-636 Fifth Avenue
Ownership Name: Edwin and Viola Freier
Address: 401 Seventh Avenue North, Havre, MT 59501
private: x
public:

Historic Name: Woodrow Apartments
Common Name: Unknown
Date of Construction: 1935 (Building Permit)
Architect: N/A
Builder: probably H.C. Ohland
Original Owner: Otto Ash
Original Use: Apartment Building
Present Use: Apartment Building

Physical Description:

Two story, combination stucco and brick over wood frame apartment building. 7 x 3 bay. Fourteen apartments. Flat roof with decorated/crenelated brick roof line. Continuous brick cornice and dentils. Brick is regularly coursed and, apparently, are veneer for more extensive masonry. Building is oriented towards east. Raised high basement. Basement units are reached by descending concrete steps and covered walkway with regular spaced openings along facade. Main floor apartments are reached by concrete steps on north and south walls. Main floor open walkway is covered by shed roof supported by four by fours. Brick

corbeled planters on facade railing.

Brick walls at ground level on south and east have been stuccoed over. Brick on on east and south has been painted, while brick on north and west are unpainted. Recent vertical board and batten additions on on north and south provide access to second floor on north and south walls. Windows on main floor are 6/1 double-hung sash; on second floor they are 1/1 double-hung and appear to be recent; the basement has 3/1 double-hung sash windows. All bathroom windows are six-light fixed casement windows. Some windows have been boarded over with clapboard siding. Doors are not original. Each main floor entry has decorative lantern-type outside light.

Site is completely level with street.

Historical Information:

The 1939 Sanborn map shows this apartment building as a flat asphalt roofed structure with masonry walls. The building had electric lights and was steam heated. The boiler from the building was salvaged from Fort Assinniboine by H.C. Ohland, who had a contract with the U.S. government to demolish the existing buildings at the fort (he also owned the house immediately to the north of this building). Since the structure has brick walls, the bricks probably came from Fort Assinniboine also.

Otto Ash was issued a building permit to construct this building in 1935, for an estimated cost of \$1,500. Ash owned and operated the Otto Ash Motor Company on First Street. Otto and Marie Ash lived at 1435 Fifth Street. H.C. Ohland is listed on the sewer record for this property.

Footnote Sources:

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

Sanborn Maps, 1910, 1920, 1939.

Building Permit No. 1579, dated August 16, 1935. Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Research Sources:

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

Water Record no. 123 (1935) and Sewer Record no. 555 (1920), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Integrity:

Good. Despite the fact that this building now serves as low rent housing and is not very well maintained, the few changes made

on its exterior (i.e. the clapboard boarded-over windows) do not interfere with the original configuration, historic fabric or distinctive features of the apartment building. The building itself relies heavily on material salvaged from Fort Assinniboine.

Significance:

This building maintains a high level of architectural integrity and would contribute to the proposed historic district. It would qualify for the National Register under criteria C as a good local example of a brick apartment building constructed in Havre during the Depression.

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Geographical Information:

Acreage: Less than one acre
USGS Quad: Havre, Montana
UTM's: