

MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

BRIDGER SURVEY

Legal Description: Block 4, Lots 6,7 - 1st Addition
Address: 210 S. 2nd
Ownership: Name: Morris Van Campen
Address: Box 539
Bridger, MT 59014



Roll# 5/Frame# 7

Historic Name: Dr. Carl Marcus Residence
Common Name: Dr. Carl Marcus Residence
Date of Construction: circa 1921
Architect: Unknown
Builder: Unknown
Original Owner: Dr. Carl A. Marcus
Original Use: Residence
Present Use: Residence

Research Sources:

Abstract of Title: Carbon County Courthouse:
1914, Baxter Zachary; 1918, C.A. Marcus; 1920,
C.A. Marcus; 1921, Anna Marcus; 1961, Richard
McFadden; 1968, Donald Kraske; 1978, Carol Ann
Grisso; 1980, Frank Petrusek; 198?, Morris
Van Campen
Plat Records: Carbon County Courthouse
Tax Records: Carbon County Courthouse
Building Permits: N/A
Sewer/Water Permits: N/A
City Directories: 1905-22
Sanborn Maps: 1907, 1916
Newspapers: Free Press; 2-6-03; Bridger
Times; 7-16-09; 2-16-17;
8-9-18; 10-11-18; 12-27-18
Other: 1910 Census; 1928 Voter's Register;
Lloyd Walters Interview

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Location Map

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

(Reappraisal Forms) Craftsman Bungalow - single dwelling -
- 1509 sq. ft. - 105 sq. ft. enclosed porch - 160
sq. ft. open porch - 240 sq. ft. garage. Formed concrete
foundation and stone foundation, frame wall construction,
sheathing exterior. Gable roof, composition shingle roofing.
Softwood and hardwood floors, lath & plaster interior, pine or
fir trim.

This one story, wood frame craftsman bungalow retains a very high
degree of historic architectural integrity. the primary gable of

the house roof is oriented north-south. A large gable roofed projection extends toward the street (east), thereby engaging the porch beneath the primary roof, and another projection extends to the rear (west). The porch is set in the northeast corner of the building and features short battered columns set on battered cobblestone piers. Two large exterior chimneys on the north and south facades are also of cobblestone. The tooling of the mortar joints is similar to that of the Glidden house, with the raised joints fashioned in a curvilinear pattern.

Other typical craftsman style features of the building are the exposed rafter ends, decoratively trimmed face boards, bracketed roof supports, and banded windows. A band of six, four-over-four double-hung windows is set in the front gable projection. A large cottage window flanked by a pair of four-over-four windows is found in the porch recess. The house is covered with narrow width, beveled siding with wood shingles in the gable ends.

A small, flat roofed, wood frame garage has been added to the northwest corner of the house.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION:

Baxter Zachary, Bridger's prominent saloon keeper, owned these lots, but probably not this house. In 1909 he built an addition on to his house, and the enlargement is obvious between the 1907 and the 1916 Sanborn map. In February 1917 Zachary sold to Dr. C.A. Marcus, dentist from Laurel. Carl Marcus was originally from Sweden, and when he came west, he worked in Laurel with offices part-time in Bridger. In December 1916 he decided to move full time to Bridger, so he bought this house, and rented an office in the Levander Building, block 11, O.P. In 1919 Marcus worked for the YMCA in England, and his family stayed with relatives in Kansas City, Missouri. They returned to Bridger in early 1921, and it is assumed, they removed the old Zachary house, and had this one built. His Craftsman style bungalow preference may be the result of his trip east and to England. Unfortunately, we do not know who designed or constructed this cottage. Mr. Lloyd Walters remembers that Marcus had it built about 1920, and they owned it for forty years.

Carl Marcus purchased the American National Bank Building (old Amoretti Barclary & Co. Bank) on the north east corner of Block 12, O.P. He had his offices there, as well as several rental spaces. Marcus added another floor to that building, and expanded it to the rear.

INTEGRITY:

Appears to be original condition.

Marcus Residence

HISTORICAL and/or ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This fine example of a Craftsman Bungalow meets criterion C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Few examples of the Craftsman Bungalow exist in Bridger, which indicates that the period of the late 1910's and 1920's was one of very moderate growth in the community. Of particular note on Dr. Marcus residence is the use of the river stone set with raised, curved mortar joints similar to those found on the Glidden House. This work was likely executed by the same mason, fifteen years after.

FORM PREPARED BY:

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Red Lodge, MT 59068

Date: October, 1986

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Acreage: 60' x 135'

USGS Quad: Bridger, Mont. 1956 7.5

UTM's: Zone 12, 663485 E., 5017580 N.

