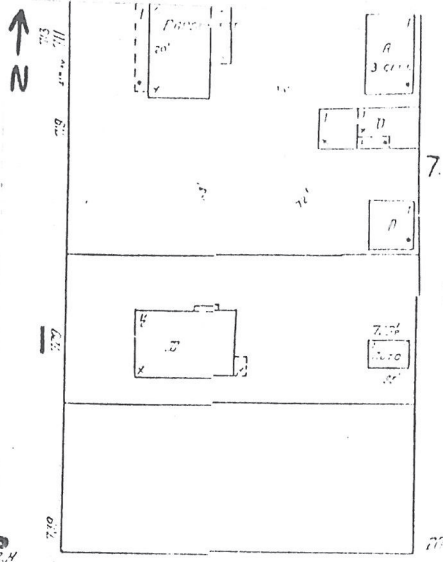


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MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
INVENTORY FORM



Roll# 33 Frame# 10

Legal Description: High School Second Addition, Block 2, Lots 7 & 8
Address: 729 Fourth Avenue
Ownership Name: Wallace Jewell
Address: P.O. Box 1935, Havre, MT 59501
 private: x
 public:

Historic Name: John Howe House
Common Name: Unknown
Date of Construction: 1913 (Assessor's Records)
Architect: Unknown
Builder: possibly John Howe
Original Owner: John L. Howe
Original Use: Single-family Residence
Present Use: Single-family Residence

Physical Description:

One and one-half story, wood frame bungalow. 4 x 2 bay. Gable roof over square plan. Asphalt shingled roof (originally wood shingled). Exposed rafters and brackets support overhanging eaves. Barge boards are decoratively scrolled. Half-timbered second story walls. Combination clapboard and wood shingle siding. Shed roof dormer on facade (W) has exposed rafters and

four 1/1 double-hung sash multi-light windows. Dormer also has scrolled decorative barge boards. Exterior brick chimney on north wall. Raised concrete foundation with daylight basement. Shed roof oriel on north also has decorative scrolled barge boards. Wood water table.

Entry is on south facade and is reached by concrete steps. Steps are flanked by wrought iron railing. Original wood door. Lighted storm door has been added.

Symmetrical fenestration. Windows are combination 1/1 double-hung sash and fixed. Basement has casement windows. All windows have wood or metal storms.

Associated structure: detached one-bay gable roof garage at NE rear of house. Clapboard siding. Overhead door on garage. Garage has attached shed roof addition.

Site is slightly raised and bermed to level of sidewalk.

Historical Information

The 1920 Sanborn map shows this house as a one and one-half story structure with an open rear entry at the SE corner. No porch. There had been no significant exterior alterations to this house by 1939.

- According to the Polk Directory, John L. Howe is shown as the original owner of this house. Howe bought the property for the house in August, 1911.¹ In 1913, Howe was employed as a Livestock Inspector by the Burlington Northern Railroad. When constructed, the house cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000.² By 1915, Howe was the vice-president of the Piper-Howe Lumber Company. There is a good chance that Howe constructed this house himself.

By 1922 John and Mary Coolen were living in the house. Coolen was a conductor for the Great Northern Railway. In September, 1922, the Coolen's four year old daughter, Virginia, was struck and killed by an automobile while playing in the street in front of the house.³

In 1957, Coolen was issued a building permit to move and enlarge the garage. The garage had been previously located at the rear of the lot. The project cost \$500.

In 1963, a building permit was issued to Raymond Tweeter to build a new \$1,000 garage on the property.

Footnote Sources:

1. Havre Plaindealer, August 12, 1911.
2. Ibid, May 31, 1913.

3. Havre Daily Promoter, September 24, 1922.

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. 4652, dated October 2, 1957. Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Building Permit No. 5544, dated November 11, 1963. Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana.

Research Sources:

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

Water Record no.493 (1913) and Sewer Record no.274 (1913), Department of Public Works, City of Havre, Havre, Montana

Integrity:

This structure retains its original configuration, historic fabric and many distinctive features indicative of its bungalow 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 bungalow built in Havre during the period of its greatest demographic and economic growth from 1913 to 1917.

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Geographical Information

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Havre, Montana

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