

MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

Site # 12

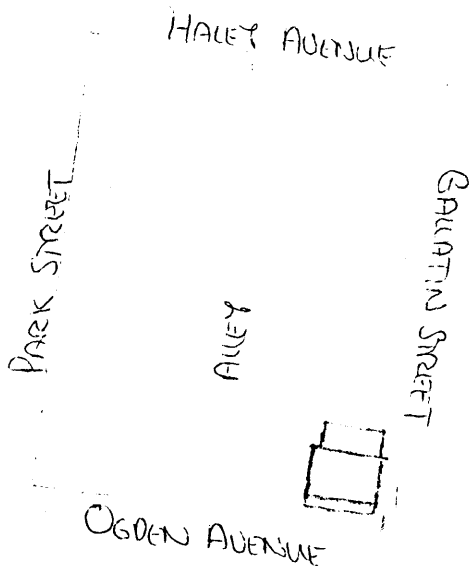


Legal Description: Block 47, lots 10-13

Address: 205 Gallatin Street

Ownership: Name: Ivy Kendall c/o James and Celia Freed

private address: 8601 NE Boone Ave., Kansas City, MO 64132



Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Historic Name: Griffen House

Common Name: Kendall House

Date of Construction: 1912

estimated
 documented

Architect: N/A

Builder: Walter S. McCurdy

Original Owner: C. W. Griffen

Original Use: residence

Present Use: residence

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

Abstract of Title: Deedbook 17, p. 298

Plat Records: Thompson Falls Original Towns

Tax Records: 1913 Assessment Book

Building Permits: _____

Sewer/Water Permits: _____

City Directories: Polk, 1913, p. 573

Sanborn Maps: _____

Newspapers: Sanders County Ledger: 9/20/12

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.

Built as a 28x40 ft. bungalow with 6 rooms and a half basement, this house now has 6 rooms on each of the two stories and an enlarged basement. The exterior is one-half siding on sheathing and one-half wood shingles. The gable roof is covered with composite shingles. Two roof dormers with casement windows face south. That side also includes a covered open porch below with two picture windows split by a wood door with sidelights and three narrow fixed windows and a 7-pane doublehung window. The east side has two doublehung windows on each of the stories and a basement window. The west side features two 9-pane doublehung windows, a fixed window, and three 7-pane doublehung windows all on the first floor. A wood stairway leads up to a second floor landing, which has a door splitting two doublehung windows. The north side includes a doublehung window, a porch and attached carport, an entrance, another doublehung window, and three 9-pane doublehung windows. The carport was built in 1960. A brick stack is located on the north side of the E-gable. The east wall includes a modern one-and-a-half stack chimney. The interior includes high ceilings, built in wall cabinets with came, interior double doors, and a window seat on the south side. The second floor has been remodeled into an apartment.

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

Claude W. Griffen arrived in Thompson Falls in 1911 to head the U.S. Forest Service operations here. He held the position of Supervisor to the Cabinet National Forest till 1916-17. Griffen's family sold the property in 1942 to Orin Kendall. Kendall served 22 years as the County Superintendent of Schools from 1946-1968, after which he served several terms in the state legislature. He also was mayor of Thompson Falls and served on the town council. He died in 1982.

Footnote Sources:

Polk Register, Missoula County, 1913, p. 573.

Sanders County Ledger: 5/9/11; 9/20/12.

Looking Back: Recollections of Orin Kendall. compiled by Ivy Kendall. (Thompson Falls: SCL Press, 1983.)

Interview with Ivy Kendall by John Lazuk

Interview with Ernest "Fat" Brauer by John Lazuk

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

It can not be dated with certainty when the twin dormers were built, but they do show in a Montana Power photograph of 1915 so they are probably original. The south side picture windows date from the 1970s, replacing doublehung windows. The west stairway, east wall chimney, and north side carport are all new. The upstairs interior and parts of the exterior have been remodeled. The first floor interior retains

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.

(cont.) its original integrity.

The Griffen House is significant under Criterion C as an excellent example of a large Bungalow style house. The 1½ story dwelling is typical of a "pattern book" Bungalow house and exhibits several architectural characteristics common to the style including exposed rafter ends, oversized brackets under a gable roof, narrow lap siding and wood shingles, and a large, full width front porch. The west side of Thompson Falls, where the Griffen House is located, grew most rapidly during the town's first substantial period of growth from 1905-1916. One of the most popular building styles in Thompson Falls from this era was the Bungalow, which gained enormous popularity throughout the country from the turn of the century until 1920. The Griffen House, which was built by Walter McCurdy, a carpenter who also served briefly as a town alderman, has been slightly altered but remains one of the best preserved examples of residential construction in Thompson Falls from the early 1900s.

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GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Acreage: Less than one acre.

USGS Quad: Thompson Falls, MT

UTM's: 11/623950/5272725