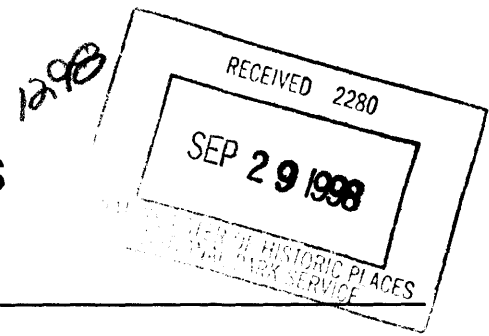


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property

historic name: Eck, Theodore House

other name/site number: None

2. Location

street & number: 1217 West Fourth Street

not for publication: n/a

vicinity: n/a

city/town: Anaconda

state: Montana

code: MT

county: Deer Lodge

code: 023

zip code: 59711

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

see continuation sheet

determined eligible for the

National Register

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determined not eligible for the

National Register

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removed from the National Register

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other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall

10/30/96

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Number of Resources within Property
Contributing Noncontributing

Category of Property: Building

 3 ___ building(s)
 ___ ___ sites
 ___ ___ structures
 ___ ___ objects

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic and Architectural Properties of Anaconda, Montana

 3 ___ TOTAL

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

Current Functions:

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Materials:

LATE 19TH & EARLY 20TH CENTURY
AMERICAN MOVEMENTS/Bungalow/Craftsman

foundation: CONCRETE
walls: CLAPBOARD
roof: ASPHALT
other: NONE

Narrative Description

The Theodore Eck house at 1217 West Fourth Street is a 1½-story, side-gabled Craftsman bungalow. Built in 1917 by local contractor Theodore Eck, the bungalow stands out as a representative example of the most popular architectural form and style employed during the 1910s and early 1920s in Anaconda. This house was also one of the first to be constructed in Anaconda's First Western Addition, which was annexed by the City during the fall of 1916. The house retains original Craftsman detailing, including the exposed rafter tails, brackets, knee boards, vergeboards, cornerboards, dormers, battered wood porch columns, large wood window and door surrounds, and engaged front porch. There is a concrete foundation with a full basement, and asphalt shingles cover the roof. The house retains historic clapboard siding, with the main level clad in alternating wide and narrow reveals. A decorative wood molding delineates the main level of the house from the upper story. Most windows and doors are original. An exterior, corbeled brick chimney is located on the west elevation of the house.

The north facade displays two gabled dormers, each housing a pair of 3-over-1 bungalow-style windows. The full-width, engaged front porch features a central, gabled entry. Rectangular wood columns appear as porch supports, and a historic multi-light fixed window encloses the west end of the porch. Sheltered by this porch is a single-light awning window on the east end. There is an original, central, 6-light wood door, west of which is a 2-light cottage window that is flanked on either side by a 1-over-1 double-hung windows.

The east elevation of the house displays three original windows randomly located in the gable end: two original 1-over-1 double-hung windows of unequal size and an original 1-light awning window. The main level of the house retains an original wood door on the south end, a 1-light awning window, a pair of 1-over-1 double-hung windows, and a short 1-over-1 double-hung window. Another entrance appears on the north end of this wall, and it houses an original 1-light, 3-panel wood door.

The west elevation of the house displays a band of three 2-over-1 double-hung windows in the gable end. The main level of the house features two 1-over-1 double-hung windows and a pair of 2-over-1 double-hung windows. The north end displays an exterior brick chimney, flanked on either side by 1-light fixed windows.

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The rear elevation of the Eck house features a central, gabled dormer. This dormer is sheathed in modern siding and houses two 1-over-1 double-hung windows. A hip-roofed porch addition, dating to the historic period, appears on the south elevation. It has been enclosed with a band of 4-over-1 double-hung windows. An original wood door accesses the porch, and two original double-hung windows are sheltered by the porch. The east end of the south wall retains a 1-over-1 double-hung window and two 4-light fixed windows.

Two historic garages appear at the rear of the lot. Both date to the historic period. The gabled garage in the southeast corner of the lot displays historic wood clapboard siding, a wood sill foundation, cornerboards and asphalt shingles covering the roof. Dating to the construction of the house, this garage features an interior brick chimney, a modern wood overhead garage door on the south elevation, and 2-light fixed window on the east and west elevations. The Craftsman-styled gable roofed garage near the southwest corner of the lot dates to the late 1920s or early 1930s. It features historic wood clapboard siding with corner boards, a concrete foundation, and asphalt shingled roof with exposed rafter tails. The south elevation retains two modern wood overhead garage doors, while the east and west elevations each display an original 6-light fixed window.

The Theodore Eck House retains its original architectural integrity. It was one of the earliest residences to be constructed on the west end of the Western Addition, and it is an excellent example of the Bungalow/Craftsman style.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1917

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1917

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Eck, Theodore

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Theodore Eck House is one of the best-preserved examples of the Craftsman Bungalow Style in Anaconda. The side-gable bungalow form, which this property displays, was the most popular residential Craftsman form found in Anaconda. Characteristic features of this style, which was popular in Anaconda from 1910 to approximately 1928, is the full-width engaged front porch, battered columns, full basements, dormers, exposed rafter tails, brackets and knee braces. The Eck House was among the first constructed in the First Western Addition, and for many years, it was one of the few houses in the area. It retains a high level of architectural integrity and is an excellent, representative example of the style. The house meets the registration requirements established in the "Historic and Architectural Properties of Anaconda, Montana" Multiple Property Documentation Form, and qualifies for individual listing under Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Background History

Anaconda, Montana was founded in 1883 by Marcus Daly, an Irish immigrant and entrepreneur who had selected this site in the Warm Springs Creek Drainage to construct one of the world's largest copper smelting and reduction works. By late summer, 1883, nearly 1200 men comprised a tent community, complete with saloons, restaurants and boardinghouses.

The original Upper Works, as the first smelting complex was known, was located northeast of Anaconda's Original Townsite, and it became one of the most profitable mining-related sites in the world. Together with the mines in Butte, the Anaconda smelter was one of the top copper producers in the world for over thirty years.

The 1890s were a time of growth and expansion for Anaconda and the Anaconda Company. Not only was a new industrial complex constructed west of the Upper Works, but the town also experienced its largest all-time period of growth, with the population expanding from about 4,000 in 1890 to almost 8,000 in 1895. Coinciding with this population increase was a construction boom. Several large mansions were constructed west of Main Street by Anaconda's elite, including physicians, attorneys, journalists, and the Anaconda Company's most important corporate managers and officials.

Demographic growth in Anaconda continued after the turn of the century. A larger smelter complex was constructed in 1902 on the southeastern edge of the Warm Springs Drainage, and the original complexes on the north side of Anaconda were abandoned. A large influx of European immigrants to the United States during the late 1900s and early 1910s combined with expansion of the new Washoe Works facility that began in 1908 brought even more new residents into town. To accommodate the need for new housing, the Anaconda City Council annexed the First Western Addition in October 1916.¹ The annexation encompassed twenty residential blocks west of Willow Street, and new developmental guidelines calling for a minimum dwelling value of \$2,500, one dwelling per lot, and at least twenty-five feet street frontage, sought to avoid the haphazard development that had occurred in previous additions to the city. Within a year of the annexation of the First Western Addition, Theodore Eck began constructing a house at 1217 West Fourth for his family.

Theodore Eck was one of the busiest and most popular contractors in Anaconda during the early 1900s. Involved primarily in residential construction projects between 1912 and 1935, Eck was born in Sweden, immigrating to the United States just after the turn of the century. He initially worked as a lumberjack, but between 1906 and 1910, he learned the carpentry trade, applying his skills in Canada, Minnesota, and Western Montana. He came to the Deer Lodge Valley in 1912, and began extensive work in Anaconda about 1916. He is credited with constructing a number of residences in Anaconda's First Western Addition, primarily on the extreme west ends of West Third and West Fourth Streets.

¹*Anaconda Standard*. 10/3/16, 5.

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Theodore Eck's house at 1217 West Fourth Street is typical of the many residences he constructed over the years. Eck tended to employ the Craftsman Bungalow Style that was so popular in the 1910s and 1920s, although he did not limit himself to this one style. In 1935, he retired from residential construction and began supervising his sons in a number of large construction projects, mostly involving commercial properties. The firm was renamed "Eck and Sons" after World War II and is responsible for such buildings as the 1956 First Lutheran Church in Washoe Park and the 1958 Southwest Montana Federal Credit Union at 200 East Park Avenue. The firm was involved in a number of remodelings as well. The Eck family lived in 1217 West Fourth for over forty years, and the firm of Eck and Sons is still located in Anaconda, now managed by Theodore's son Ed. Eck and Sons is the oldest remaining contracting firm in Anaconda.

Eck, Theodore House

Name of Property

Deer Lodge County, Montana

County and State

9. Major Bibliographic References

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Preservation/Planning Office

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one.

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
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Legal Location (Township, Range & Section(s)): Section 4, T4N, R11W

Verbal Boundary Description

The Theodore Eck House is located on Lot 5 of Block 18 in the First Western Addition of Anaconda, Montana.

Boundary Justification

The lot includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Theodore Eck house.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Kimberly Morrison, Historian/Community Surveyor
 organization: MT SHPO
 street & number: P.O. Box 201202, 1410 8th Ave.
 city or town: Helena state: MT zip code: 59620-1202

date: March, 1996
 telephone: (406)444-7715

Property Owner

name/title: Lawrence Thomas
 street & number: 2 Cherry Street
 city or town: Anaconda

telephone: (406)563-7992
 state: MT zip code: 59711

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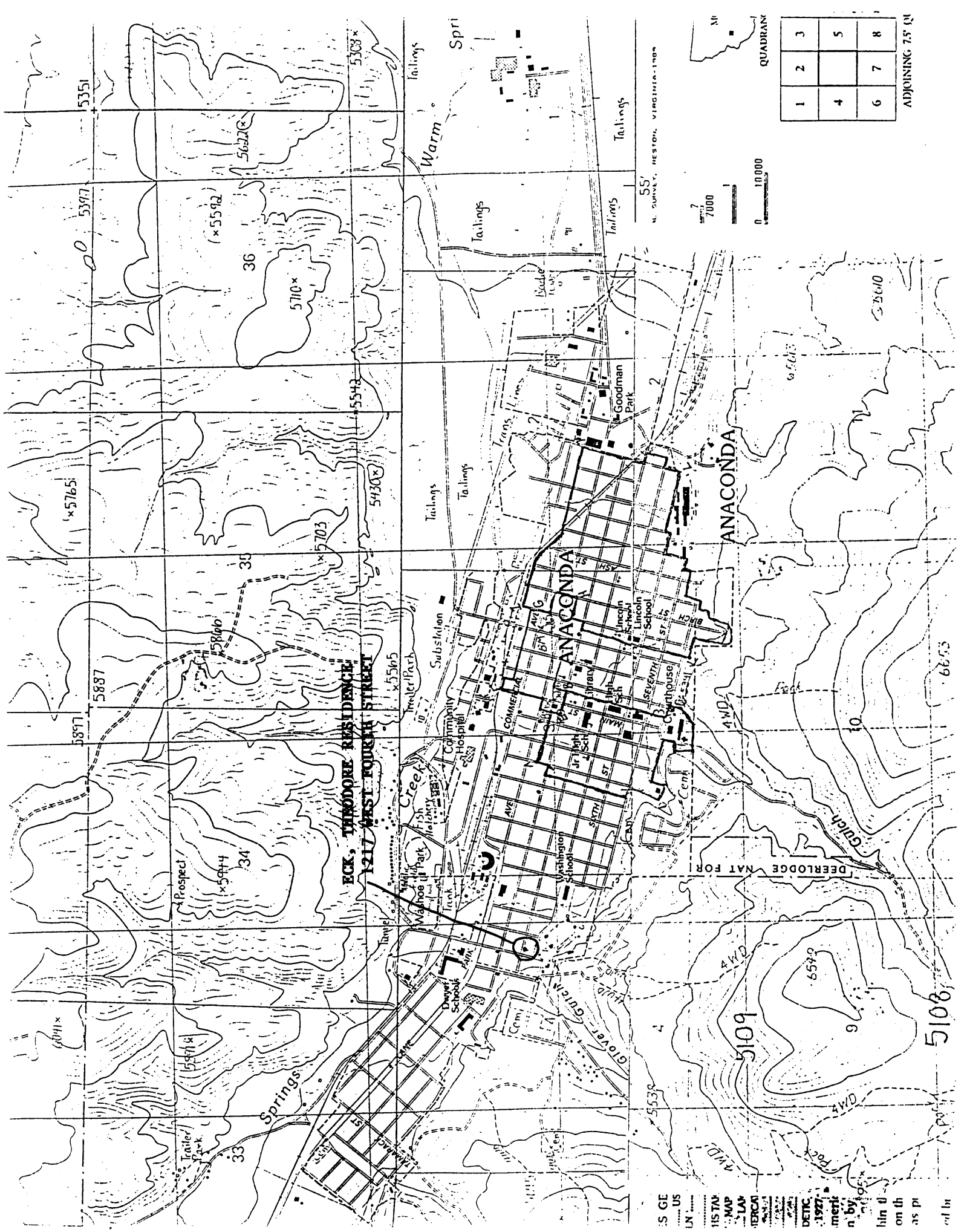
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Anaconda City Directories. 1916, 1925, 1930, 1944, 1952.

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Property Ownership Records.

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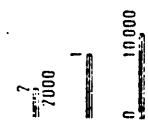
Eck, Ed. Telephone Interview by Kimberly Morrison, August, 1995. Notes in possession of the interviewer.



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