

MONTANA HISTORIC PROPERTY RECORD

For the Montana National Register of Historic Places Program and State Antiquities Database

Montana State Historic Preservation Office
Montana Historical Society
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Helena, MT 59620-1202

Property Address: **1020 5th Ave.**

Historic Address (if applicable): **1020 5th Ave.**

City/Town: **Helena**

Site Number: **24LC2451**

(An historic district number may also apply.)

County: **Lewis and Clark**

Historic Name: **Edward and Rosana Glenn Residence**

Original Owner(s): **Effie B. Cain**

Current Ownership Private Public

Current Property Name:

Owner(s): **Klehfoth, Jayme Watson and Alex**

Owner Address: **1020 5th Ave., Helena, MT 59601**

Phone:

Legal Location

PM: **Montana** Township: **10 N** Range: **03 W**

$\frac{1}{4}$ **NE** $\frac{1}{4}$ **NE** $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section: **31**

Lot(s): **E 43' of Lot 8**

Block(s): **D**

Addition: **TIETJEN ADDN** Year of Addition: **1883**

USGS Quad Name: **Helena** Year: **1992**

Geocode: **05-1888-31-1-45-09-0000**

Historic Use: **DOMESTIC/single family**

Current Use: **DOMESTIC/single family**

Construction Date: **1890** Estimated Actual

Original Location Moved Date Moved:

UTM Reference www.nris.mt.gov

NAD 27 or NAD 83(preferred)

Zone: **12 T** Easting: **421606.42** Northing: **5159689.68**

National Register of Historic Places

NRHP Listing Date:

Historic District:

NRHP Eligible: Yes No

Date of this document:

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Eligible for NRHP: yes no

Criteria: A B C D

Date: **7/6/2016**

Evaluator: **Kate Hampton**

Comments: Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places Project. Not individually eligible under the African Americans in Helena context, but would contribute to a neighborhood historic district

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Architectural Description

Property Name: **Edward and Rosana Glenn Residence**

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Style: **Other:** If Other, specify:

Property Type: **Residential** Specific Property Type: **Single-family dwelling**

Architect: **unknown** Architectural Firm/City/State:

Builder/Contractor: **unknown** Company/City/State:

Source of Information:

The property commonly known as 1020 5th Ave occupies a rectangular parcel on the north side of the street, which runs east-west. The house is centrally located on the block which is bound by K St. to the west, E. 6th Ave to the north, and N. Dakota to the east. It hugs the southern portion of the parcel. City sidewalks run along the south side of the parcel. The house features a perpendicular concrete slab walkway which connects the city sidewalk to the front entrance. Landscaping is limited to raised brick flower beds, light shrubbery, and a grassy front lawn.

Clad with wide vertical wood board siding, the one-and one-half story wood-frame residence stands on a concrete-wall foundation and features a cross-gable roof clad with architectural asphalt shingles. Pronounced front gable bays dominate each of the four elevations, and the wood siding within the gable ends is set in a chevron pattern. The north (rear) gabled bay fills the width of that elevation. Gabled porches appear within the southwest ell and across the west side of the north elevation. A cricket roof connects the west slope of the south elevation's gabled bay to the east slope of the front porch roof. In addition to modern siding, the house displays modern vinyl windows throughout.

South (front) elevation:

Set off center to the east, the south elevation's front gabled bay contains a centered large modern window unit that holds a single centered fixed sash flanked by slightly smaller single casements. Another opening, containing a one-over-one double-hung window, appears centered in the gable end at the half-story level. The gabled bay also features the house's main entry, set centered in its west elevation at the first story level. The entry consists of a six-light over two-panel metal clad modern door. Access to the door is provided through the one-story front-gabled open porch set within the ell at the west side of the elevation. The porch features a wood deck and solid half-walls clad with vertical board siding. East of the front-gable bay, a single, centered one-over-one double-hung replacement window occupies the east side of the building's south elevation.

East and west (side) elevations:

Fenestration on the east elevation is limited to three, single replacements: a one-over-one double-hung centered in the front-gabled bay's first story, another in the gable end, and a one-light casement centered in the north bay's east elevation. The west elevation contains a single one-over-one double hung replacement in the gable end, a large one-by-one slider at the gabled bay's first story, and a casement off-center to the south within the north bay. The enclosed rear porch extends north from the north bay, and its west wall contains no fenestration.

North elevation

Access to the rear of the building was restricted, and therefore the north elevation was not visible to the surveyor.

Garage

A one-story, gable-roofed wood-frame garage rests on a concrete wall foundation and appears at the northeast corner of the parcel. Constructed c. 1950, the 10' x 20' garage is clad with vertical board siding similar to that on the residence, and architectural asphalt shingles cover the roof. The gable ridge runs east-west. An earthen driveway provides access to the building's west elevation, which contains a large, pressed metal, multi-panel overhead garage door. No additional fenestration or entry was visible to the surveyor.

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History of Property

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HISTORY OF PROPERTY

This property was first platted in 1883 as Lot 8 of Block D of the Tiet Jen Addition, along the north side of 5th Avenue, west of its intersection with N. Dakota Street.

Although tax records indicate the current house was built in 1907, it may have been completed earlier. When the Sanborn Fire Insurance Company mapped the neighborhood for the first time in 1892, a house and possibly several outbuildings occupied the lot. At that time the property was owned by Effie B. Cain, who'd acquired it from Simon Dyer in 1886. Cain owned 1020 5th until 1895. In July of that year it was conveyed to Hubert Alphonse Milot, a native of Quebec.

It is unclear if Milot ever lived in the house, but by 1906, at least, it was being rented to members of Helena's African-American community, ie. Edward and Rosana Glenn. The Glenns, who'd married in Helena in 1903 while 26-year-old Edward was stationed at Fort Harrison (Co. B, 24th inf.), lived in the house until ca. 1921, when they moved to Butte. During their occupancy, Georgia-born Edward worked at a variety of jobs. The year 1906 found him employed as a porter at the Family Theatre, and in 1908-1910 he worked there as a stage manager. By 1918, Edward had moved on, and was recorded that year working as a janitor at the M S T & T Co. and as a smelterman at the AM Smltr & Ref. Co. Virginia-born Rosana worked too: in 1910, at the age of 28, she earned a living as a "milliner" working out of their home on 1020 5th Avenue.

In the 15 or so years that the Glenns lived at 1020 5th, the property changed hands. The Glenns' original landlord, Hubert Milot, died in 1910, and his estate conveyed their rental home to Louis F. Schroeder, a local businessman who invested in real estate. Schroeder owned the house until the end of the Glenns' tenancy, selling it in 1922 when they'd moved to Butte. Its new owner, Ulysses G. Shelton, would own it for the next 15 years. By the time Shelton conveyed the property in 1937, it was much changed. Between 1892 and 1930, the house was either replaced or extensively modified and the block on which the property sat had been replatted to a more standard configuration. By 1930 Lot 8 also contained a detached garage, which stood at the northeast corner of the property.

In 1937, 1020 5th passed from Shelton to Albert K. Davies who, along with his wife Louise, owned it until 1961. H. Dudley and Lelia Williams acquired it that year. Four years later they conveyed it to Charles and Lauralee Glass. Lauralee Glass owned 1020 5th for over 20 years, deeding it in 1986 to Michael and Darla Hossfield. Darla Hossfield, too, owned the property for 20 years. In 2006 she conveyed it to James L. Keil, and Keil in turn transferred it to the current owner occupants, Jayme Watson Klehfoth and her husband Alex Klehfoth, in 2013. According to Sanborn Maps, the footprint of the buildings at 1020 5th Avenue was not modified from before 1930 to after 1958.

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Statement of Significance

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

NRHP Listing Date:

NRHP Eligibility: Yes No Individually Contributing to Historic District Noncontributing to Historic District

NRHP Criteria: A B C D

Area of Significance: **Ethnic Heritage & Social History** Period of Significance:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The dwelling at 1020 5th is significant under NRHP Criterion A (local level) as a residential property associated with the history of African-American people in Helena, MT. During the heyday of the black community in Helena the home was occupied by members of the local black community: by 1906 it was rented by the family of a veteran of a “colored” Army unit stationed at nearby Fort Harrison. The Glenn family lived there until about 1921, when they moved to Butte. The house at 1020 5th is thus associated with two significant historic contexts: first occupied by members of Helena’s black community during that community’s heyday, it would continue to be rented by African-American residents during the subsequent period of community decline and endurance, ca. 1910-1940. The property’s period of significance extends from its initial occupation by African-American tenants in 1906 to ca. 1921, when documented black tenants moved out.

The house at 1020 5th represents these significant historic themes in a number of specific ways. Located near the black St. James AME Church (Site LC2430), it was one of multiple homes in the surrounding east-side neighborhood that housed a cluster of African-American people. Like other black families in the region, family members came from arrived in Helena as a result of “colored” troops being stationed at Fort Harrison. Edward Glenn’s work as a porter, janitor, etc. was likewise representative—these were prototypical positions for black men, who in this period were oft-confined by structural racism to low-status, low-waged work. Rosana’s labor, too, was typical: like women in many of Helena’s black families, Rosana worked to help support the family. Home-based sewing-related businesses like Rosana’s hat-making were one of the preferable occupations open to black women in this period, providing more independence and respect than other common jobs like housekeeping for white families.

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Integrity

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INTEGRITY (location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, association)

The residence and garage on this parcel date to at least 1930, and a large portion of the house likely dates to c. 1890. Sometime between 1892 and 1930, the house's footprint was enlarged to accommodate a porch at the southwest corner and a substantial rear addition. Modern vertical board and batten siding covers the exterior, and modern windows occupy the openings. While the house's integrity of design, materials, and workmanship is no longer sufficiently intact to convey its associations with the African American community, members of which resided here between 1906 and 1921, the property may contribute to a potential neighborhood historic district.

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Photographs

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Feature #
Facing: N

Description: South (front) elevation

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Feature #
Facing: NE

Description: South and west elevations

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Feature #
Facing: NW

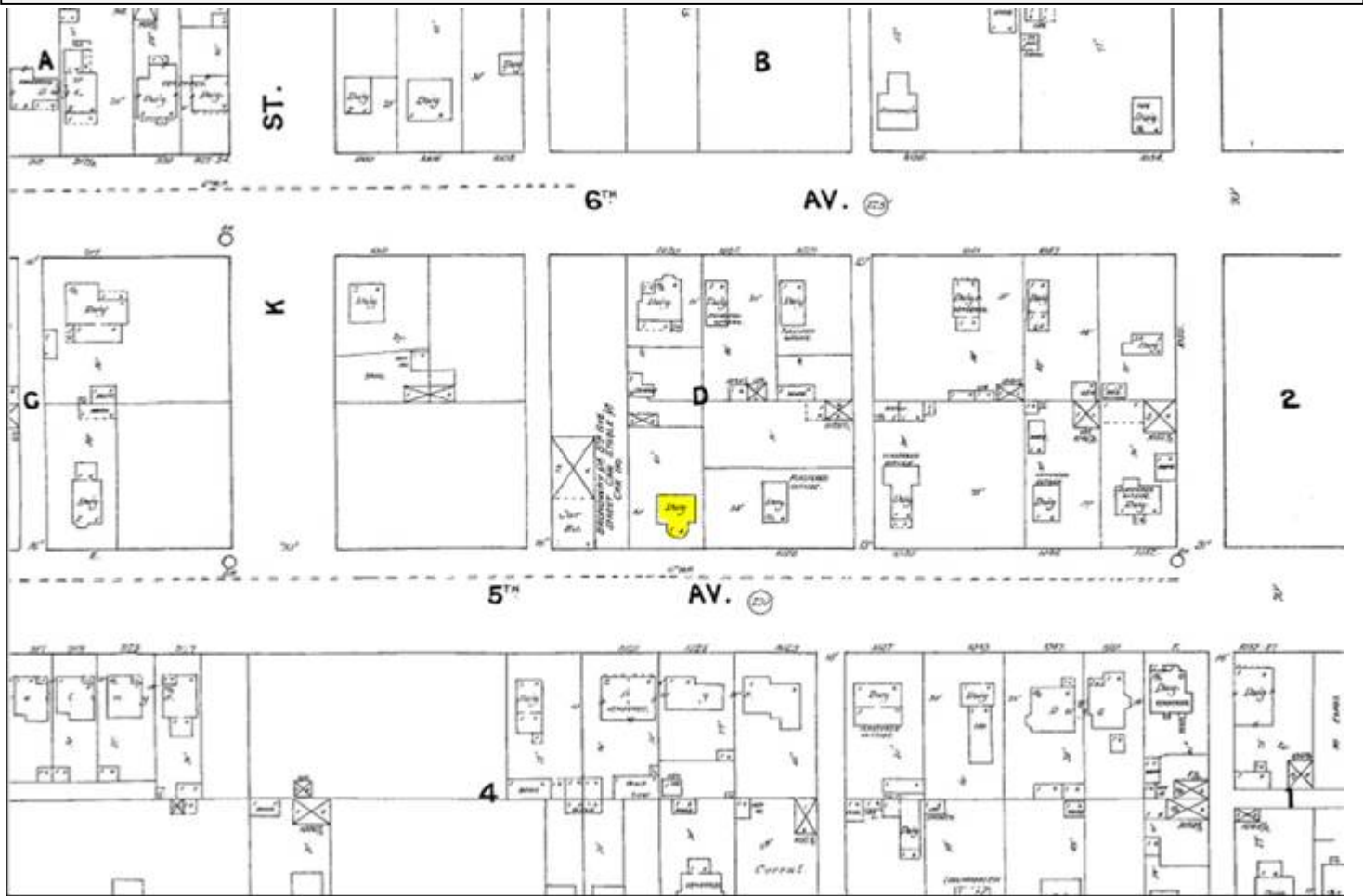
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Sanborn Map, Helena, 1890, Sheet 20
1020 5th Avenue highlighted

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Sanborn Map, Helena, 1930, Sheet 209
1020 5th Avenue highlighted

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Site Map

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Topographic Map

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PROPERTY:

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Lewis and Clark County
Helena, Montana
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