

MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

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Site # 226



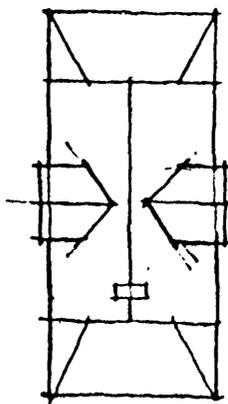
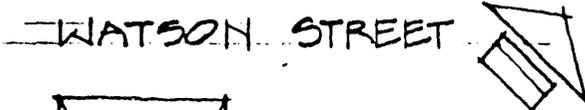
Legal Description: Morase Original Block 5, Lot 6

Address: 523 W. Watson

Ownership: name: David Clark & Margo Caldwell

private address: 523 W. Watson, Lewistown, MT 59457
 public

Roll # 3 Frame # 21



STAGGERED
WINDOWS
IN SW
DORMER

Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Historic Name: n/a

Common Name: Clark/Caldwell

Date of Construction: 1903 estimated documented

Architect: not known

Builder: not known

Original Owner: A.D. Holman

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

Research Sources:

- abstract of title
- city directories
- plat records/maps
- sewer/water permits
- tax cards
- obituaries
- building permit
- biographies
- Sanborn maps — dates: 1908, 1913, 1916, 1922, 1929

Bibliography: Appraisal card

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.

A one and one-half story cut stone residence with a symmetrical roof plan. The central mass is a steep gable roof element with a gabled wall dormer centered on each side. Both ends of the mass have full width hipped shed roofs at the first floor ceiling line. The northwest (street side) shed covers an open balconied porch; the southeast (alley side) shed covers a wood shingle one-story high portion of the residence. The roof is covered with composition shingles. A narrow wood fascia and boxed cornices finish the edge of the roof; the barge boards are relatively narrow and they curve down in an "ice-tong" shape to cover the ends of the boxed cornice at the dormers. The boxed cornice turns into a pent eave at the main gable ends and returns as noted at the dormers. The gable ends and wall dormers are covered with wood shingles. The shingles under the gables are "fish scale" pattern and the walls of the dormers are flared at the base immediately above the cut stone walls. Wood double hung 1/1 windows with aluminum storms are typically used throughout. The open porch is supported by straight 4x4 posts. Two brick chimneys can be seen—one at the ridge on the back (southeast) of the central mass and one extending through the northeast wall dormer.

This residence does qualify for register listing under Criteria C. This is an excellent example of an architecturally stylized residence that utilizes Lewistown's native stonework at a modest scale.

Classification: eclectic; minimal Gothic gingerbread; German farmhouse pent eaves; Classically derived gable ends, native stone materials; basic gable at anchor mass derivative of "hall" houses.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Justify how the persons, important events, and/or historical patterns associated with the structure/site and surrounding area lend the property significance.

A. D. Holman was listed in the 1904-05 Polk Directory as being a miner.

The residence at 523 W. Watson is architecturally significant because it exhibits early use of the indigenous sandstone as a primary building material for a more stylized residence (compare with the vernacular, rubble stone construction of the 1900 Quigley House, #095). Although sandstone was used extensively in the construction of commercial buildings in Lewistown, its use for residential architecture was relatively infrequent. The main mass of this 1½ story house is composed of a simple rectangular block of cut, coursed sandstone. The bases of the upper story windows are cut into this mass. The house is finished with a steeply pitched gable roof with return pent eaves at the gable ends and a boxed cornice. Decorative shingle work is evident in the gable ends of the dormers. An unusual feature of the design is the use of stepped double hung windows in the west gable dormer. Although unpretentious in scale and detailing, this residence qualifies for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as an excellent example of the early use of locally quarried sandstone in a period residential design, popularized by the housing pattern books and builder's manuals of the time.

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

This residence is original construction and is on its original site. It is noteworthy architecturally and as an indicator of stone construction in Lewistown.

INFORMATION VALUE: Explain how the extant structure/site may demonstrate or yield information about its historic use or construction.

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Date: February 15, 1984

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Acreage: Less than one acre

USGS Quad: Lewistown S15 T15N R18E MPM

UTM's: _____

