

# MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

Site #



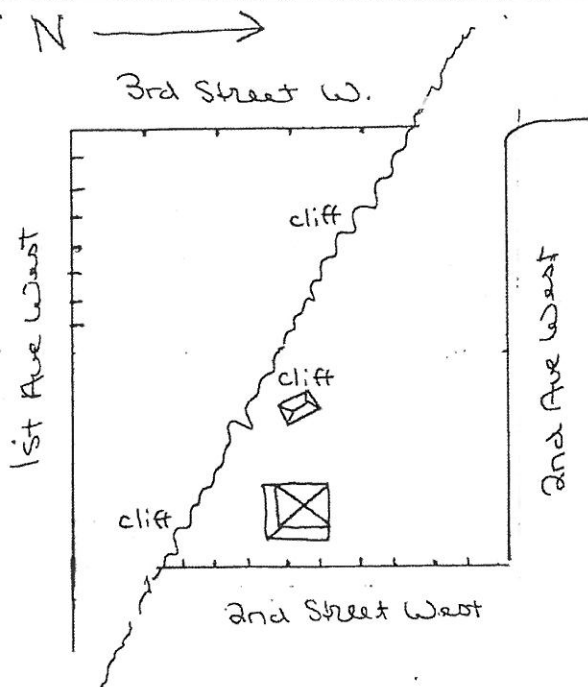
Legal Description: Block 1, Lots 5-10, Nelson Second Addition

Address: 113 Second Street West

Ownership: name: Marie Vedova

private  public address: 113 Second Street West, Roundup, MT

Roll # A 3 Frame # 7



Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Historic Name: J.H. Grant residence

Common Name: The Wall House

Date of Construction: 1908  estimated  documented

Architect: J.H. Grant

Builder: J.H. Grant

Original Owner: John H. Grant and his mother

Original Use: residence

Present Use: residence

Research Sources:

- abstract of title
- plat records/maps
- tax cards 1910
- building permit
- Sanborn maps — dates: 1912, 1920; before 1912
- city directories
- sewer/water permits
- obituaries
- biographies

Bibliography:

Interview: Marie Vedova 7/11/83  
Roundup Record, 2/5/09

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** Describe present appearance of structure/site, then contrast and compare that with it's original appearance, noting additions, alterations, and changes in materials. Discuss significant architectural features.

This large 1½ story square wood frame residence has a hip roof with three large hip roof dormers and a full enclosed hip roof porch extending along two sides. Other features include: two brick chimneys in stretcher bond with corbeled caps, one interior, one exterior; wood shingle red stained roof; extended eaves; fish scale and diamond pattern siding shingles with corner boards; one large fixed and many 1/1 double hung first floor windows; 3 small square fixed windows in each dormer. The house has a rusticated cement block foundation with basement windows in the foundation. The screen enclosed full front and side porch has molded wood corner posts, and extended molded wood sills with fish scale and diamond pattern shingles in the solid rail.

To the rear is a square wood frame garage with a hip roof, corbeled stretcher bond brick interior chimney, 1/1 double hung windows with continuous sills, narrow horizontal overlap wood and wood shingle siding, on a cement foundation. It has a double wide aluminum rising garage door.

This is an excellent and <sup>the</sup> best example of the residential, architectural design of John H. Grant, local architect, which employs the heavy overhang Japanese roof effect. It is a primary structure.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:** Justify how the persons, important events, and/or historical patterns associated with the structure/site and surrounding area lend the property significance.

This residence is significant because it was the residence of John H. Grant and later of Frank I. Wall. John Grant was mayor of Roundup from 1914 to 1918, during its peak period of growth and was the leading contractor and architect of the city and a well-known architect in central and east Montana. Originally from White Sulphur Springs, Grant came to Roundup in 1908 and in partnership with J. P. Harden, designed and/or constructed many of Roundup's most distinguished commercial and residential structures including this residence and that of Mike Klein at 224 Second Avenue West, and the First National Bank, the Citizens State Bank, J. W. Newton's Hardware and Implement Company, all on Main Street. Grant owned this property from 1906 to 1909.

F. H. Wall was originally from Vermont and lived in North Dakota and Helena before coming to Roundup in 1908. In that year he established the general merchandise business of F. H. Wall and Company, serving as president. In 1912 he became the sole proprietor of the store and had the Wall Block on Main Street built in 1914. He was mayor of Roundup in 1911 and was one of the organizers of the First National Bank in Roundup in 1908, serving as its president until 1913.

Sources: H. F. Sanders, A History of Montana Vol 2, p. 595  
The Roundup Record 2/5/09; 12/14/14  
Poll: City Directories 1910 - 1918  
Chain of Ownership Cards

**INTEGRITY:** Assess the degree to which the structure/site, and surrounding area accurately convey the historical associations of the property.

This fine house is located on a cul-de-sac in an upper middle class residential neighborhood. This house retains excellent integrity of craftsmanship (recessed extended eaves, fish scale siding, molded wood), materials (stained wood roof, corbeled chimney, 1/1 windows), and design (hip roof dormers and screen enclosed porch). This house is an excellent addition to a possible historic district.

**INFORMATION VALUE:** Explain how the extant structure/site may demonstrate or yield information about its historic use or construction.

**FORM PREPARED BY:**

Name: Elizabeth Wood/William Babcock

Address: Box 12, Roundup

Date: July 11, 1983

**GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:**

Acreage: less than 1 acre

USGS Quad: Roundup, Montana

UTM's: \_\_\_\_\_