

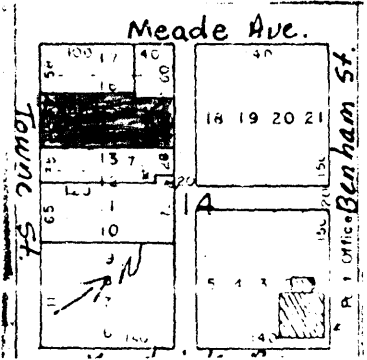
MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

Site # 6



Legal Description: Original Townsite, Blk 14, Lot 14 & 15 & 2x100' strip along south part of lot 16.
 Address: 218 W. Towne
 Ownership Name: Dobson, Evelyn
 private address: 218 W. Towne, Glendive, Mt.
 public

Roll # 5 Frame #39-40



Location map or building plan with arrow north.

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 Historic Name: McCone Residence
 Common Name: Dobson Residence
 Date of Construction: ca.1900, ca.1904, ca.1908 estimated documented
 Architect: not known
 Builder: John Morton (attributed)
 Original Owner: George McCone
 Original Use: Residence
 Present Use: Residence
RESEARCH SOURCES: Note all records consulted to determine dates of construction, original owners, builders, uses, etc.
 Title Search: Tax Records: 1910
 Bldg. Permit: n.a. 3 car garage 1962
 Census Records:
 Sewer/Water: n.a. Sanborn Maps: 1893-1903
 Directories: Newspapers:

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

1. Progressive Men of the State of Montana, Chicago, A.W. Bowen & Co. 1901
2. Helen F. Sanders, A History of Montana, Chicago, & New York; The Lewis Publishing Co. 1913
3. Marie MacDonald, Glendive; The History of a Montana Town, Glendive The Gateway Press. 1968

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.

A small L-shaped one-story residence with intersecting gable roof, rear flat roof addition, enclosed front porch in L, clapboard siding with end boards, and concrete foundation. Roof is asphalt shingle with interior brick chimney, extending boxed eaves with raking cornice and frieze board. Windows are wood frame double-hung with wood surround. Front window is paired sash with 4 upper lights. Doors are wood frame wood with panels and lights. Front porch has flat roof with extending eaves, wood frame screen "windows" and door, flared clapboard apron and wood stoop with steel railing. Front of porch has wood flower box. Two large deciduous trees are located in front yard.

A concrete block garage with flat roof and concrete cornice is located at rear of property. It was constructed in 1962.

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

This residence was constructed 1893-1903, when the property was owned by several parties, including John Morton and George and James McCone. (1) Since John A. Morton was a carpenter, it is likely that he constructed the residence. George & James McCone owned the property from 1902-1945. George McCone was listed as residing at this address in the 1909 (Director of Merchants National Bank), 1912 (President of Dawson County Fair Assn.), 1914 (rancher, P.O. Glendive), and 1916 (Vice President, Merchants Natl. Bank). (2)

George McCone was one of the pioneer settlers of the Glendive area. He was born in New York in 1854. By 1877, he carried mail between Fort Reno and Fort Sill and from Bismarck to Fort Keogh in 1881. He began in the cattle business on Burns Creek about 40 miles from Glendive in 1882. The same year, he started carrying mail from Glendive to Fort Buford and from there to Wolf Point until 1888. In 1882, he was appointed a member of the first board of county commissioners for Dawson County and served on the board until 1900. In 1900, he was elected as a representative to the State Legislature and later was elected to the state senate. In the late 1800's-early 1900's, he continued in the cattle and sheep business, and also raised wheat, flax, and oats in the 4,500 acres of land he owned as of 1912/13. He also served as director and vice-president of the Merchants National Bank. (3) While in the State Senate, he sponsored a bill (the McCone Act) providing legal machinery for creating new counties by popular vote. McCone County, created in 1919, is named after him. (4) (Footnote sources-next

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

This cottage possesses good integrity of setting, design, materials and workmanship. Trees add to historical association of the setting. The new concrete block garage is located at far rear of lot and does not significantly detract from integrity of site's setting. The house has been somewhat enlarged. Between 1903 and 1905, a single room addition was constructed at the southeastern corner of the house. The porch was also enlarged between 1905-1910 to extend the full length of the front facade. (cont.)

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.

This residence was constructed about 1900, at a time when Glendive experienced major economic development and construction of many of its existing historic residential and commercial buildings. It is associated with George McCone, prominent Glendive area rancher, businessman, and politician, who is known to have resided at this address in the 1910's, and owned the property from 1902-45. The residence is a good example of a turn-of-the-century gable-front and wing family residence, with generally good integrity. It is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, under criterion b, for its association with George McCone.

FORM PREPARED BY:

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Date: August 1987

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Acreage: Less than an acre

USGS Quad: Glendive, MT 1967 7.5'

UTM's: 13/521700/5216800

OTS- Blk 14, Lot 14-15 & 2'x100' of 16.

Footnote sources,

1. Title Search; Sanborn Maps
2. Title Search; Polk City Directories.
3. Progressive Men in Montana, p. 1712; Helen F. Sanders, History of Montana, col.2 p. 1222
4. MacDonalld, Glendive; The Story of a Montana Town p.29

Integrity (continued)

• Since the addition to the southeastern corner and the extension of the front porch were both completed during the historic period, these alterations are considered to have gained significance over time and do not detract from the historic architectural integrity of the property.