United States Department of the Interior **Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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Ċ., historic The Young-Almas House and/or common Eliason Funeral Home 2. Location street & number 419 4th Ave not for publication Havre vicinity of congressional district city, town 2nd Montana code 30 041 Hi11 state county code 3. Classification Category **Ownership** Status **Present Use** district _ public X occupied agriculture museum X commercial <u>X</u> building(s) _X_private unoccupied park both work in progress educational private residence ____ structure **Public Acquisition** Accessible entertainment religious _ site _ object _ in process ves: restricted government scientific _ being considered yes: unrestricted industrial transportation no military other: 4. **Owner of Property** name Mr. Leon P. and Mrs. Sandra G. Eliason street & number 419 4th Ave city, town Havre vicinity of state Montana 59501 **Location of Legal Description** 5. Hill County Courthouse courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. street & number Havre Montana city, town state **Representation in Existing Surveys** 6.

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Young Almas House built in 1914 is a Spanish colonial style residence with a stuccoed exterior and a hipped roof of red terra-cotta tile. The house is one-story with a single room elevated on the northwest corner. Laid out in a basic U-shaped design with an interior courtyard, the house measures approximately 45' x 59' in its overall dimensions. A basement runs under one half of the structure. There are three fireplaces and two chimneys.

A curvilinear parapet ornaments the entryportico, supported by two cement pillars. The porch extends to the southwest corner of the building. The front door is framed by two leaded glass lights on either side. A three window bay protrudes to the left of the porch and there is a large picture window to the right. All of the windows are single light with fixed leaded glass above.

The second story room on the northwest corner has four band windows on each the north, south and west sides. Under these windows are three stuccoed planters supported by paired brackets. The roof is graced with afloriated terra-cotta, finial at the peak.

The south, and north sides each have two small and five large one-over-four, double hung windows, and there is a squared three windowed bay on the north side in the original structure. The back side has one small and two large windows. The basement is lit by small, four paned windows.

A two story carriage house stands to the northeast of the house. With four-over-four windows, a hipped terra-cotta roof, and large double doors, it is stylistically in keeping with the main house.

A large, one story addition was built on the northern side of the house in 1978 to accomodate a chapel for the new owner's mortuary business. The owner removed one window of the northern bay, replacing it with a door leading to the chapel addition. Measuring 30'x90', the chapel stands detached from the main house, connected only by a narrow passageway. Built in cinderblock with a gently pitched roof, the addition may be considered a separate entity, interfering little with the historic integrity of the main house.

The interior courtyard has been roofed over by the present owner in 1979. The supports for the light fiberglass roofing material were attached to the exterior of the building below the eaves so as to be an easily reversible change.

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Young Almas House in Havre, Montana warrents inclusion on the National Register due to its association with persons prominent in the early history of the town and by virtue of its unique architectural identity.

The original owner of the house, Christopher W. Young Jr., was an enterprising businessman with dealings in real estate, mining, ranching, and the mercantile business and one of Havre's first millionaires. Havre experienced a period of booming prosperity as the switching station for the West Coast and Great Falls connector of the Great Northern Railroad. Mr. Young was also responsible for erecting numerous buildings in the downtown area.

After a trip to Cuba, Mr. Young returned to Havre with photographs of a Spanish style plantation house which caught his imagination. From these photographs, Frank Bossuot, a local architect, drew up the plans and specifications. Young purchased the site from Simon Pepin, the area's largest landowner. Chris Fuglevand, a pioneer contractor, executed the design in masonry using terra-cotta roofing.

The original house, built in 1914, was U-shaped with an inner courtyard. Iron gates led to a back garden. The floor plan was laid out like a ranch style home with all principle rooms on one level. While most grand homes of the time had ballrooms on the third floor, here it was placed in the basement. The large picture windows in the livingroom were also unusual in early 20th century design.

Although the basic design can be described as Spanish mission style in its basic U-shape and use of terra-cotta and masonry, the ornamentation and detailing is an interesting amalgamation of craftsman and prairie styles. Leaded glass windows, hardwood flooring, mahogany panelling, Japanese cloth wall coverings, and hand painted ceilings adorn the interior, utilizing the skills of local craftsmen. The three bedrooms are equipped with their own washbasins.

In 1919, Mr. Young sold the house to Dr. Almas, who occupied it until 1978 when it was sold to Leon Eliason. Mr. Eliason added an addition to the home to accomodate his mortuary business while retaining most of the unique features of the origianl sturcture. The house has remained virtually unchanged since its construction, an interesting and unique example of the adaptation of variant architectural styles which marked the grand homes built during this period of Havre's greatest prosperity.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hill County Bicentennial Book, <u>Grits, Gusts & Gusto</u>, 1978, <u>Historic Homes of North Central</u> <u>Montana</u>, by Robbie Lucke, 1977 Raymer's History of Montana Vol. 11 p. 575 1930

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