

A & F. RALPH DRAKE HOUSE 743 Oak Street, Steamboat Springs

The Ralph Drake House, constructed in 1918 and originally owned by Ralph Drake, is an excellent example of the Craftsman bungalow style popular throughout the country through the 1920s. Its gabled roof with wide, overhanging eaves; shed dormers; decorative half-timbering, and full porch with square columns are characteristic features of the style. The foundation is cobblestone. At some time after construction, the typically exposed rafter tails were enclosed, and after the residence became a commercial enterprise, a balustrade was installed on the front porch. The interior retains the original fireplace, woodwork and trim, wood floors, wood window frames and windows, and battered posts. Roy P. Hofstetter and his family owned the house from 1932 to 1962. He served as County Assessor after World War II.