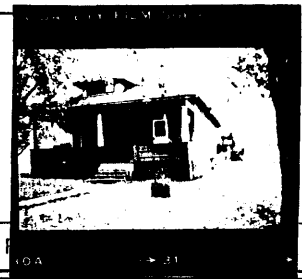


MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

Site # 11

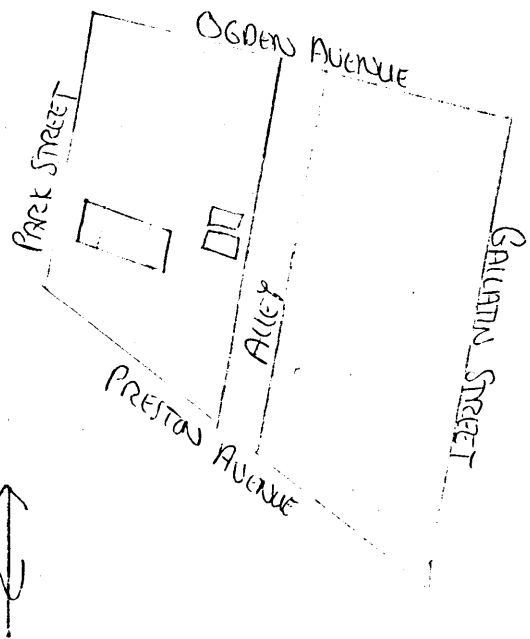


Legal Description: Block 51, lots 13-15

Address: 112 Park Street

Ownership: Name: Richard and Linda Browne

private address: Box 3, Thompson Falls, MT 59873
 public



Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Historic Name: N/A

Common Name: Browne Residence

Date of Construction: 1911-12 estimated documented

Architect: N/A

Builder: C. H. Doenges

Original Owner: Louis Doenges

Original Use: rental residence

Present Use: residence

RESEARCH SOURCES: Note all records consulted to determine dates of construction, original owners, builders, uses, etc.

Abstract of Title: Deedbook 4, pp. 319 & 586.

Plat Records: Thompson Falls Original Townsite

Tax Records: 1912 Assessment Book

Building Permits: _____

Sewer/Water Permits: _____

City Directories: Polk, Missoula County, 1905, p. 32

Sanborn Maps: not shown

Newspapers: Sanders County Ledger: 9/29/11; 2/23

Other: _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Describe present appearance of structure/site, then contrast and compare that with it's original appearance, noting additions, alterations, and changes in materials. Discuss significant architectural features.

This one story residence has an exterior covering of gingle siding on sheathing, a hipped roof of asbestos shingles, and rests on a concrete foundation. Dormers with casement windows face north and west. The west (front) features an open porch covered by the roof, with a pier foundation and lattice work between. Off the porch is an entrance door with sidelights that leads to an antechamber and a window bay of 3 doublehung windows with comes, the center with a colored glass design of two candles, 3 bells, and a ribbon for its upper pane. The north side includes a window box of 4 doublehung windows of 7 panes and a 2-paned casement window off a remodeled porch area. The window box extends to the roof line under the flared eaves. The east includes the remodeled porch area that is now part of the interior kitchen. A 2-pane casement window and an entrance up wood steps looks into this area. The south side has 2 fixed, 2 casement, and a basement window. A cinder block stack is located on the north side along with an interior brick stack. The houses's interior has kept its high ceilings except for the remodeled kitchen. A familiar interior motif of columns separating the living and dining rooms is present.

A shed of wood and another of metal are east of the house. An older shed and garage were torn down in the 1960s.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION: Describe the persons, important events, and/or historical patterns associated with the structure/site and surrounding area.

Charles H. Doenges arrived in Thompson Falls in the year 1903 or 1904. By 1905, he had built a two-story office building on Upper Railroad Avenue that became the first home of county government in Sanders County (see Inventory #27.) Doenges operated a contractor/building supplies business and is responsible for constructing many of the buildings in town during the years 1905-1914. This house was constructed for his brother (?) Louis who never resided in the town. It may be the house was built as a rental in anticipation of a housing shortage caused by the coming Thompson Falls Power Company's dam project. Ada Moser, wife of William Moser, bought the house in 1915. William Moser worked as a sub foreman for the Thompson Falls Power Company and later became the town's postmaster. The Brownes purchased the property in 1966.

Footnote Sources: Deedbooks: 4, p. 379; 4, p. 516; 23, p. 26.
Sanders County Ledger: 9/29/11.
Polk Register, Missoula County: 1905, p. 321; 1907, p. 497; 1915-16, p. 55?
1917-18, p. 559.
Interview with Richard Browne by John Lazuk

INTEGRITY: Assess the degree to which the structure/site, and surrounding area accurately convey the historical associations of the property.

This house retains its original integrity except for the remodeling done to the back porch area and interior kitchen area.

HISTORICAL and/or ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: Justify how the persons, important events, or historical patterns associated with structure/site lend the property significance and/or describe the ways in which the structure embodies the distinctive characteristics of a particular period, building type, or style.

The house at 112 Park Street is significant under Criterion C as an intact example of a Bungalow style residence.

This house is almost an exact duplicate of the houses located at 916 Preston Avenue, 13 Pond Street and 1012 Preston Avenue, which is likely the result of Doenges' use of a pattern book for the basic design. Each of the houses were built in either 1911 or 1912 on the west side of Thompson Falls, the area which grew most rapidly in ca. 1910. Except for a slightly remodeled back porch, the house at 112 Park Street is virtually intact and exhibits several Bungalow style design features such as narrow lap siding, exposed rafter ends, and a front porch under the hip roof supported by battered columns. Charles Doenges built at least 17 dwellings in Thompson Falls between 1905-1913, three of which are included in this nomination.

FORM PREPARED BY:

Name: John Lazuk

Address: 350 Strand Ave., Missoula, MT

Date: October 20, 1984

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Acreage: Less than one acre.

USGS Quad: Thompson Falls, MT

UTM's: 11/623900/5272650