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Name:	Ebert Ranch		
Map number:	Map B #13, Map L	Photo #60	
Location:	Livingston - Shields Route		
Owner and address:	Donal and Patricia Stole Route 85 Livingston, Montana 59047		
Construction date:	1892		
Style:	Queen Anne		
Verbal boundary description:	T 1S, R 10E, Section 32, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$		
Acreage:	less than 1 acre		
U.T.M. reference:	12   5137400   5060700		
Bibliography:	Unpublished family history of Napoleon Ebert in possession of Ebert heirs		

**Description:**  
 The Home Ranch house is a 1½-story structure with an irregular, but compact, rectilinear plan (32' x 56'). Main floor walls are rock-faced, random ashlar of local sandstone with red mortar bead joints. Three dormers with shingled gables and three brick chimneys project from the flat-crowned, hip-roof of the main and back blocks. A large octagonal bay, typical of the Queen Anne style and covered with a tent roof, projects from one side making an asymmetrical composition. Across the front is a wooden porch with a shingled "mansard" roof and four box posts. At the back is a large, wood-framed screen porch. Behind the house is a square, wood-framed garage, covered with a hip-roof, a large bulbous and pointed sheet metal cupola, and a weather vane.

**Significance:**  
 Like other self-made men in Livingston, Napoleon Ebert found his fortune in the west by following the railroad to the upper Yellowstone Valley. Ebert was born in Vermont in 1842. After spending his childhood in Wisconsin, he moved west in the early 1880s following the construction of the Northern Pacific railbeds. In 1883, he spent several months in a construction camp just west of present-day Livingston. This site became the nucleus of the original 160 acre land claim that would eventually expand to several thousand acres. In 1892, he constructed a house to serve as his home ranch headquarters. In later years, Ebert and his sons raised sheep, grain, and alfalfa. Active in local politics, he served as a county commissioner and in the state legislature, defeating his friend and fellow sheepman, John H. Harvat. Other investments included a large apartment complex built in 1919, the Ebert, located on W. Callender Street in Livingston.

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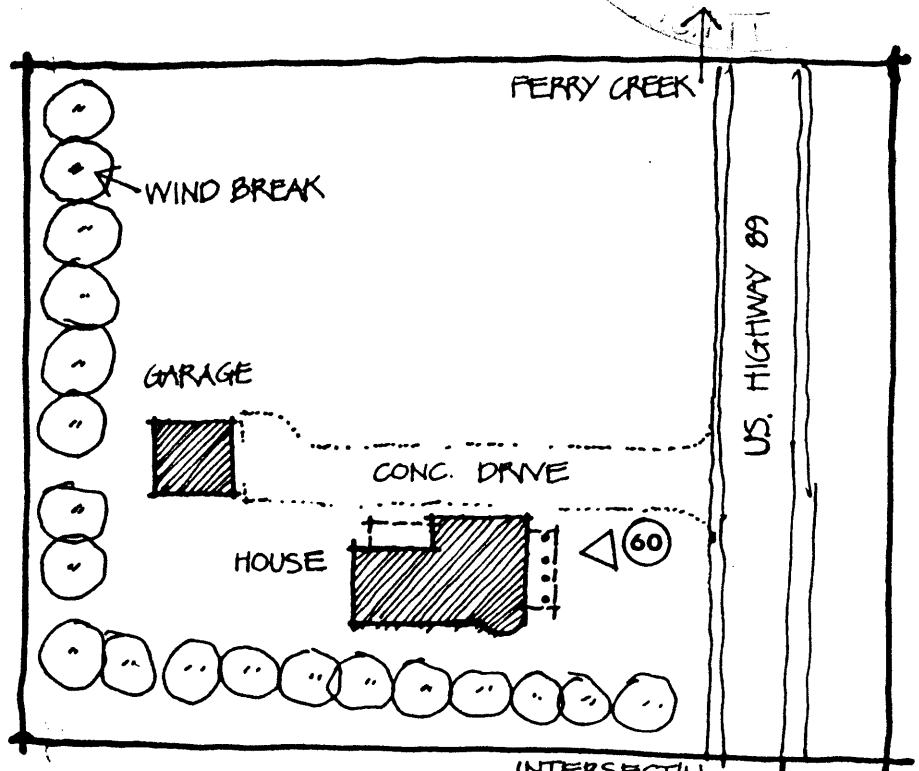
B. Ebert was an early settler and prominent in agriculture and local politics.

C. The house is an illustration of how a nationally popular style was interpreted in a local construction technique.

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Approx. scale 1" = 80'-0"

