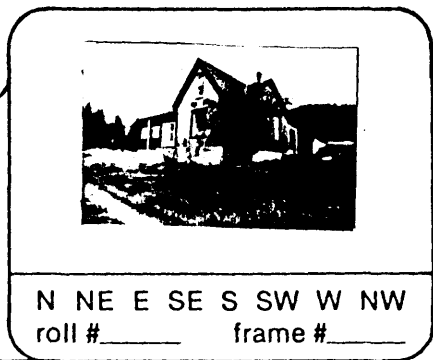


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LEGAL LOCATION: Caledonian Mining Claim DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____
addition block lot(s)

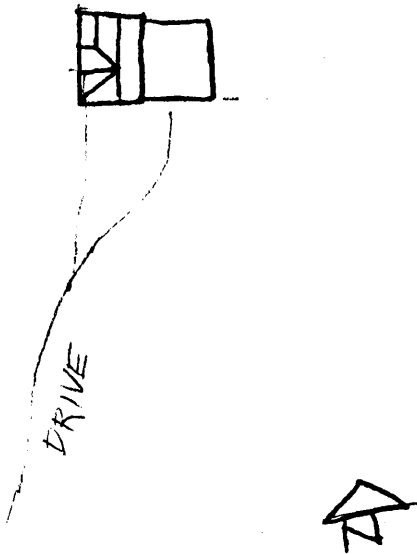
no. street city county

OWNERSHIP: name: Rita Metesh

public
 private address: 440 N. Park Helena, MT 59601

N NE E SE S SW W NW
 roll # _____ frame # _____

sketch plan with arrow north



HISTORIC NAME: Ringeling Residence

ORIGINAL OWNER: N.B. Ringeling

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1887 documented
 estimate

COMMON NAME: Unknown

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Ringling

ORIGINAL USE: Residential

PRESENT USE: Residential

RESEARCH SOURCES: Sanborn maps
 abstract of title sewer permit
 plat records/maps city directories
 tax cards obituaries
 building permit biography
 other _____

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: residential
 open land agricultural
 scattered buildings commercial
 high building density industrial

NUMBER OF STORIES:
 1 1 1/2 2 2 1/2 3 3 1/2

FOUNDATION:
 rubble stone
 coursed stone
 concrete
 concrete block
 other

CHIMNEYS: position and number
five

BUILDING TYPE/ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

ROOF: (type) (covering)
 gable flat wood shingle
 gambrel shed metal
 hipped mansard wood shake
 dormers turret slate
 combination asphalt

WINDOWS: (type) (sash arrangement)
 double hung 1/1 2/2 4/4
 casement 2/1 3/1 4/1
 fixed other _____

EXTERIOR MATERIALS:

brick (coursing & color) red regular offset
 stone (coursing & type) _____
 log (notch type) _____
 shingle (edge type) _____
 clapboard
 shiplap
 stucco
 asbestos siding bay window
 aluminum siding
 other: _____

OUTBUILDINGS:

barns
 sheds
 garage
 carriage house
 sauna
 other: _____

Describe significant architectural features and note any additions, alterations, & changes in materials.
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

A 1 1/2-story brick residence with intersecting gable and shed roofs. The structure features an enclosed porch, bay windows, brick chimney, 1/1 double-hung and fixed windows. The structure rests on a rubble stone foundation and appears to be in good condition. A garage to the east has been connected by a breezeway.

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

This Victorian period house was built in 1887 by N.B. Ringeling, who worked as a superintendent for the Hope Mine, one of the earliest silver mines in the Philipsburg area. Ringeling later served as the city engineer during the early 1900s. The residence has had only two other owners since Ringeling, L.R. Nesbit and the present owner, Rita Metesh. The fact that it is the only remaining structure from the Hope Mine adds significance to the property.

Philipsburg Mail, 10-20/87 and 7/3/03

Philipsburg Chamber of Commerce, Philipsburg Territory, Vol. 1, no. 4, 1983.

Areas of significance: architecture and industry

The Ringeling House is the last standing structure in Philipsburg that is directly associated with the development of the Hope Mine and as such is eligible for listing as a representation of the historical importance of that early mining enterprise, which had a significant effect on community growth and development.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Based on historic photographs, the Ringeling House has undergone few minor exterior changes since it was built in October, 1887. A side porch which was originally open has since been enclosed, and it appears that a small, rear addition was attached at a later date. Beyond its architectural integrity, the Ringeling Residence is significant as the only vestige of the Hope Mine (originally the Stuart Mill, c.1867), which was the first pan amalgamation mill constructed in Montana.

Built in 1887, the Ringeling House is architecturally significant as one of the few remaining examples of early Victorian period, simplified Queen Anne architecture in Philipsburg.

INFORMATION VALUE: Explain how the extant structure/site may demonstrate or yield information about its historic use or construction.

The house is associated with the Hope Mill, which was the first pan amalgamation process mill constructed in Montana. After the St. Louis and Montana Mining Co. failed in 1872 and was reorganized as the Hope Mining Co., the mill stood dormant until 1881 when a major strike was made. Since the mill was located just east of Broadway in Philipsburg, the location for the Superintendent's House was a logical one. The house was built during the beginning of the boom period of construction in Philipsburg, shortly after the railroad reached the community and mining activity increased.

CONTRIBUTION TO A DISTRICT: Describe the visual and historic relationship between the structure/site and the surrounding area.

Because the house is located well outside of the historic district boundary, it must be considered as an independent resource.

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ACREAGE: less than one

SHPO COMMENTS:

The boundary for the Ringeling Residence includes an area measuring approximately 10 feet surrounding the building. Since no other features or evidence remains near the house from the Hope Mill site, it is not necessary to draw a boundary extending away from the house.

UTM Reference: 12, 323795, 5132800 USGS map Philipsburg Sec T R

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