MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

Site #
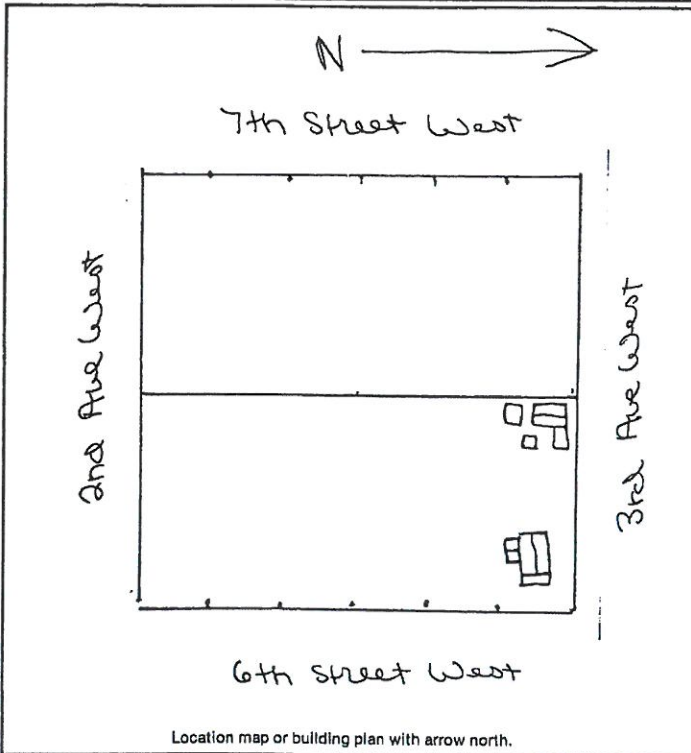

Roll # A4   Frame # 24

Legal Description: Block 6, Lots 1 and 2, Steen Addition

Address: 223 Sixth Street West

Ownership: name: Larry G. Lekse, et ux

☒ private
☐ public   address: 519 First Avenue West, Roundup, Mt.

N ———→

7th Street West

2nd Ave West

3rd Ave West

6th Street West

Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Historic Name: _____

Common Name: _____

Date of Construction: 1919   ☒ estimated ☐ documented

Architect: _____

Builder: Frank Magyar

Original Owner: Frank Magyar

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Residence

Research Sources:
☐ abstract of title   ☐ city directories
☐ plat records/maps   ☐ sewer/water permits
☒ tax cards   ☐ obituaries
☐ building permit   ☐ biographies
☒ Sanborn maps — dates: 1912, 1920, before 1920

Bibliography: Area not mapped 1912
    Interview:
        Charles Gusick July 15, 1983
    Chain of Ownership cards, Clerk and
            Recorder's Office

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 rectangular one-story locally made (Paganini) cement block residence has a gable roof, a hip roof full open front porch and a large gable open side porch. Other features include a brick stretcher bond interior chimney, cedar shingles, elongated eaves, exposed rafters except in the gable where there is a plain gable face board, a diamond fixed gable window in molded wood surround, 1/1 double-hung windows in wood surround and a paneled one-light wood front door. The open front porch has square tapered wood corner posts with square cut base and caps, a solid rail of overlap wood siding and wooden steps. The porch ceiling is narrow wood paneling. The large gabled side porch has local cement block pillars, cement block solid railing with cement sill, and cement steps with cement block railing. The porch door is twelve-light and wood panel. There is a cement block foundation. All the block is stretcher bond. The only modern material is masonite siding in the gable ends.

Outbuildings include: 1. A wood frame gable roof garage with wood shingle roof, beveled edge wood siding, casement hung garage doors, no foundation. 2. A shed roof open shed with fence post corners, cedar shakes roof, no foundation. 3. A shed roof board and batten old chicken coop (the boards have fine teeth in the end and fit tight together) corrugated metal roofing, small casement hung wood shelters, wooden doors.
4. A wood frame shed roof building with wood shingle roof, beveled edge siding, cement block chimney, four-light fixed windows in wood surround, and wood door. No visible foundation.

This structure is the only cement block building in this residential area. It is an excellent example of the local vernacular use of pressed cement block residential construction, exhibiting excellent integrity of design and materials.

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.

Frank Magyar was a miner with Republic Coal Co. in 1910, the No. 3 Roundup Coal Co. mine in 1914-18. He owned this property from 1917 to 1923.

Sources: Polk City Directories
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 cement block house is located in a block of small, predominantly moved-in, extensively remodeled homes. This house is made of locally pressed cement blocks. It has excellent integrity of design and craftsmanship and good integrity of materials. This is a representative cement block residence, exhibiting one of the local building styles.

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

Address: Box 12, Roundup, Mt.

Date: July 15, 1983

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Acreage: Less than one acre.

USGS Quad: Roundup, Mt.

UTM's: