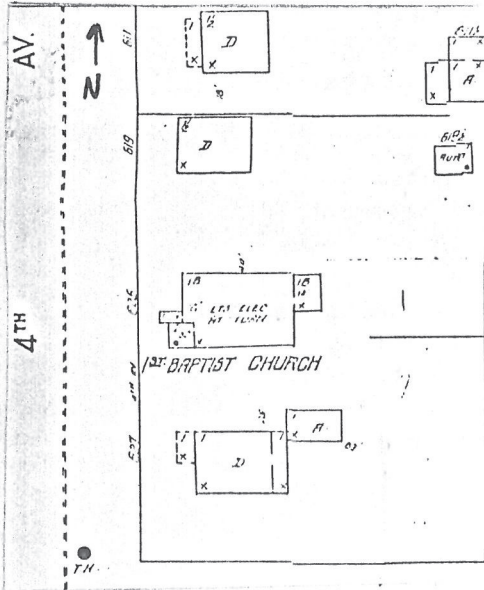


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL  
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 38 Frame# 4  
Roll# 33 Frame# 13

Legal Description: Morris-Smith-McCulloch Addition, Block 1, Lots 3-6  
Address: 625 Fourth Avenue  
Ownership Name: First Baptist Church of Havre  
Address: 625 Fourth Avenue, Havre, MT 59501  
private: x  
public:

Historic Name: First Presbyterian Church of Havre  
Common Name: First Baptist Church  
Date of Construction: 1901 (Grits, Guts and Gusto...)  
Architect: Unknown  
Builder: Unknown  
Original Owner: First Presbyterian Church of Havre  
Original Use: Presbyterian Church  
Present Use: Baptist Church

Physical Description:

Wood frame gothic-style church. 1 x 5 bay. Multi-gable roof over rectangular plan. Steeple has mansard roof. Asphalt shingled roof. Eaves are corniced. Clapboard siding over brick. Steeple on facade (W) has exposed rafters and an asphalt shingled roof. Steeple originally had a stained glass facade, but it has since been filled in with wood. There is a raised wood cross on the filler. There is a gabled cupola with concave soffit and decorative wood brackets and asphalt shingled gabled roof over the entry narthex. The entry is reached by concrete steps flanked by wrought iron railing. Original wood double doors at entry.

Raised concrete foundation with daylight basement. Wood water table.

The main structure is also clapboard sided with a gothic arch stained stained glass window on the facade. Stained glass has wood tracery. There is a gothic arched attic vent just below the ridge peak on the facade.

Windows on wall are gothic arched with stain glass toplights. Other windows are 1/1 double-hung sash with exception of basement which has glass block windows.

One-story addition at the SE rear of church. The addition has a gable roof with asphalt shingles. The addition also has a partial daylight basement with 1/1 double-hung sash windows. Gabled hood over entry is supported by brackets. There is a central interior chimney. Multi-lighted wood door entryway has a fanlight and cupola similar to that at main building. Clapboard siding.



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Associated Structure: One bay gable roof garage with asphalt shingles. Clapboard siding. Paneled overhead wood door. Garage was built in 1952 and would, therefore, not contribute to the proposed historic district.

#### Historical Information

The 1939 Sanborn map shows this building as a one story structure

with sixteen foot high brick walls. It had electric lights and gas heat. Steeple was thirty-two feet with an asphalt roof. The rest of the structure had a wood shingled roof.

In 1901, the First Presbyterian Church of Havre built this structure as a church for their congregation on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Seventh Street--the site of the present Presbyterian church. In 1914, a fire seriously damaged the interior of the building, possibly influencing the congregation to sell the building to the baptists two years later. The church was sold to the Baptists in 1916 and moved to its present location. In 1925, the building was raised and a new basement dug by Havre contractor C.C. Harper. Once completed the basement was used for Sunday School classes and for church social functions.

In 1952, a garage was added to the rear of the property. In 1955, the building was again remodeled. The building was also clad in clapboard sometime since 1939.

#### Footnote Sources:

1. Havre Plaindealer, March 7, 1914.
2. Havre Daily Promoter, August 9, 1925.

Grits, Guts and Gusto: A History of Hill County. Compiled by the Hill County Bicentennial Commission. (Havre: Bear Paw Printers, 1976), pp. 320-21; p. 327-330.

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. 3672, dated March 12, 1952. Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Building Permit No. 4229, dated May 4, 1955. Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

#### Research Sources:

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

Water Record no.3552 (1964) and Sewer Record no.1174 (1939), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana

#### Integrity:

This structure retains much of its original configuration, historic fabric and many distinctive features indicative of secular

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 Baptist church.

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Geographical Information

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

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