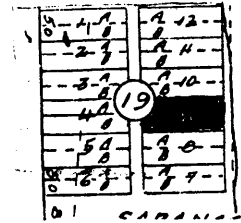


MONTANA  
HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL  
INVENTORY

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Site#  
 Legal Description:RV, Block 19, Lot 9  
 Address:605 N. 3rd  
 Ownership: Name:Bill Neustrom  
 private address:c/o Jan Gary, RFD, 520785 Camino Cielo Azul, Escondido,  
 CA 92025



Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Roll# 12 Frame# 17  
 Historic Name:Sherman Gill Home  
 Common Name:none  
 Date of Construction:1907 x estimated  
 Architect: unknown  
 Builder: unknown  
 Original Owner:Sherman Gill House  
 Original Use: residence  
 Present Use: residence

RESEARCH SOURCES:

Title Search: yes      Tax Records: yes      Bldg. Permit: no-  
 Census Records: no      Sewer/Water: no      Sanborn Maps:1909-1944  
 Directories: yes      Newspapers: yes

TITLE SEARCH

Martha J. Allison  
 Frank Drinkenberg-1895  
 Sherman P. Gill-1909  
 R. L. VanDeusen-1910  
 Louise Hageman-1911

BIBLIOGRAPHY:  
WESTERN NEWS, May 9, 1906

#### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

This building is a one story structure. The foundation is not exposed. The building is made of cut granite-like block (cut stone). The front porch is low to the ground and supported by columns. Pattern is four-square with a truncated hip and a prominent angle bay addressing 3rd Street. The windows have flattened keystone arches. They are double hung, 1/1, with concrete sills. The angle bay has a gable supported by scroll brackets, 90 degrees in both directions. The gable has a full eave return, clapboard siding and a diamond patterned vent. Other features include a frieze board below the flat soffit and a moulded fascia. There is a very narrow gable roof dormer projecting to the south. Other add-ons include a lean-to carport, on the south, supported by 4x4 wood posts. It has metal corrugated roofing. The shingles are asphalt and the truncated hip has a metal flashing. There is a metal wood stove chimney projecting from the upper portion of the main hip roof.

#### INTEGRITY

With the exception of the lean-to and the dormer to the south, this building appears to have good architectural integrity. The front porch is somewhat dilapidated and has settled. The porch columns may be a later replacement, as are the asphalt shingles. By removal of the lean-to carport and the dormer to the south, the home would have excellent integrity.

#### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This residence was built from local building stone. This stone, which is bluish gray in color, is pronounced a compressed volcanic ash of superior quality and particularly adapted for use in buildings located in a dry climate. A mountain of this stone lies just east of Corvallis and James Barr, a Corvallis builder, had saws which he used to cut slabs of this rock. Builders pronounced this material far superior to brick.

Sherman Gill built this home about 1907. He was an early day builder.

Footnote Sources: See Bibliography

Contributing buildings: 1  
Areas of Significance: architecture  
Specific dates: 1907

#### HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Sherman Gill House (ca. 1907) meets criterion C. for listing on the National Register as the best example of a home built of local stone. It is built in a modified four-square Folk Plan with Victorian influence in the scroll bracketing supporting the angle bay. The stone work and dressing are crude, exemplifying the lack of equipment and, to some extent, masonry skills available. The use of masonry for residential construction is rare in Hamilton, a lumber manufacturing center. The use of this locally quarried stone is even rarer. If this stone appears in buildings constructed before 1910-12, it is usually seen in foundation walls.

Acreage: less than one UTM Reference: 11/719000/5125740

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