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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Garden City Drug  
Other names/site number The Bon

2. Location

Street & number 118 North Higgins Avenue n/a not for publication  
City, town Missoula n/a vicinity  
State Montana code 030 county Missoula code 063 zip code 59802

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>          </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>          </u> objects
			<u>          </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historical Resources in Missoula, 1864-1940

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official Marcell Sherry Date 3-14-90  
State or Federal agency and bureau MT SHPO

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

5. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Patrick Andrew 4/30/90

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
Drug store

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
Department store

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular Romanesque

foundation concrete  
walls brick, cast iron, sandstone

roof asphalt  
other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Garden City Drug building is a rectangular, two-story, stretcher bond brick commercial building with two front bays, four side bays, second floor Romanesque arched windows, centered, recessed entryway, and concrete foundation. The building is located on the east side of Higgins Avenue near the center of the central business district, adjacent to and north of the historic Missoula Mercantile. The roof is flat and has a large molded metal cornice with layered frieze board. The second-story has two bays set off by upper corbelling and separated by centered and corner pilasters. Arches over windows are alternating headers and stretchers and are dentilated. Rusticated granite blocks are located at the base of the arches. The upper part of the windows are fan-shaped with small, multi-pane leaded lights. Windows are paired wood frame, double-hung, one-over-two units. A continuous rusticated belt course serves as a window sill and separates the first and second floors.

The first floor has a cast iron band running between the granite sill and the first floor entryway. The banding consists of small leaded glass panels separated by cast-iron posts over a protruding metal sill. The lower facade consists of a centered, recessed, double door entryway with modern metal framed glass doors under a metal framed window that is set off from the flanking metal framed plate glass windows by vertical cast iron pillars. Polychrome brick has been applied recently to the apron between the windows and foundation. A large, sloping, retractable awning is located above the centered banding.

The north side of the building that faces the alley is divided into four bays separated by brick pilasters. The cornice is a continuation of the molded metal, dentilated cornice on the front facade. The first and second floors are separated by sandstone and stretcher belt courses. Four wood frame, double-hung windows with stretcher sills are located on the second floor.

The second-story and north side of the building possess excellent integrity of design, materials, and workmanship. Part of the first story has lost some of its integrity with the installation of new metal

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frame, plate glass doors and windows and polychroming below the windows. However, part of the original cast iron store front remains in the form of the cast iron poles and the panels separating the first from the second floor. The building has generally good integrity of setting, being adjacent to the Missoula Mercantile to the south and located on a northside alley, which separates it from the modern and remodeled one-story buildings to its north.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

ca. 1902-1940  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

ca. 1902  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

not known  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Garden City Drug building is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C. It is an excellent example of commercial vernacular Romanesque architecture with its large, second story Romanesque arched windows. Other distinctive design and material features include the molded metal dentilated cornice, rusticated granite blocks at the bases of the piers and window arches, the remains of the first-story cast iron storefront with the cast iron support posts and leaded, multi-light panels separating the first and second floors, the northside pilasters, and the retractable canvas awning.

This building was constructed between 1898 and 1902, when the property was owned by George Freisheimer. Freisheimer was the owner and proprietor of Garden City Drug located at this address between 1903 and 1909. He sold the property to Frank Lusk in 1909. Subsequent owners included George Freisheimer (1914), Alice Freisheimer (1925), Margaret Ogg Chaffin, Jean Sanderson, and Virginia Bauman (1954), and the Missoula Mercantile in 1959. The building was Garden City Drug until 1928, with Peterson Drug listed as proprietor between 1922 and 1928. The building was listed as the Missoula Mercantile hoisery department as of 1934, and was acquired by the Missoula Mercantile in 1959. The building was constructed at the outset of Missoula's second post-railroad boom period that lasted until the late 1910s and is representative of the commercial expansion and building construction that occurred during that time.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

McDonald, James, and Gary Williams, Missoula Historical Resource Survey. Missoula: Porky Press, 1980.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property less than one acre

UTM References

A 

1	2
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2	7	1	8	4	0
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5	1	9	4	9	2	0
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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

D 

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Original Townsite, Block 2, N 25' of Lots 11-12.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the city lots upon which the historic building was erected.

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11. Form Prepared By

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