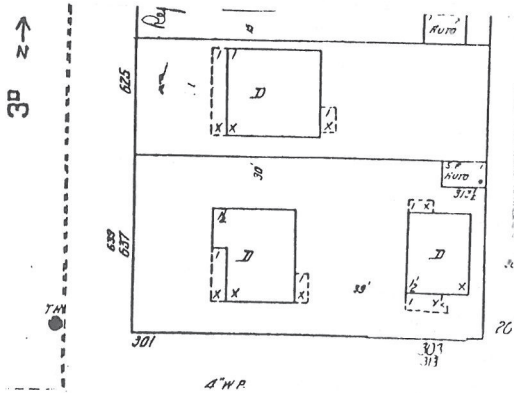


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HAVRE (MONT.) ARCHITECTURE

MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 4 Frame# 26

Legal Description: Decelles Third Addition, Block 6, Part of Lot 8,
Part of Lot 9 and Part of Lot 10

Address: 637 Third Avenue

Ownership Name: Donald A. Engleson

Address: 637 Third Avenue

private: x

public:

Historic Name: George Coulter House

Common Name: unknown

Date of Construction: 1914 (newspaper)

Architect: unknown

Builder: unknown

Original Owner: George Coulter

Original Use: Single-Family Residence

Present Use: Single-Family Residence

Physical Description:

Much-altered, two-story, 3 x 3 bay, wood-frame, bungalow. Asphalt-shingled eaves-front gable roof. Plain wood brackets support the roof overhand along the gables. C. 1980 wood siding covers the entire exterior, which was originally stucco with false half-timbering in the gables. Two large gabled dormers dominate the main (W) facade while a single centrally-located dormer dominates the rear (E) facade. Interior brick chimney. Concrete foundation.

Centrally-located primary entry contained within a window-enclosed full-width porch. All porch windows are 1/1 double-hung with plain wood sash. The entry is highlighted by a large gable that extends from the main block and is supported by plain wood brackets.

The site occupies a corner lot and is raised slightly from the street and bermed on its southern and western edges.

Associated structure: Large detached two-bay hipped-roof garage occupies NE corner of the property. Asphalt-shingle roof. Similar wood siding on the exterior. Rolling overhead wooden doors. Structure faces south with access via Seventh Street. This building was constructed less than fifty years ago and would not be eligible for the National Register and would not contribute to the proposed historic district.

Historical Information:

The building does not appear on the 1910 Sanborn but is depicted on the 1920 Sanborn. In 1913 an item appeared in the Havre Plaindealer stating that George Bourne had purchased two lots from L.W. Mack. Bourner intended to build a \$1,300 bungalow at this address in 1914. George Coulter's profession in the Fenton Directory is listed as "capitalist". In the Polk Directory it is listed as machinist.

In 1915 George B. and Madeline Hollis also lived at this address. Mr. Hollis was a traveling salesman and apparently rented out part of the house.

In 1929 this house was owned and lived in by James and Lacie O'Riley. Mr. O'Riley was a conductor for the Great Northern Railway.

The garage was built sometime after 1939 since it does not appear on the Sanborn Map of that year.

Footnote Sources:

- The Havre Plaindealer, September 6, 1913.
- Fenton's Directory, Havre and Hill County, 1915-16.
- Polk's Directory, Havre and Hill County, 1915-16, 1929-30.

Sanborn Maps: 1910, 1920, 1939.

Research Sources:

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

Integrity:

The house has been clad in siding that does not match the original siding of the house. Despite the new siding, the dwelling still retains its original configuration, fenestration and many distinctive features indicative of its bungalow styling.

Significance:

Despite the resheathing of this house within the last ten years, the unusual features of the house are still intact. The house would contribute to the proposed historic district and thus qualify for the National Register under criteria A as a good local example of a large bungalow built in Havre during the period of its greatest economic and demographic expansion from 1913 to 1917.

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Geographical Information:

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