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MONTANA

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HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

Site#

Legal Description:RVA, Block 1, lots 1,2

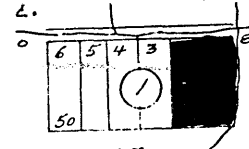
Address: 819 and 821 North 4th.

Ownership: Name: Joanna D. McNutt & Arlene Simmons

private address: 821 N. 4th, Hamilton



819 North 4th



Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Roll#12 Frame#22 , #23
Historic Name:Foye Rental Houses
Common Name:none
Date of Construction:1894 x estimated
Architect: unknown
Builder: Thomas E. Foye
Original Owner:same as above
Original Use: residence
Present Use: residence

RESEARCH SOURCES:

Title Search: yes Tax Records: yes Bldg. Permit: no
Census Records: no Sewer/Water: no Sanborn Maps: not shown
Directories: yes Newspapers: yes

TITLE SEARCH

Martha J. Allison-1891
F. H. Drinkenberg-1892
W. J. & Alice King-1894
Thomas E. Foye-1894
Andrew Lanquein-1919
Ellen Lanquein-1937

Ravalli County-1937

Ben Estep -1944

Clara Briskie-1946

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Personal Interview with Henry Grant

LAWRENCE DAILY AMERICAN, July 25, 1900

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION for 819 4th (North)

Building is a one and one half story, wood frame residence sitting possibly on a stone foundation. Most of the foundation is obscured by vegetation and building is built right down to the ground. It is basically rectilinear in plan with a steep pitched gable roof. The access is perpendicular to 4th Street, with a projecting shed to the south side. It has very broad drop lap siding with corner trim and a board style. Roofs are raked with box soffit. Shingles are asphalt. Broad 1x trim around the windows and a drip cap. Front doors are right on the sidewalk. Windows are 2/2 double hungs with vertical lites, or multi-pane fixed. Door is cross panel with a one third glass lite and a narrow second door, which leads to the second floor, indicating a boarding type situation. At the back portion of the house is seen a lean-to with a shed roof and another smaller shed roof at the center intersection of the two sheds. One that goes south and one that goes north.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION for 821 4th (North)

Building is a two-story, wood frame home, somewhat small, with rectilinear floor plan, gable roof, large shed addition to the north side and a low, one story, shed addition on the west side. Windows are predominantly 2/2, double hung with vertical lites. Window trim is 1x4. Addition to the west has beveled siding, about 5" exposure, and a fixed window. There are square windows in the upper part of the gable. The building has somewhat of a farm, barn type appearance. The siding is very interesting. It simply looks like straight board siding, possibly tongue and groove, applied in a horizontal application. Shingles are unique large squares of asphalt laid in a very unusual pattern. A deteriorated, brick corbeled chimney projects from the center portion of the house. A door that is juxtapose right on the sidewalk has been boarded over with plywood. There is a frieze board around the building but basically it is very plain 1x fascia and a board roof decking for a soffit. A lean-to porch extends from the back that has turned wood columns. The south side of the roof is done with green rolled roofing as is the shed portion which is of very low granary style construction. A shed building is seen on the very back portion of the property. Some window infill has occurred. Underneath the porch or boards have been infilled where a window was taken out. The screen door is wood and the main door is a wood relief panel door with two tall vertical lites.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Thomas E. Foye built these two house for the workers at the Amalgamated Copper Mining Co. lumber mill in Hamilton. He built 16 such small homes and rented them for \$3 to \$10 per month. There are three of his houses still standing, at 819 and 821 N. 4th and 107 N. 4th, and the former two are the best remaining examples of the type, retaining the highest level of historic architectural integrity. Mr. Foye was an honest and industrious man who had earned the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He came to Hamilton from New Hampshire where he had been employed by the Old Bay State Mills as a carpenter. Foye's grandson, Henry Grant, lives west of Hamilton is well know for his knowledge of early Hamilton history, and was one of the authors of Bitterroot Trails, a book on early Valley history.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Area of significance: architecture

Specific dates: c.1894

Contributing buildings: 2

These two rental houses are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C for their historical association with the early Amalgamated Copper Mining company lumber mill, which was the industry that established Hamilton as a community during the last decade of the 19th Century. Owned in large measure by copper mining magnate Marcus Daly, the ACM mill at Hamilton was established as part of the large timber harvesting industry initiated by Daly in the Bitterroot Valley to provide support timbers for his mines in Butte and fuel for his smelters. The ACM mill was completely dismantled, and there is very little left in Hamilton except the mill pond to recall this vital early industry. This pair of adjacent, small, multi-family workers' houses, built by Thomas E. Foye in c.1894 to house mill workers, many of whom came to Hamilton with their families, retain the highest degree of architectural integrity of any remaining buildings associated with the operation of the mill.

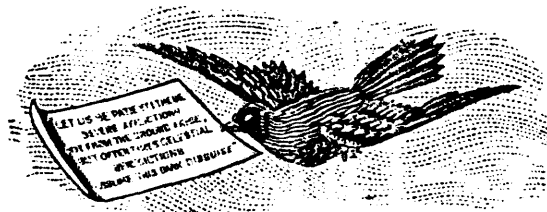
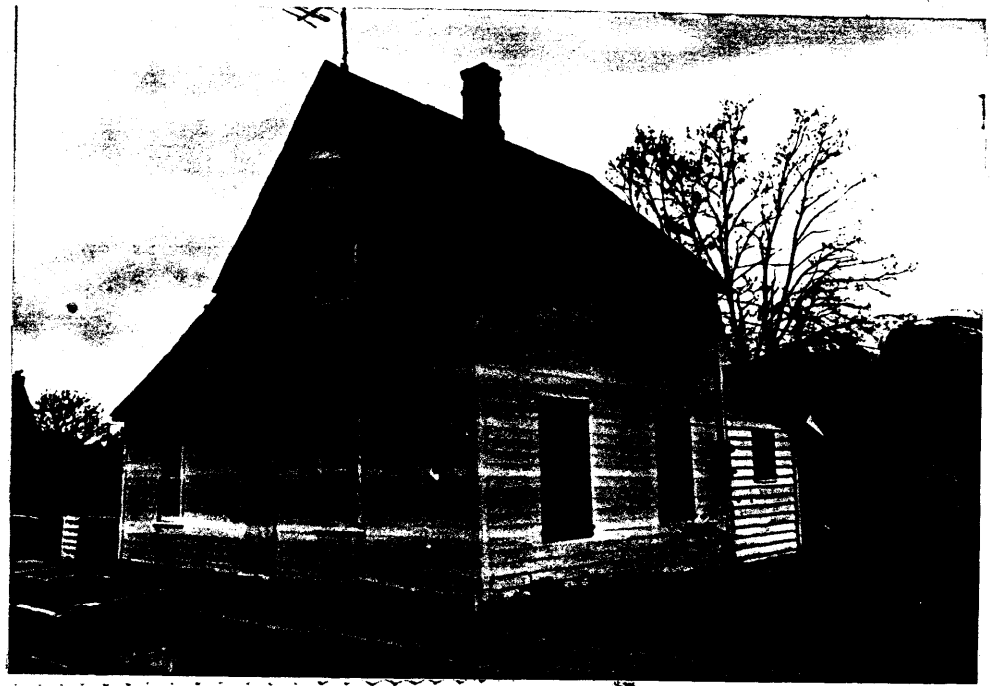
The houses possess architectural significance as the two best remaining examples of the work of an industrious early Hamilton carpenter who built at least 16 of his standard gable-front forms for working class housing in Hamilton during the 1890's. Both of these houses are clearly derived from a vernacular pattern, often seen used for barn construction in early Hamilton. The wide, drop-lap siding found on these buildings was predominately used in the area for outbuildings and agrarian structures.

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205 Bedford, Hamilton, Montana
September, 1987

Acreage: less than one

UTM Reference: 11/ 718850/5126050

821 North 4th



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF

Thomas E. Foyee

DIED JULY 23, 1900 AGED 75 YEARS

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled,
The boon His love had given;
And though the body moulders here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88001292 Date Listed: 8/26/88

<u>Foye Rental Houses</u>	<u>Ravalli</u>	<u>MT</u>
Property Name	County	State

Hamilton MRA
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

For Beth L Savage
Signature of the Keeper

8/26/88
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

The individual property form states that the Foye Rental Houses are significant under criterion A and C, but no area of significance is indicated to accompany criterion A. The text, however, showed fairly clearly that "industry" was the appropriate area of significance to accompany criterion A. During a 8/26/88 phone conversation with Lon Johnson of the Montana SHPO, it was confirmed that industry was indeed the correct area of significance.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)