HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL

INVENTORY

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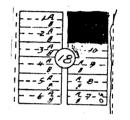
Legal Description: RV. Block 18, Lots 11,12

Address: 611 N. 2nd

Ownership: Name: John Muir

private address: 2712 Carmel Dr., Great Falls, MT 59405





Location map or building plan with arrow north

Roll#12 Frame#13

Historic Name: Daniel V. Bean Home

Common Name: Old Rest Home

Date of Construction: 1900 x estimated documented

Architect: unknown Builder: D.V. Bean

Original Owner: Daniel Bean Original Use: residence

Present Use: multi-family 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-1894

Frank H. Drinkenberg (lot 11)-1895

Daniel V. & Mary E. Bean (lot 12)-1899

D. V. Bean (lot 11)-1899

Elizabeth Bean (lots 11,12)-1906

Mary E. Bean-1912

Valley Merc. Co.-1916 Casper & Lucy Oertli-1920 C. W. Ellingwood-1939 Marvin J. & Locia C. Warren-1946

BIBLIOGRAPHY: RAVALLI REPUBLICAN, Jan 27, 1938 NORTHWEST TRIBUNE, July 15, 1910

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Daniel V. Bean House (ca. 1900) is a stately two story wood building resting on a rubble stone foundation covered with a cement plaster coat. Features include 5 inch exposure steel clapboard siding. To the front is a wonderful angle bay. Bulding has a modified axial plan with 12/12 pitched gable roof. The front porch completely around the front and mimics the angle bay with a horizontal soffit and hip roof. Windows are narrow, tall proportion vertical double hung 1/1 windows or fixed windows with a small colored transom. There is a one story angle bay projecting to the south. ends have full eave returns with clapboard siding in the gable There are concrete steps that are covered with outdoor carpeting and iron hand rail. Forch railing surround is solid with clapboard siding. The porch is supported by unornamental straight support columns. Windows have ornamental louvered shutters to the north and south. Soffit foot exposure with a metal soffit. The roof is asphalt shingle. square corbelled chimney projects from the central portion of the roof. Outbuilding is a low-pitched, wood frame, three car garage with typical detailing to the house.

INTEGRITY

The building massing and fenestration are excellent and in great condition. The aluminum or steel siding, added at a later date, mimics early siding and it is very difficult to tell that it is not original. Building is very crisp, cleanly detailed. Asphalt shingles are a later addition. Windows are all in good condition and appear to be original. There is a hip roof sunroom added to the south side and a 6 foot concrete block wall erected. Also, built on the south is a low pitched, wood frame outbuilding which appears to be a bath house for a swimming pool located behind the wall.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Daniel V. Bean built and lived at this residence by 1900. He was from Wisconsin, coming to Hamilton in 1895. He was associated in the lumber business with Marcus Daly. He also operated mills of his own. Bean was an alderman in Hamilton and took a lively interest in the welfare of the city. His business interests brought him in contact with many prominent men. He died in 1910.

By 1917, the Casper Oertli Family lived at this address. Oertli came to the Bitterroot in 1894, living first in the Sleeping Child area and later moving to Hamilton. The family lived in Hamilton for more than twenty years. Oertli operated a threshing outfit. Threshing involved a vast quantity of oats, some barley and peas and over 3000 acres of hard winter wheat for the Bitterroot Stock Farm. He also did threshing for other ranches in the Valley. At one time, he was the foreman on one of Marcus Daly's ranches. However, most of his life was spent on his own

interests. Oertli died in 1938.

Leonard Oertli, Casper's son lived with the family at this address in 1917. He was a civil engineer and surveyor who worked on the Big Ditch and on surveying the area.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE
Area of Significance: architecture
Specific Dates: c. 1900
Contributing buildings: 1

The Daniel V. Bean House is an excellent example of transitional Queen Anne/Colonial Revival architecture in Hamilton. Mr. Bean was recognized as an independent lumber man and mill owner, who operated his business in direct competition with the large ACM mill. Bean appeared to have achieved a prosperous living, as evidenced by this substantial, wood frame house that he built for himself and his family ca. 1900. Typical of the style and period are the irregular massing of the house and the simple fenestration pattern, with some stained glass panels. The building has been sheathed in metal siding, but the reveal matches that of the original wooden beveled siding beneath, and maintains the buildings historic sense of scale and texture. Although the modern siding obscures the historic fabric, it does not detract significantly from the historic appearance of the building, which otherwise retains virtually complete historic architectural integrity.

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Acreage: less than one

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