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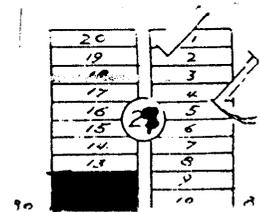
Site#

Legal Description: SS, Block 29, W 130 Ft of lots 11,12

Address: 524 South 1st Street

Ownership: Name: Sallie Brutto

private address: 524 1st St. Hamilton, MT 59840



Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Roll#12 Frame#6

Historic Name: Oliver Blood home

Common Name: none

Date of Construction: 1902 X estimated documented

Architect: unknown

Builder: David Freeze

Original Owner: Oliver Blood

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: yes, not shown
Directories: yes Newspapers: yes

TITLE SEARCH

Bitter Root Development Co - 1894

Marcus Daly - 1894

Anaconda Mining Co - 1894

Anaconda Copper Mining Co - 1895

William and Abraham Johnston - 1909

Varnum O. Blood - 1910

Agnes Humble - 1939
Mary C. Kelly - 1944
Caroline Brennan - 1946

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

WESTERN NEWS

RAVALLI REPUBLICAN

Interviews: Henry Grant, Walter Iten, John Freeze

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

This building is a prominent, $1\frac{1}{2}$ story, wood frame, transitional style residence resting on a concrete foundation that has tooled joints to simulate running bond, cast concrete blocks. It is a unique foundation system.

The house plan is basically an elongated square with its hip roof axis running perpendicular to 1st Street. From this main roof come steep, 12/12 pitched gables. One prominent wall dormer faces 1st Street, then a gable bay projects toward DeSmet Street. The gable bay projecting south toward DeSmet has an angle bay on the first floor with a square bay above on the second floor. All dormers have strong eave returns. Features include: a full width and wrap-around front porch supported by Doric columns. The porch deck is tongue and groove 1x4 and its roof makes a curve wrap around the north side. The front door is slightly offset to the south side.

Front windows include a 1/1 tall proportion, double hung window and a fixed cottage window with a beautiful stained glass lite above. The front door is a one-half lite relief panel rich with ornamentation. The front stoops, three riser concrete with a thin, 1/2" diameter pipe rail, are later additions. The porch ceiling is horizontal, narrow bead board. The building has a broad barge board with a detail molding and flat box soffit. Siding is 3" exposure, clapboard with 1x4 corner trim having a classical motif at the top. Window and door trim are 1x4 with 1x6 cap and a cornice molding above. Windows in the main wall dormer are a triple, 1/1 double hung with center window of broader width proportion. The wood shingle roof is very weathered with metal ridge and ball motif. A highly deteriorated, low fire brick chimney is seen projecting from the top of the roof. To the north side is another projecting gable identical to the south side. This bay abuts the curvilinear roof that the porch roof ties into. Outbuilding to the back includes a small, gable roof, wood frame garage with a shed roof portion having similar detailing.

INTEGRITY

Although in a somewhat run-down condition, with the exception of the small concrete front porch and aluminum storm door, this house has excellent integrity. It has original siding, early period roof, original columns and original scroll bracketing on the angle bay.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Oliver Blood was a rancher and stockman in the Bitter Root Valley with his large ranch located south of Hamilton on what is now known as Blood Lane. After the ranch house burned in 1902, he moved to Hamilton. In

1902, he operated a pool and billiard hall on Main Street which he purchased from John Kleinolder. Oliver's main interest was raising bees for the Marcus Daly Stock Farm which was known to use a lot of honey. Honey production became his main interest. Mr. Blood was highly respected by his many friends and passed away in 1941.

Sources: WESTERN NEWS, 1902. RAVALLI REPUBLICAN, Dec. 18, 1941.
Personal interviews: Henry Grant, Walter Iten, John Freeze.

Contributing buildings: 1
Specific Dates: 1902

HISTORICAL/ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Areas of significance: architecture

The Oliver Blood home, ca. 1902, is one of the finest examples of the Queen Anne style in Hamilton and is eligible for listing registration on the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C. It has excellent Queen Anne massing with classical influence seen in the Doric columns and the classical corner trim, plus the classical treatment in roof line with eave returns and cornices details above doors and windows. The house has additional architectural significance by the rare concrete foundation with the block pattern motif cast or tooled into the concrete foundation and the wrap-around, curvilinear porch.

The Queen Anne style was popular in Hamilton from 1890 through 1912. Early examples had Victorian influence while later examples were influenced by the Colonial Revival style as seen in this home.

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