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Name:	Trowbridge Dairy		
Map number:	Maps C & D #7, Map J	Photos #53 & #54	
Location:	207 South M Street Livingston		
Owner and address:	Frances and Raymond Tostovernik 207 South M Street Livingston, Montana 59047		
Construction date:	c. 1906; 1909		
Style:	Vernacular		
Verbal boundary description:	Riverside Addition, Block Q lots 1-8; fct'1 9-16; 29-32 Block R W 1/2 of fct'1 1; 27-28		
Acreage:	about 3/4 acre		
U.T.M. reference:	1,2 5,3,5,4,8,0 5,10,5,7,10,2,0		
Bibliography:	Oral interviews, Bill Gonder, Neil Trowbridge, May, 1979.		

Description:

This property, surrounded by handsome, mature trees, contains four structures of note. The house on the west, facing South M Street, is a 1-story, wood frame building, consisting of three rectangular, gable-roofed sections, which diminish in size and height toward the back. All are sided with white clapboard, with boxed corners. Details are simple and include a stained glass panel over the front window which is sheltered by a centered shed porch, supported by four turned posts. Outbuildings to the east of the house are lined up along the east side of the alley line. These consist of two, small 2-story barns and a long, low shed, all wood-frame and covered with either drop siding or horizontal boards. Gable roofs are shingled. The southern-most barn has two dormers.

Significance:

Although the mainstay of Livingston's economy has historically been the railroad, the agrarian environment has never been far removed from the working class neighborhoods. The dairy complex at 207 South M Street is a vestige of Livingston's rural setting at the edge of the blue collar eastside. Henry J. Wolcott, a general contractor, bought the land in the 1890s that lay between the Yellowstone River and the more densely settled areas. He built the house about 1906. Three years later, he sold the property to J. Frank Trowbridge. Trowbridge, a horseman, built the large barn in 1909 to house his three stallions. By 1919 the Model T made horse raising unprofitable and he turned to dairying. The Trowbridge

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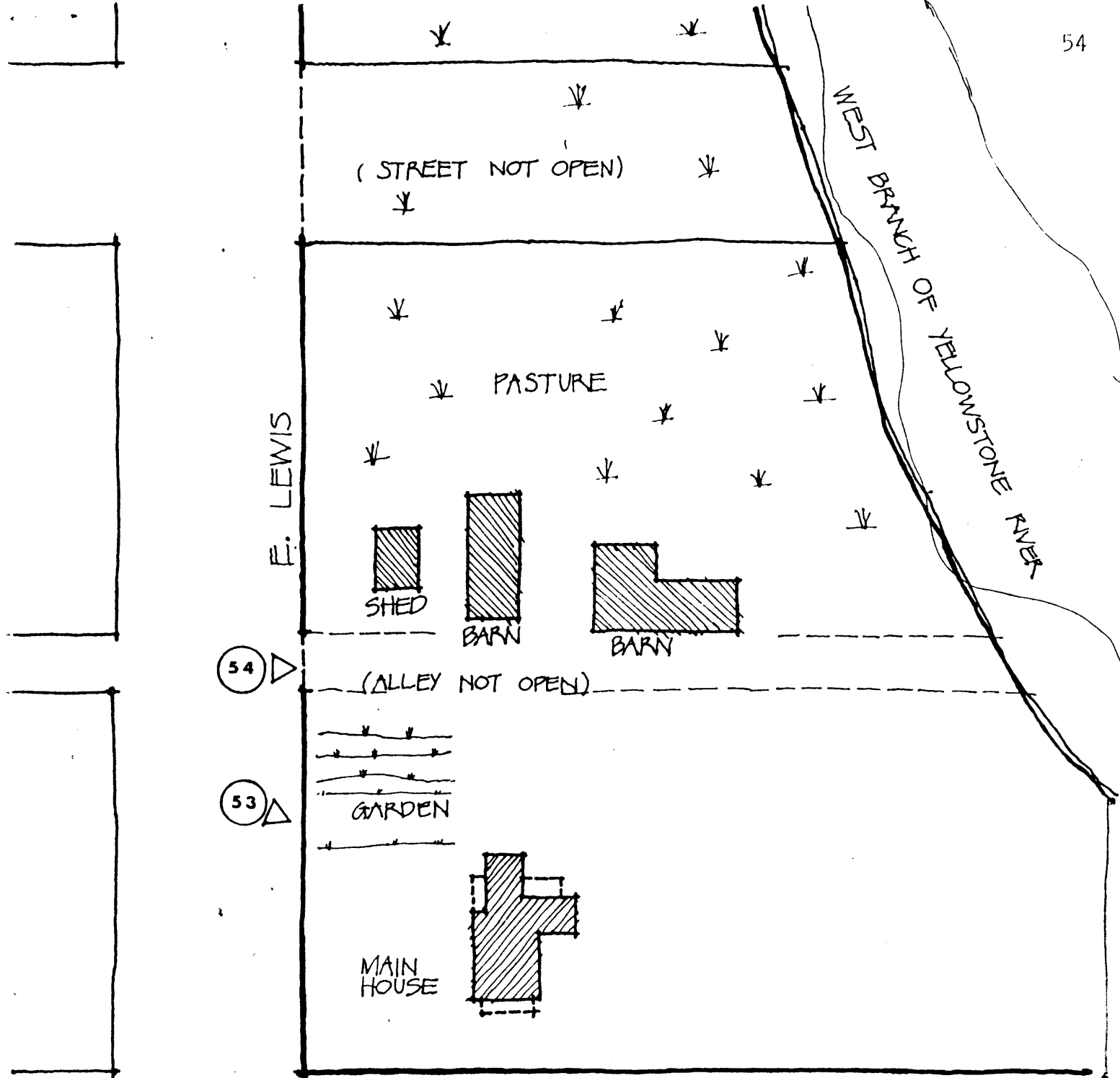
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Dairy was one of several local dairies that supplied Livingston families with fresh milk delivered by horse and wagon. The Depression years hit the town hard and Trowbridge sold out. In 1933, Louis Tostovernik bought the property. His heirs have resided there since that time.

This structure meets the following National Register criteria:

- A. The farm is reflective of Livingston's varied economic base.
- C. The Trowbridge property is the last remaining agrarian complex-a once-common-type in close proximity to an otherwise urban neighborhood.



TROWBRIDGE DAIRY

Scale 1" = 50'-0"

*SITE IS SURROUNDED BY MATURE TREES, THESE ARE NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY.

