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Hall Hotel (#81) - Spruce and Second
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Description

The Hall Hotel is just off First Street at the northwest corner of Spruce and Second. It is a large, two-story red brick building topped by a hip roof. Around two sides of the building is a two-story, spindle-post veranda. The shingled roof is broken by brick chimneys and one hipped dormer on each of the north, east, and south sides, and three dormers on the west side. The rafters are exposed under the broad eaves of the veranda. The brick is articulated with a sill course on both stories and a string course on the first story. The front entrance is at both stories and a string course on the first story. The front entrance is at the south end and is enclosed in a stone entry. All of the wood double hung windows are topped by segmental arches; the arches on the first story are stilted.

Today the Hall Hotel, also known as the Hotel Magdalena, is in deteriorating condition. The interior has been stripped and many windows are broken. While the exterior appears in sound condition and has few changes, this fine building is threatened by lack of use.

Significance

The Hall Hotel is significant architecturally as one of the finest buildings in Magdalena. It also is the only hotel structure which remains from the several large hotels which Magdalena supported. The hotel was built in ca. 1916 by Harry Hall. It first appears on the 1919 Sanborn Map. On the 1930 map the building is described as being vacant. Since that time it has had occasional use, but has not been successful as a hotel due to Magdalena's diminishing economic base. During its peak years, Magdalena supported a large number of businesses, and as early as 1886 a hotel was included among this number. However, historic photographs and the Sanborn Maps illustrate that few of these businesses built large, substantial buildings. The Ilfeld Warehouse, MacDonald Mercantile Building, and Hall Hotel are the only surviving exceptions. The hotel with its fine brick work and broad veranda stands out within this small group.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the intersection of Second and Spruce, proceed east along the north edge of Second for approximately 15 meters to the east side of the building; proceed north along the edge of the building for approximately 35 meters to a fence marking the property line; proceed west along the fence for approximately 15 meters to Spruce; proceed south along the east edge of Spruce for approximately 35 meters to the starting point.