




I.G. BAKER HOME
MOUNT. EAST ELEV ✓

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I.G., Baker House
Fort Benton, Mt. *Chouteau Co.*
John G. Lepley photo & neg.
11/8/79
Looking west
Photo #1
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EAST & NORTH ELEV.


I.G. Baker, House
Fort Benton, Mt. *Charleau Co*
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Looking southwest
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I.G. Baker Home, Fort Benton
Chouteau County 015, Montana 30
Interior view of adobe walls
John Lepley 8-77, Zone 12
Easting 525470, Northing 5296010

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Fort Benton w/c fish
Front Room
Door to bedroom



I.G. Baker Home, Fort Benton
Chouteau County 015, Montana 30
Interior view of construction
John Lepley 8-77
Zone 12, Easting 525470
Northing 5296010
Fort Benton Quad

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THE ORIGINAL PORTION OF THIS HOUSE ONE OF THE OLDEST IN MONTANA WAS BUILT FOR I.G. BAKER IN 1867. AN EARLY DAY FORT BENTON MERCHANT, BAKER STARTED CONSTRUCTION BECAUSE HE DID NOT WISH AN EXPECTED CHILD TO BE BORN IN THE OLD FORT.

CONSTRUCTED OF ROUGH SAWED LUMBER AND HAND-HEWN BEAMS, THE HOUSE HAD ADODE BRICK WALLS AS MUCH AS THREE FEET THICK. THE SIDING AND PORCH WERE ADDED IN 1876 BY W. G. CONRAD WHO BOUGHT OUT THE BAKERS IN 1872.

THROUGH THE YEARS MILITARY FIGURES, POLITICAL POWERS AND POWERS -TO-BE BECAME GUESTS IN THIS HOME. INCLUDED AMONG THEM WAS ACTING GOVERNOR THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER WHO ATE HIS FINAL MEAL HERE BEFORE FALLING FROM THE STEAMBOAT G. A. THOMPSON AND DROWNING ON JULY 1, 1867.

THE LAST PRIVATE OWNER, WILLIAM MCLEISH, DONATED THIS HISTORIC BUILDING TO THE FORT BENTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION IN 1969.

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Sign on waterfront park, looking
east across the street
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