Montana
Historical and Architectural Inventory
Daniel V. Bean House

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Site#: (blank)
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



Figure 1: Daniel V. Bean House, 611 N. 2nd, Hamilton, MT. Black-and-white photograph, ca. 1987. View from northeast showing the angle bay, wraparound porch, and 12/12 gable roof.

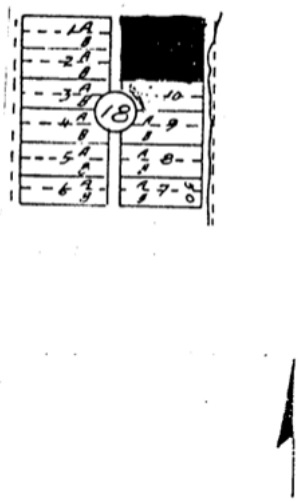


Figure 2: Location map / building plan with arrow indicating north. Block 18 shown with lots labeled.

Roll #12 Frame #13

Historic Name: Daniel V. Bean Home
Common Name: Old Rest Home
Date of Construction: 1900 ✓ 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 frame 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. The building has a modified cross axial plan with a 12/12 pitched gable roof. The front porch wraps 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-paned transom. There is a one-story angle bay projecting to the south. Gable ends have full eave returns with clapboard siding in the gable end. There are concrete steps that are covered with outdoor carpeting and an iron hand rail. Porch 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 is 1-foot exposure with a metal soffit. The roof is asphalt shingle. A square corbelled chimney projects from the central portion of the roof. The 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. The building is very crisp and 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 3,000 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 building's 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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