

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Montana	
COUNTY: Wibaux	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71.9.30.0001	DATE 9/10/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Wibaux Pierre House

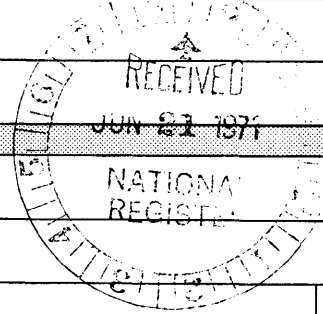
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Orgain Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Wibaux (Congressional District 2)

STATE Montana	CODE 30	COUNTY: Wibaux	CODE 109
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) house presently unoccupied

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Town of Wibaux

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Wibaux	STATE: Montana	CODE 30
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Wibaux County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Wibaux	STATE: Montana	CODE 30
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
State Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: Sept. 1968
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Fish and Game Department

STREET AND NUMBER:
Sam Mitchell Building

CITY OR TOWN: Helena	STATE: Montana	CODE 30
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wibaux House is a substantial Victorian era house, but only in fair condition at present. It is a wood frame one and one-half story structure which is approximately 25' x 75' in rectangular plan. The house originally faced to the north but in 1903 W.A. Orgain, Wibaux merchant, purchased the property and moved the building to the rear, swinging one end around so that it now faces west. There is a verandah with boardwalk attached to the front which runs the length of the house.

The exterior consists of horizontal wood siding. Four doors permit entrance to the front of the building and two doors are in the rear. Most doors and windows are extant.

The roof covering is asphalt shingle (replacing the original) is in fair condition and is deteriorating. Two ridge-line chimneys exist and are in fair condition.

The foundation is in fair condition.

The original grounds are now deteriorated and all traces of the landscaping are now gone with the exception of some old cottonwood trees. The marble statuary which once graced the grounds has become scattered.

The interior consisted of four rooms.



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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1892

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | <u>Banking/Finance</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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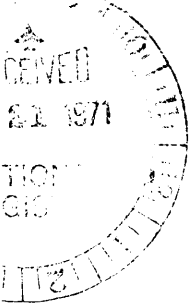
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wibaux House was built in 1892 as a town house office building by Pierre Wibaux, notable open range cattleman of eastern Montana. Wibaux's importance as a representative of European capital in the open range cattle industry makes this site of state significance. As Wibaux's ranch was about twelve miles from town and as much of Wibaux's business was transacted in the village of Wibaux, he conferred with Henry Boice of the Berry-Boice Cattle Company in regard to constructing joint headquarters in the shipping center. The building, begun early in 1892, consisted of four rooms, an office and living quarters for each co-owner. Wibaux purchased furniture for his office while in Chicago in June, and the building was ready for occupancy during the shipping season.

Wibaux's character kept him from willingly sharing property with another for long and he probably obtained complete title to this building in 1893 or 1894. Soon after he became sole owner, Wibaux set his employees to work beautifying the grounds which became known as "The Park," largely because of the way in which the yard was landscaped and maintained. In 1899 the Glendive Independent stated that "Mr. Wibaux's park promises to be the most pleasing resort between here and St. Paul." The Yellowstone Journal described "The Park" in much more detail.

The grounds surrounding the office building are large, handsomely kept and constantly under improvement. An elevated tank filled by a windmill, supplies all the water needed for irrigation and for the maintenance of two artificial ponds, in one of which, nearest the house, there is a picturesque grotto, formed of immense chunks of many-colored scoria from the bad lands, and in the center of the pool a little Cupid directs the spray of a tiny fountain. A velvety lawn stretched away in all directions and on two sides of the grounds a continuous arbor, covered with creeping vines affords the shade and comfort that agrees so well with summer drinks, the concomitants of which are readily found in the well stocked altar.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brown and Felton, The Frontier Years.

Welsh, Donald H. Bad Lands Rancher (doctoral dissertation), Mr. Welsh may be contacted at Valley City State College, Valley City, North Dakota 58072.

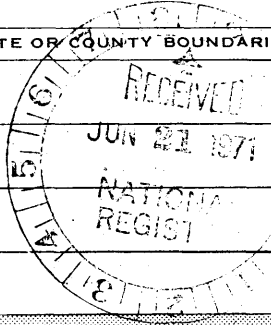
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		46	59	11.6
SE	° ' "	° ' "		104	11	5.9
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .45 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Norman Guyaz, Assistant, Planning and Project Administration

ORGANIZATION: **State Fish and Game Department** DATE: **June 16, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Mitchell Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Helena** STATE: **Montana** CODE: **30**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Wesley R. Woodgerd
Wesley R. Woodgerd

Title State Liaison Officer

Date June 17, 1971

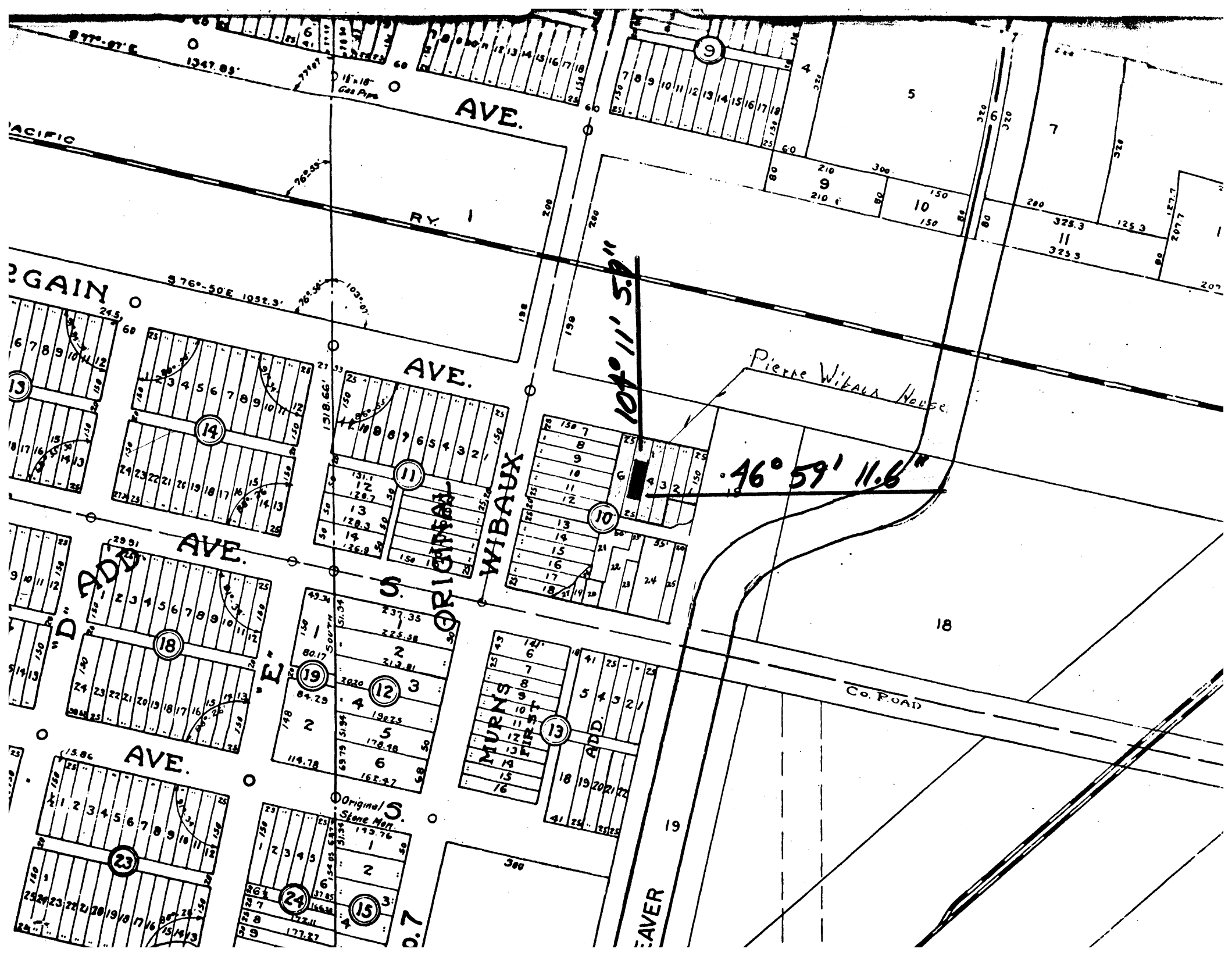
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date SEP 10 1971

ATTEST:
William H. Hartsfield
Keeper of The National Register

Date AUG 31 1971



PACIFIC AVE.

RY. 1

GAIN AVE.

W. D. AVE.

W. AVE.

WIBAUX

MURPHY

EAVER

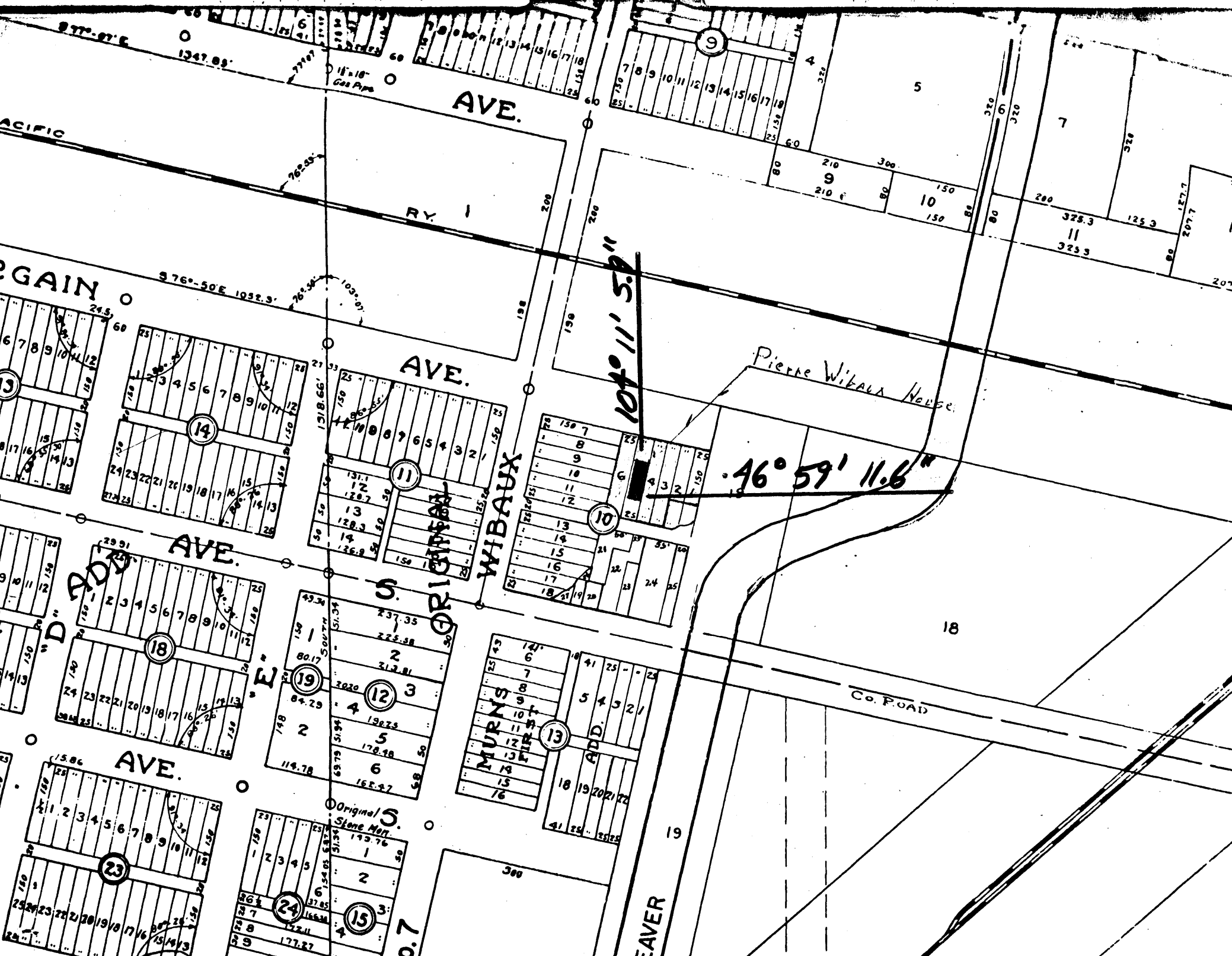
Pierre Wibaux House

Co. Road

10 of 11 5.8"

46° 59' 11.6"

Original S. Stone Mar.



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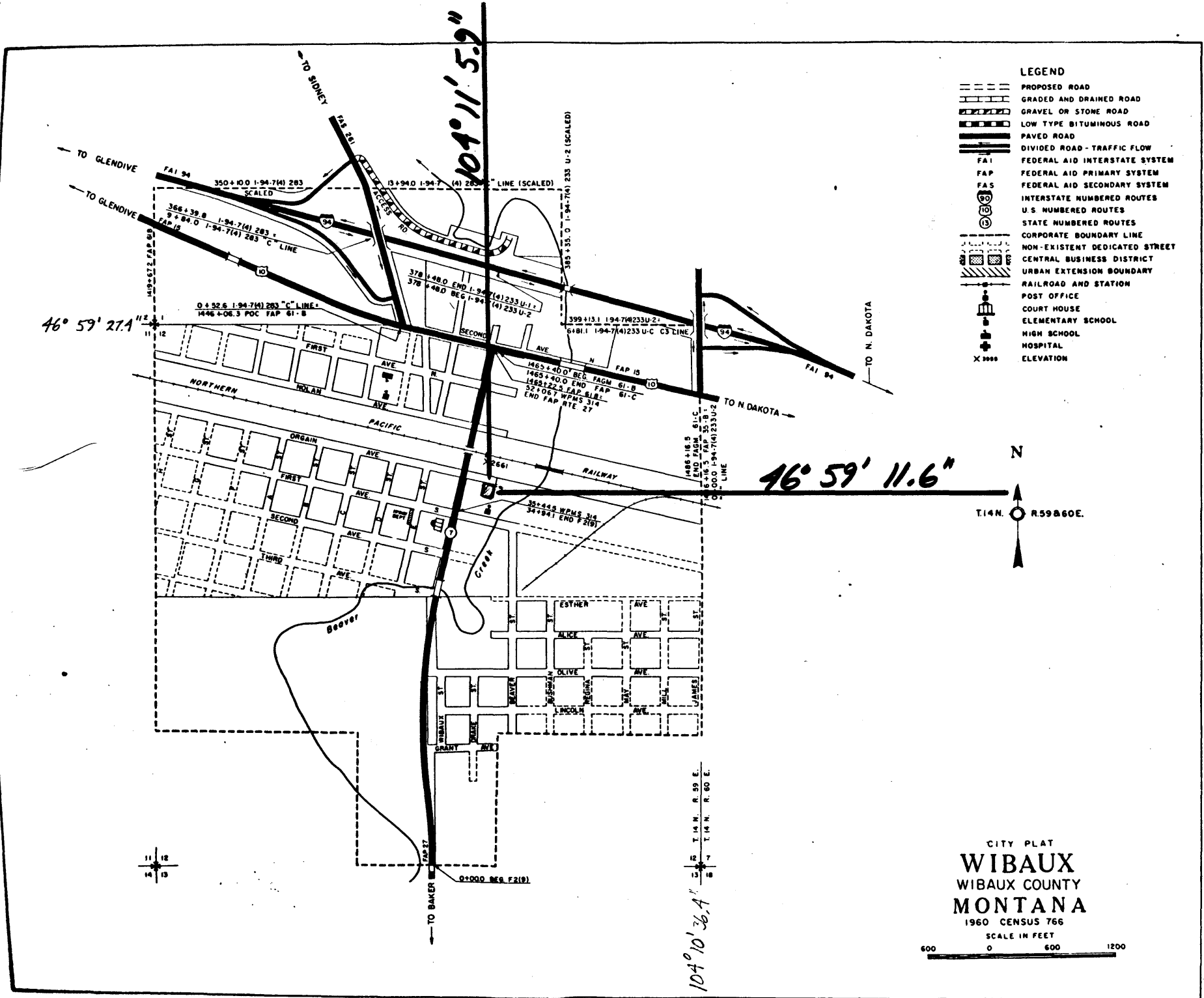
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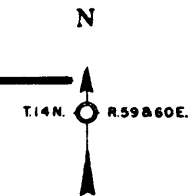
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Montana State Highway Commission City Plats			
SCALE: 1" = 1200 feet			
DATE: June 1962			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





- LEGEND**
- PROPOSED ROAD
 - ==== GRADED AND DRAINED ROAD
 - ===== GRAVEL OR STONE ROAD
 - LOW TYPE BITUMINOUS ROAD
 - ===== PAVED ROAD
 - DIVIDED ROAD - TRAFFIC FLOW
 - F A I FEDERAL AID INTERSTATE SYSTEM
 - F A P FEDERAL AID PRIMARY SYSTEM
 - F A S FEDERAL AID SECONDARY SYSTEM
 - Ⓜ INTERSTATE NUMBERED ROUTES
 - Ⓝ U.S. NUMBERED ROUTES
 - Ⓢ STATE NUMBERED ROUTES
 - CORPORATE BOUNDARY LINE
 - NON-EXISTENT DEDICATED STREET
 - CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
 - URBAN EXTENSION BOUNDARY
 - RAILROAD AND STATION
 - Ⓜ POST OFFICE
 - Ⓜ COURT HOUSE
 - Ⓜ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 - Ⓜ HIGH SCHOOL
 - Ⓜ HOSPITAL
 - X 2000 ELEVATION



CITY PLAT
WIBAUX
 WIBAUX COUNTY
MONTANA
 1960 CENSUS 766
 SCALE IN FEET

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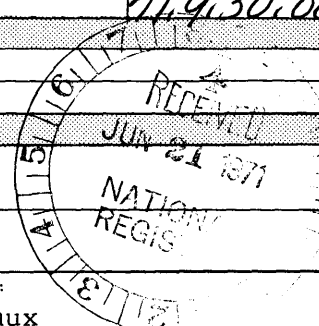
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Wibaux City Plat Map			
SCALE: 1" = 200'			
DATE: 1959			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
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NO USGS AVAILABLE