

# MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

Site # 9

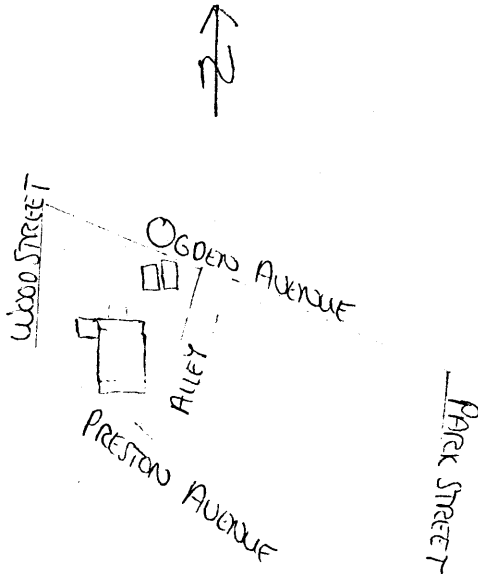


Legal Description: Block 50, E 97.88 ft. of lots 6-8

Address: 1012 Preston Avenue

Ownership: Name: Tillie Mae Wollaston

private address: Box 1075, Thompson Falls, MT 59873  
 public



Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Historic Name: Grandchamp House

Common Name: Wollaston House

Date of Construction: 1911  estimated  documented

Architect: N/A

Builder: Nelson Grandchamp

Original Owner: George Grandchamp

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. 574

Plat Records: Thompson Falls Original Townsite

Tax Records: 1912 Assessment Book

Building Permits: not applicable

Sewer/Water Permits: not applicable

City Directories: Polk, Missoula County 1907, p. 508.

Sanborn Maps: not shown

Newspapers: Sanders County Ledger: 10/10/11

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 wood frame house is covered with clapboard siding and has a concrete foundation, a hipped roof of asbestos shingles, flaired eaves, and an interior brick stack located on the north side. The front (S) features a pier foundation, lattice work, open porch that is covered by the roof. Two large doublehung windows with lead panes are split by the entrance off the porch. The west side includes a fixed window, a window bay of side-by-side-by-side 13 came doublehung windows, a doublehung window of 7 panes, a fixed window on an addition, and a basement window. The north side has 3 screen windows off the slant roofed back porch and side-by-side doublehung windows on the building. The east has a door and screen window facing off the porch and three 2-pane case-ment windows. The interior has four rooms and bath, softwood floors, and a lathe and plaster covered walls.

A pier foundation garage and shed are located NE of the house.

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

Nelson Grandchamp built this house on a lot owned by George Grandchamp. (See Inventory #71.) Nelson acquired the property and several neighboring lots from George in 1912. Nelson came to Thompson Falls between 1903 and 1905 and found employment in a lumber mill. He prospered and became a carpenter sometime before 1909. In 1913, he switched homes and lots with Henry Garred, trading this property for lots in block 32. Henry and Edna Garred came to Thompson Falls before 1907 during the boom period associated with the naming of the town as the county seat. The Garreds evidently moved to Spokane, Washington before 1910, but were back in Thompson Falls in 1912. Henry is mentioned as a laborer in the 1907 Polk Register. No other designation is given him till 1917-18 when he is listed as a violinist. It is probable he taught music privately or at the school. The house stayed in the Garred family till 1936.

**Footnote Sources:** Deedbooks: 17, p. 574; 17, p. 575, 22, p. 114.  
Sanders County Ledger: 10/10/11; 12/19/13; 12/26/13.  
Polk Register, Missoula County: 1905, p. 322; 1909, p. 705; 1913, pp. 572-4  
1917-18, p. 555.  
Assessment Books (Edna Garred): 1909; 1911.  
Interview with Earl Wollaston by John Lazuk

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

Except for the rear porch and west addition which are compatible, this house retains its original integrity.

**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 Grandchamp House is significant under Criterion C because it is an intact example of a Bungalow style residence. The west side of Thompson Falls, where the Grandchamp House is located, grew rapidly in ca. 1910 and is characterized by a number of well-preserved Bungalow dwellings. The Grandchamp House is very similar in design to three other buildings which were built by Charles Doenges, and are located within the immediate vicinity of each other. All of these houses, built between 1911-1912, were very likely based on a pattern book style that emphasized simple, yet distinctive Bungalow style architectural features such as exposed rafter ends and battered columns supporting a full width front porch under a hip roof. The Grandchamp House was built by Nelson Grandchamp, a carpenter who constructed three Bungalows in Thompson Falls from 1910-1912, and who's father, George, owned a sawmill during the late 1800s east of town.

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**GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:**

Acreage: Less than one acre.

USGS Quad: Thompson Falls, MT

UTM's: 11/623825/5272675