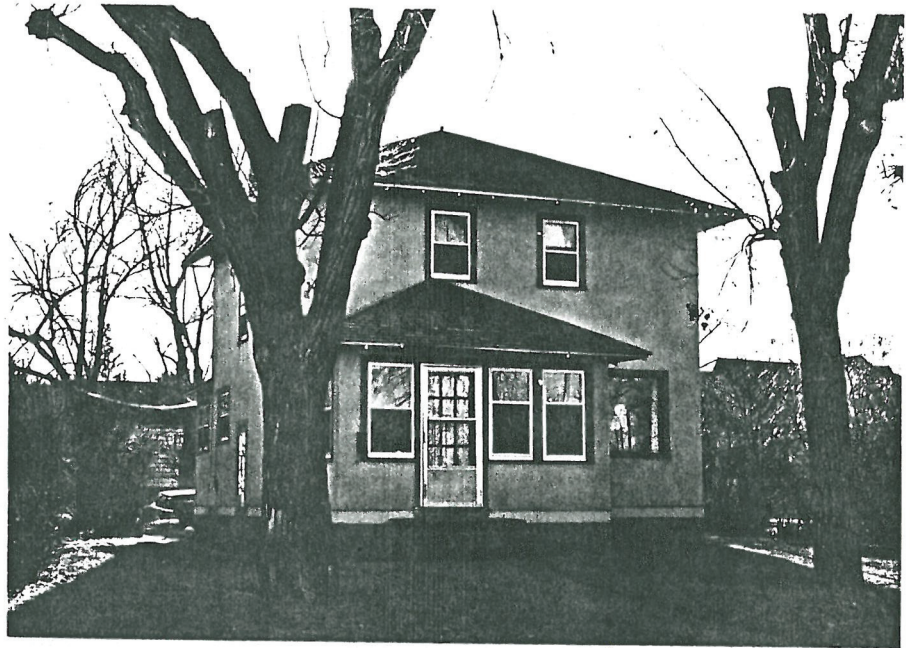
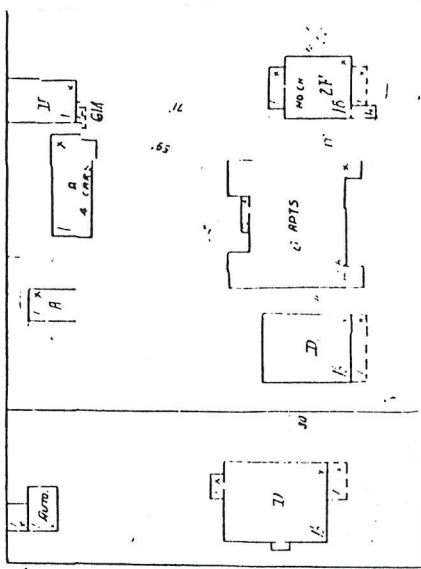


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 1 Frame# 27-28

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not 638
1st Ave.*

Legal Description: Ken Wright Hills First Addition, Block 4, Lot 3, Part of Lot 4.

Address: 628 First Avenue

Ownership Name: William L. Hinkle

Address: 628 First Avenue

private: x

public:

Historic Name: Francis O. Stromberg House

Common Name: Francis O. Stromberg House

Date of Construction: After 1915 (Fenton) Before 1920 (Sanborn)
c. 1916 (Deeds)

Architect: unknown

Builder: unknown

Original Owner: Francis O. Stromberg

Original Use: Single-family residence

Present Use: Single-family residence

Physical Description:

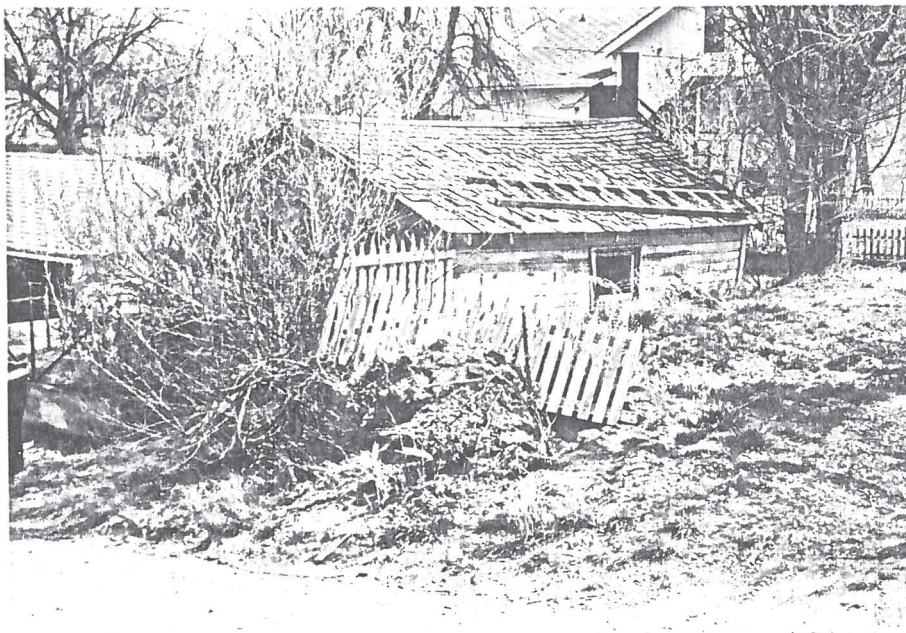
One-and-a-half story, 2 x 2 bay, wood-frame bungalow. Eaves-front gable roof with exposed rafters in open eaves (E & W) and plain wood brackets along the gables (N & S). The main (E) facade features a large shed roof dormer that opens out onto a small open-air upper level porch. The main body of the building is sided with clapboard, while the gables and window dormer are covered with wood shingles.

The full-width open-air porch is sheltered by the overhang of the main roof and features plain square wood columns. Sheltered within is the right-side entry trimmed with plain wood.

Asphalt shingle roof. (Originally wood shingle roof up until at least 1939.) Brick interior chimney. Concrete foundation.

Most of the windows have a 5/1 double-hung wood sash with plain wood trim and sill. The lights within the upper sash are vertically oriented. The porch shelters a larger tripartite window with a large central pane and leaded toplight. The windows of the shed-roofed dormer on the main facade all have 1/1 double-hung wood sashes.

The site slopes slightly up to the south with a low concrete retaining wall along the northeast corner of the property. "F. O. Stromberg" has been stenciled into the pavement of the walk that leads to the primary entry from the sidewalk.



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Associated structure: A detached wood-framed single-bay garage is situated on the rear (W) of the property. It faces west with access via the rear service alley. Gable roof. Shiplap siding, except for the gables which are wood-shingled. The garage bay entry has a pair of wooden single-leaf doors. This structure is contemporary with the main structure and is in need of some repair. According to building permit no. 1386, the garage was built by F.A. Baker in 1929.

Historical information:

The 1915 Fenton Directory lists Francis O. Stromberg as the

department foreman for the H. Earl Clack Co and lists him and Ruth Stromberg as the residents of 811 Third Street.

The building first appears on the 1920 Sanborn Map, but without the garage. The earliest sewer record shows that this house was connected to the municipal system in 1928, but that it had a septic tank of its own before that date. The water was not connected until 1942 because it had its own well.

Francis O. Stromberg was the manager of the United Transfer and Storage Company in Havre.

Footnote sources:

Building Permit No. 1386, Dated November 18, 1929, Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Fenton's Directory, Havre and Hill County, 1915-16.

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

Sanborn Maps: 1920, 1939.

Research Sources:

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

Water Record no. 1518 (1942), and Sewer Record no. 940 (1928), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Integrity:

Good. This building remains virtually unchanged since the time it was originally constructed. It retains its original configuration and massing (bungalow), historic fabric (wood shingle exterior) and styling details (open-air porch, plain wood brackets, exposed rafters, and original owner's name etched in concrete entry path).

Significance:

This building is a good example of the Craftsman-styled bungalows that were built in Havre during the 1910s and 20s. It would qualify for the National Register under criteria A and would contribute to the proposed historic district.

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Geographical Information:

Acreage: Less than an acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

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