MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

### BRIDGER SURVEY

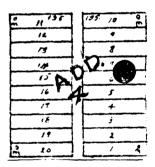
Legal Description: Block 4, Lots 6,7 - 1st Addition Address: 210 S. 2nd Ownership: Name: Morris Van Campen Address: Box 539 Bridger, MT 59014



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 Petrasek; 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



Location Map

# PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

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 Sweden, and when he came west, he worked in Laurel with from 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 ll, 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 1020'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.

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GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Acreage: 60´x 135´ USGS Quad: Bridger, Mont. 1956 7.5 UTM´s: Zone 12, 663485 E., 5017580 N.

