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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 Hammond Arcade

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 101 South 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n/a not for publication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

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</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

Maude Sheff

Date

3-14-90

State or Federal agency and bureau

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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): _____

Entered in the
National Register

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4/30/90

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Commercial arcade

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Commercial arcade

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Art Deco

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof asphalt

other ceramic tile

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hammond Arcade is a one-story, irregular shaped, Art Deco style brick commercial building with five front bays and five north-side bays, all demarcated by stepped polychrome brick battlements, polychrome brick walls, a fixed metal wrap-around awning, and concrete foundation. The building is located at the southeast corner of Higgins Avenue and Front Street, the center of the historic commercial core in a half block of one-story historic commercial buildings, some of which have been remodeled. However, the historic fabric of the intersection at which this building is located is generally intact.

The building's basic construction consists of vertical concrete columns connected by nonbearing brick walls. The building features an interior arcade or mall. The top of the building has a flat header cornice interrupted by battlements (six on the north side of the building and nine on the east side of the building). Unique header and stretcher detailing runs vertically from just above the doors and windows to the top of the battlements. Vertical stretchers serve as lintels above glass or masonite panels located just above the metal awning that divides the upper and lower halves of the building. Brick veneered concrete pilasters divide bays at lower half of the north side of the building at the same intervals where the battlements are placed. Ceramic tile (about 5"x 5") depicting pastoral scenery and tipis are located at about the 6 1/2-foot level of the pilasters. One bay on the lower half of the building displays unique polychrome detailing. East side of the building has five bays, which are more widely spaced than the northside bays. The east side of the building has nine battlements, spaced about equally to those on the north side of the building.

Windows and doors on both sides of the building are metal frame. Most of the windows retain their aprons. The shop on the northeast corner of the building has recently been remodeled and has a ceramic tile apron with a variety of sizes and designs, and anodized metal frame doors and windows. The polychroming of the building is pronounced. The main body of the building is done in red, green, brown, and caramel-colored brick. Detailing is done with horizontal cream-colored headers and stretchers. The wrap-around metal awning is an original part of the

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building. It is secured to the building by iron bolts and long iron rods. The canopy is about 12 inches thick and has metal trim. Inverted, triangular, illuminated metal and plastic store signs hang from the underside of the canopy. Metal signs are secured to each side of the northside entryway to the interior arcade and read, "Hammond Arcade Building."

The rear of the building has two floors because the building is built on a slope. The concrete columns and reinforced concrete floors at the top and bottom of the second floor (the street side first floor) are visible. The top and bottom floors are stretcher bond brick. The top floor has a header cornice, metal gutter, five bays with metal frame, multi-pane windows with imbedded wire mesh and header sills. The ground level floor has two fixed metal frame three-light windows and stretcher sills. A steel fire escape is attached to the rear of the building.

The interior arcade exhibits the same design pattern as the outside of the building with vertical brick pilasters separating wood frame windows with narrow metal trim and wood frame wood doors with vertical full-length glass panels and wood frame transoms. The wood is a natural, light brown finish. The upper half of the interior arcade is plaster wall with a broad-gauged, multi-layered molding along the ceiling. Scalloped pattern wood course separates the top and lower levels of the arcade. Skylights are located in the arcade. The floor of the arcade is recently applied ceramic tile. A two-tiered stairway with a landing is located in the arcade. It has a decorative wrought iron railing with a molded wood banister. The steps are granite. The landing consists of a variety of blue, light gray, and green ceramic tile in different sizes, which is original.

The building has generally good integrity except for the remodeling of some of the outside doors and windows, particularly the commercial space at the building's northeast corner, with its exterior ceramic tile apron. Some of the original wood frame fixed windows and the aprons between the base of the windows and the sidewalk have been removed and replaced with full-length plate glass windows. However, the aprons of most of the shops remain, as do some of the wood frame plate glass windows with their original wood frames and narrow metal trim, similar to the windows in the interior arcade.

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The interior arcade retains its original design and materials integrity, except for the recent replacement of the original octagonal-shaped floor tile with the existing brown ceramic tile. The ceilings of some of the shops also have been lowered and about two-thirds of the skylights originally located in the shops have been covered over. A large entryway at the lower level at the rear of the building, which was originally used for the delivery of coal, has been infilled with concrete block.

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 _____

Commerce _____

Period of Significance

1934-1940 _____

Significant Dates

1934 _____

Cultural Affiliation

n/a _____

Significant Person

n/a _____

Architect/Builder

R. C. Hugenin _____

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

The Hammond Arcade qualifies for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A because it was one of the few commercial buildings constructed in Missoula during the Depression and maintains a strong association for the city with that period. Its construction helped to stimulate the economy of the city and the building was occupied by a number of long-term Missoula area businesses during the Depression era. Its historic location and unique and attractive interior arcade was the major reason for its popularity and use by businesses and professionals.

The building also qualifies for listing in the National Register under criterion C as an excellent example of Art Deco commercial architecture. Its concrete column construction, stepped ornamental polychrome battlements, the variety of soft-tone red, green, and brown brick composing the exterior walls of the building, the exterior ornamental ceramic tile, and the unique (for the period) interior arcade, which still possesses excellent integrity and is still used, make this building one of the major commercial amenities of the Missoula central business district.

The Hammond Arcade building was constructed in 1934, when the property was owned by the Hammond Building Company, Inc., (founded by A. B. Hammond), which still owns the building. It was built to replace the original Hammond building, which was built about 1890 and was destroyed by fire in the early 1930s. It has been a commercial arcade building since it was constructed and has historically contained a variety of businesses. Some of the early businesses located in this building include the Missoula Drug Company, the Watson Insurance Agency, and the Arcade Fountain Lunch. The Missoula Drug Company was located on the northeast corner of the building and also was located in the original Hammond Building.

The Hammond Arcade was one of the few buildings constructed in

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Missoula during the Depression, and was financed by the insurance money paid with the destruction of the original Hammond Building. Its construction provided much needed employment during the Depression and served to stimulate the Missoula-area economy and to mitigate somewhat the impact of the Depression on the Missoula area. The original building was planned to be a two-story building, but economic factors prevented the construction of the second floor. Polk City Directories indicate that the building was a popular place to locate a business during the 1930s, with 14 businesses located there in 1938, for example.

The building has generally good integrity except for the remodeling of some of the outside doors and windows, particularly the commercial space at the building's northeast corner, with its exterior ceramic tile apron. Some of the original wood frame fixed windows and the aprons between the base of the windows and the sidewalk have been removed and replaced with full-length plate glass windows. However, the aprons of most of the shops remain, as do some of the commercial windows with their original wood frames and narrow metal trim, similar to the windows of the interior arcade.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

McLeod, Paul. "Significant Architecture of Downtown Missoula, Montana." Unpublished brochure, n.d.

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

Original Townsite, Block 4, Plat P (Lots 1-4).

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Boundary Justification

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

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