

MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY



Legal Description: Pardee & McDonald Block 14

Address: South 15' of Lots 1, 2, 3

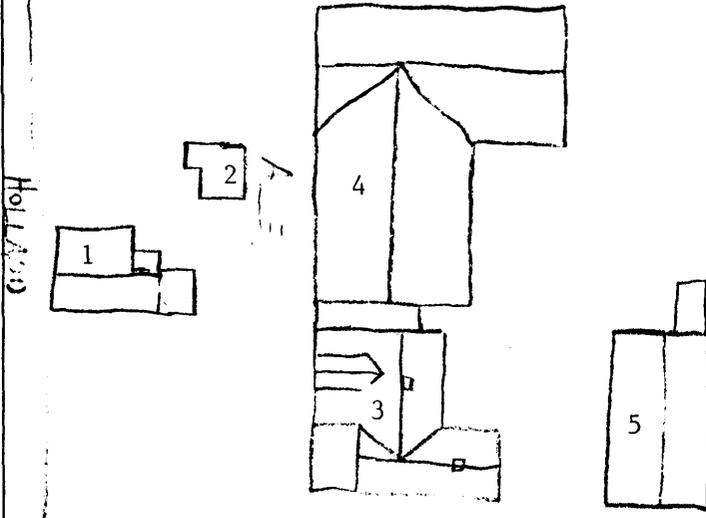
Rolls 6, 19

Ownership Name: August T. Erickson

Frames 16, 9-10

private address: Philipsburg, MT

Roll #



FIRST ST.

Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Historic Name: Anderson Lumber Company

Common Name: Unknown

Date of Construction: c.1880 (house) estimated documented c.1895 buildings

Architect: N/A

Builder: Charles Anderson (assumed)

Original Owner: Charles Anderson

Original Use: residence and lumber business

Present Use: residence, storage

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

Title Search: _____ Tax Records: _____

Bldg. Permit: _____ Census Records: X

Sewer/Water: _____ Sanborn Maps: '92, '94, '02

Directories: '87, '94, '04 Newspapers: Mail & Northwest

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Describe present appearance of structure/site, then contrast and compare that with its original appearance, noting additions, alterations, and changes in materials. Discuss significant architectural features.

The site consists of two residences and several outbuildings. One residence (#1) is a two story wood frame building that has a rectangular shape, gable roof with wood shingle roofing, clapboard siding, 2/2 double hung windows and a log foundation. A brick chimney projects from one end of the gable ridge, while some windows and one door have been closed. There is an "L"-shaped frame building (#2) northeast of the house that is covered with corrugated metal siding. Across the alley from this house are three related structures. In the southwest corner of the lot is a 1½ story wood frame residence (#3) with an asphalt covered gable roof and gabled dormer. It is covered with clapboard siding that has been covered on the south and west sides by aluminum siding, and features 2/2 double hung windows, a central brick chimney, and a full width, shed roofed porch with turned columns, decorative brackets, spindled frieze and simple railing. It rests on a brick and rubble stone foundation. Connected to the north is a large, 2 story, "L"-shaped wood frame barn (#4) that is sheathed with vertical board and batten siding and has a wood shingled gable roof. To the immediate east is another wood frame gable roofed barn (#5) covered with vertical board and batten siding.

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

Charles Anderson came to Montana in 1875 from Norway, arriving in Philipsburg in 1878 where he established a lumber and coal business which he owned until his death in 1893. Anderson's brother, Theodore, who came to Philipsburg in 1891, took over the business after Charles died. Anerson originally owned several other non-extant buildings located immediately south of First Street in Block 16 that were part of his lumber business. The two story building was Anderson's residence, while the 1½ story building across the alley provided sleeping rooms for employees.

Footnote Sources:

Interview with James and Phyllis Patten 4/9/84

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

The Anderson Lumber Company buildings are strategically located in close proximity to the former railroad depot, which was just two blocks to the immediate west. In addition to the Anderson Lumber Co., this area of Philipsburg was the site of at least two other lumber yards, but no structures remain from these businesses. Although the Anderson Lumber Co. buildings are in fair condition and only one is used as a residence, the large number of structures and their location in the community suggest the importance of not only Anderson but his business as well.

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.

In addition to the four major structures on the site, Anderson had at least four other buildings relating to his lumber business, as well as a set of weighing scales on Holland St., and several lumber storage areas nearby. The extant buildings were used as a house, barn, bunkhouse, lumber storage and sash and door warehouse, and collectively they speak highly of the extent of Anderson's lumber business. The number and size of these buildings, and their location in town, attest to Anerson's keen business sense and prominence in the building trade of Philipsburg. Anderson's lumber buildings are the only extant structures which illustrate the local availability of milled lumber and building parts.

The southern boundary for the Anderson Lumber Co. is formed by First St., extending to the east just beyond the gable roofed barn (#5), then north to a location 10 feet to the north of the L-shaped barn (#4), then west across the alley to Holland Street and then south again to the corner of First Street and Holland St.

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GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Acreage: Less than one
USGS Quad: Philipsburg
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