

# MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

Site # 247



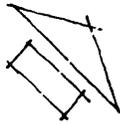
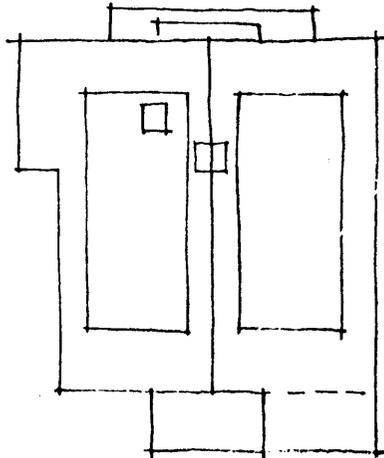
Legal Description: Stafford #3 Block 5, Lots 11 & 12

Address: 316 8th Ave. So.

Ownership: name: Lynn Ricker

private  public address: 316 8th Ave. So., Lewistown, MT 59457

Roll # 13 Frame # 10



8TH AVE.

WATER STREET

Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Historic Name: Ayers Residence

Common Name: Ricker Residence

Date of Construction: 1913  estimated  documented

Architect: Wasmandorff & Eastman

Builder: Folis & Coulter

Original Owner: Roy F. Ayers

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

Research Sources:

- abstract of title
- city directories
- plat records/maps
- sewer/water permits
- tax cards
- obituaries
- building permit
- biographies
- Sanborn maps — dates: 1913, 1916, 1922

Bibliography:

- Appraisal card
- A History of Montana, Sanders pg. 1693
- Montana. Tom Stout Vol. II, pg. 422

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** Describe present appearance of structure/site, then contrast and compare that with it's original appearance, noting additions, alterations, and changes in materials. Discuss significant architectural features.

This 1-1/2 story detached brick residence occupies a corner lot in the southwestern residential area of the survey area. It has a steeply sloped gable roof with a very large shed dormer on each downslope of the roof. The front entry to the southeast is right of center and the ridge of the gable roof offsets to reflect that positioning. The downslope of the southwest side of the roof continues over a rear entrance projection at the west corner of the house. A projecting element across the back (northwest) side of the house is protected by a shed roof within the gable end of the house. The roof covering is wood shingle with a metal ridge, the fascia along the eave is a narrow beaded edge trim with plumb cut rafter tails below. The barge is wide, flat, and has scalloped ends. Barge braces are plain and simple (similar to knee braces). The wall finish of the shed dormers is wood shingle and the upper walls of the large gabled ends is stucco. The remainder of the walls are two-color brick with a dark brick wainscot, corbel table at the floor line, soldiers at window heads, quoins at window jambs, and rowlocks at window sills; remaining masonry is lighter colored common bond red brick. A brick soldier course occurs at the base of the walls, and brick piers flank the open porch at the entry. The stuccoed gable end on the southeast wall includes a psuedo half timber pattern and both ends have delightful tiny diamond pattern casement windows near the peak of the gable. The stucco projects very slightly beyond the brick below and small modillion blocks articulate the projection. Windows are painted wood and include fixed lites, casements and double hung windows in 4/6 or 6/6 lite patterns. Two brick chimneys with articulated corbel tables at the top of the stacks project thru the roof. The substructure is concrete.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (Cont'd)

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This residence does qualify for register listing under Criteria C.

Classification: Mixed; minimal stick style detailing and Swiss/German farmhouse influenced details on a basic English gable roof can be identified.

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**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:** Justify how the persons, important events, and/or historical patterns associated with the structure/site and surrounding area lend the property significance.

This property is significant because of its association with Roy E. Ayers, who was important in State and local history.

Roy Ayers was born in Fergus County on his father's farm in 1882. His early education was acquired in Lewistown schools and his degree in law from Volparoisio University. He returned to Lewistown to practice law in 1904 and the following year was chosen to the office of county attorney of Fergus County, a position he held for two terms. He served as judge of the Tenth Judicial District from 1913 to 1923, was elected to the U. S. Congress in 1932, and served as the Governor of the State of Montana from 1936-1940.

The Ayers residence was designed by the local firm of Wasmansdorff and Eastman and built, in 1913, of the dark brick produced by the Lewistown Brick and Tile Co. Built near the Courthouse and across the street from his Republican adversary, J. C. Huntoon, the residence is typical of housing built for successful professional men in the growing city during 1913.

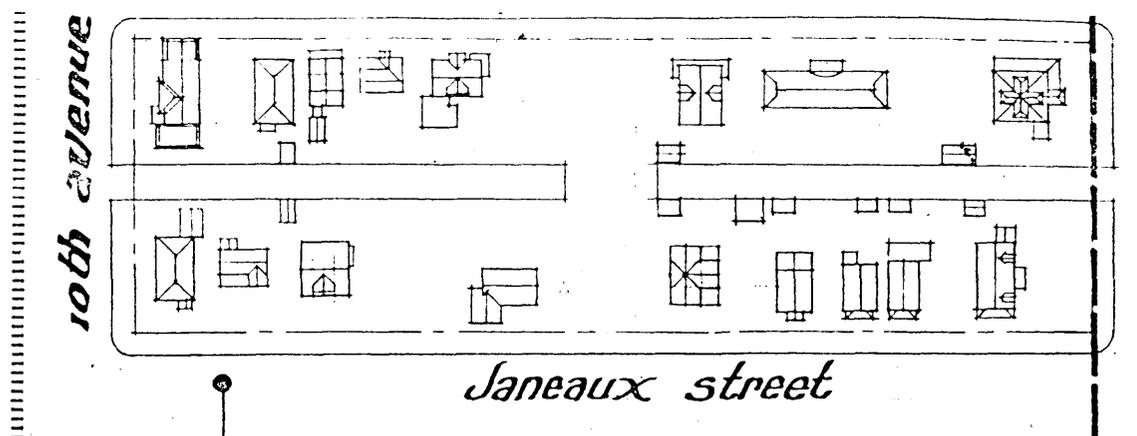
**INTEGRITY:** Assess the degree to which the structure/site, and surrounding area accurately convey the historical associations of the property.

This structure is original construction on its original site. The quality of architectural detailing and blend of masonry and wood materials make this residence a strong contributor to the survey area.

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

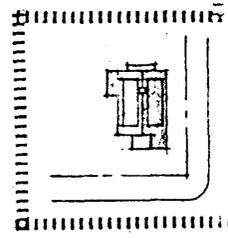
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**GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:**  
Acreage: Less than one acre  
USGS Quad: Lewistown S15 T15N R18E MPM  
UTM's:



*Stafford  
Addition  
No. 1*

*Watson Street*



*Stafford  
Addition  
No. 3*

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