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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Name

historic Clack, H. Earl, House

and or common Clack, H. Earl, House

2. Location

street & number 532 2nd Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Havre N/A vicinity of

state Montana code 030 county Hill code 041

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Marjorie F. and Robert H. Sizemore

street & number 1003 Minnesota Street

city, town Chinook N/A vicinity of state Montana 59523

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hill County Courthouse

street & number 300 4th Avenue

city, town Havre state Montana 59501

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The H. Earl Clack House is a very good example of a classically- inspired Georgian Revival dwelling. Basically "L"-shaped with a one story enclosed porch attached to the south gable end, the symmetrical building exhibits several architectural elements which were popularized by the style at the turn of the century. Centered in the main facade is a porticoed entry which features a gable roof supported by two fluted, wooden Doric columns and two similar pilasters. Five cement steps and a brick landing lead up to the front entrance which has a solid six panel door flanked by six-light sidelights on each side, and a fanlight with tracery above. A semicircular brick arch surrounds the entryway. Four 12/12 double hung sash windows with brick sills and lintels light the first floor on the main facade, with identical matching windows located on the second level. A pair of 6/6 double hung windows are placed directly above the front entrance on the second floor. The concrete foundation has four, three light, steel sash basement windows on the main facade, with three in the north gable end and two along the rear facade. A brick water table directly above these windows surrounds the entire structure.

Attached to the south gable end is a one story enclosed brick porch (presently used as a sun room) with a balustraded second story balcony and wooden cornice. Paired 9/9 double hung windows light the east and west facades of this addition, with a similar set of tripled windows on the south side. A shouldered brick chimney built into the south gable end is flanked by two 12/12 double hung windows on the second floor and a pair of eight light, quarter round windows in the third floor.

The gable roofed long axis of the house is intersected at the rear by a gently sloping, flat roof which covers a garage on the first floor and living space above. The south elevation features four multi-paneled wooden garage doors, with a recessed brick panel above and tripled 9/9 double hung windows on the second level. Identical windows are located on the second story of the north facade, while a single 8/8 double hung window lights the lower level.

The north gable end has a shouldered brick chimney with a 12/12 double hung window on the first floor to the east and a pair of 8/8 double hung windows to the west. Three 12/12 double hung windows identically arranged on the second floor light that space, while a pair of eight light quarter round windows flank the chimney in the attic. The rear of the house is pierced by a series of 12/12 double hung windows with two on the first floor, one centered in the facade between the first and second levels, and six lighting the second story. The shingled roof features a decorative wooden cornice, returned eaves and copper- lined gutters.

A decorative wrought iron and fieldstone fence surrounds the property, which has several mature coniferous trees in the front yard. There is a small, gable roofed, detached one car garage located behind the house at the edge of the property boundary.

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The interior of the house has a central hall flanked by a large living room to the south and a dining room and kitchen to the north. The attached sun room extends to the south of the living room. Multi-paned French doors separate each of these rooms. An attractive brick fireplace in the living room with a bracketed wooden mantle is flanked by fluted wooden pilasters that extend from the floor to the ceiling. Another fireplace in the sun room shares the same chimney. All of the first floor has oak wood floors, with decorative picture moulds and coved ceilings in the living and dining rooms. A staircase with turned wood balusters located at the rear of the central hallway leads upstairs to the second floor which has five bedrooms and two bathrooms. Picture moulds and baseboards remain intact in the bedrooms. Floors on the second floor are of maple wood, while doors and trim throughout the house are of oak wood. Original silver-plated light fixtures remain in the living and dining rooms. The third floor is unfinished.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1927

Builder/Architect Frank Bossuot, Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The H. Earl Clack House located at 532 2nd Avenue in Havre, Montana is significant as an outstanding example of Georgian Revival architecture and because of its association with H. Earl Clack, a Havre entrepreneur who was an early pioneer in the grain and oil industries during the first quarter of the 20th century. The residence Clack had constructed at the corner of 2nd Avenue and 6th Street reflects his success as well as his attention to style and quality craftsmanship.

Designed by the architect Frank Bossuot, the Clack House was built in 1927 and is the second residence in Havre that the Clack family owned and lived in. Similar to many small city local architects in Montana, Bossuot designed buildings in a variety of historical styles for his clients. The Clack House is a classic, academic example of the Georgian Revival style. Basically "L"-shaped, the dwelling has two gable end chimneys which contribute to an overall sense of symmetry and balance. The raised, porticoed entry with fanlight window above forms the central feature of the main facade. Large, rectangular multi-paned double hung windows provide ample illumination for the formally arranged floor plan, which features a central hallway flanked by the kitchen, dining and living rooms. An enclosed one story porch with balustraded second floor balcony, a common feature on Georgian Revival homes, is attached to the south gable end of the house.

H. Earl Clack arrived in Havre, Montana in the early 1900s to start a feed and hay transfer business. In response to the expanding agricultural industry, he then built one of the first grain elevators in northern Montana and was soon operating a chain of five elevators, handling over two million bushels of grain annually. In 1914 Clack enlarged his feed and grain business to include a complete line of hardware and farm implements. After working for the Continental Oil Company, Clack initiated his own oil business in 1913, eventually distributing petroleum products to four northwestern states and approximately 200 outlets. In 1918 he built the first automobile drive-in service station in northern Montana at Havre, and the following year opened stations in Great Falls and Kalispell, Montana. During the 1920s, Clack also built motels in conjunction with his service stations in Montana and Idaho. He developed his own brand of gasoline known as "Hi-Power" and by the 1950s had over 30 service stations distributing his products in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. Clack served as the president of his own company until 1954 when it was acquired by the Husky Oil Company of Cody, Wyoming. After the merger and reorganization of the company, Clack served as president and then chairman of the board of H. Earl Clack, Inc., the new parent company of Husky Oil. At the time of Clack's death, Husky Oil had 275 outlets throughout the northwestern United States. A large commercial block financed by Clack was built in downtown Havre in 1913 but was destroyed by fire in 1927. During World War II Clack became involved in the housing industry in Havre, Great Falls and Spokane, Washington.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Havre Daily News 29 April 1984 Section B, p.3.

Burlingame, Merrill G. and K. Ross Toole, A History of Montana, Vol. 3, Chicago and New York: Lewis Publishing Co., 1957.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Havre

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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B

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 11,12,13 and the south five feet of lot 14, Block one, Broadwater Addition to Havre.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marjorie F. Sizemore

organization Montana Land and Real Estate Inv. date 30 March 1985

street & number 532 2nd Ave. telephone 406-265-5551

city or town Havre state MT 59501

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Marjorie Sizemore*

title SHPO date Sept 23, 1985

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

John A. Brown Entered in the National Register date 10-24-85
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration