

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 14000335

Date Listed: 6/24/2014

Property Name: Hotel Brown

County: Morton

State: ND

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper


Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 3: State/Federal Agency Certification

The SHPO neglected to check one box indicating that the property meets National Register Criteria. That this is an error of omission is supported by the nomination, which is signed by the North Dakota SHPO.

Section 6: Function or Use

“DOMESTIC/restaurant” should be changed to “COMMERCE/TRADE/restaurant”.
“RECREATION AND CULTURE” under current functions does not seem to be appropriate.

Section 8: Period of Significance

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The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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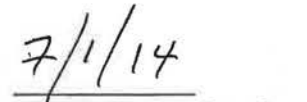
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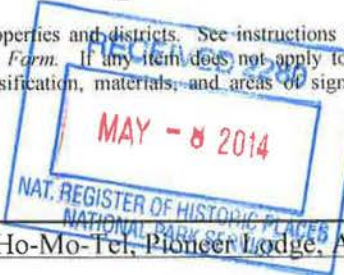
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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.



1. Name of Property

Historic name: Hotel Brown

Other names/site number: Brown Hotel, Craigo Hotel, Ho-Mo-Tel, Pioneer Lodge, Antelope Hills Lodging and Recreation

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 202 Main St N

City or town: Flasher

State: ND

County: Morton

Not For Publication:

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this x 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide x local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

x A ___ B ___ C ___ D

Mark E. [Signature] SHPO 5-5-14
 Signature of certifying official/Title: _____ Date
ND State Historic Preservation Office
 State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

 Signature of commenting official: _____ Date

 Title : _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

6/23/14
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/Hotel

DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling

DOMESTIC/restaurant

SOCIAL/meeting hall

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

WORK IN PROGRESS

DOMESTIC/hotel

DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling

RECREATION AND CULTURE

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

Foundation: Concrete, sandstone

Walls: Wood walls

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Other: Chimney - Brick

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Hotel Brown, located at 202 Main Street in Flasher, North Dakota, is a two-story craftsman influenced enlarged foursquare, which was built in the summer of 1910 by William H. Brown of WM. H. Brown Land Company and W.F. Berrier. The value of the hotel and furnishings in 1911, was estimated at \$25,000. The actual dimensions are 32' x 120' with an 8' x 24' shed attached to the back (west) side that covers the old coal chute. Gas provided room lighting and heating for the building and an electric bell system was also installed. The original structure had 20 sleeping rooms, a lobby, cloak rooms, writing rooms, and provided dining rooms. Now it has five apartments. Original crown molding and trim, lath and plaster walls, windows, and gas lanterns are found throughout the structure.

Narrative Description

The main structure of this building is wood and has narrow lap wood siding. There are asphalt shingles on the roof, which has four hipped dormers on the north side and four on the south side of the building. Each side dormer has one 1:1 window and the hipped dormer on the west has a pair of 1:1 windows. The front porch on the first and second floor is 9' x 32' with a 19" x 24"

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knee wall and has four 18" square pillars for support. The ceilings of the porches are covered with bead board. The upper level porch has a 1:1 window on each side of the double doors that are under a small rectangular transom. An early photograph shows the upper level porches had screens at one time. The lower level porch has concrete steps up to the porch but the wood knee walls have been replaced with wrought iron railing. The double entrance doors are centered on the facade but its transom is covered. There are two large replacement sliding windows to the south and one to the north of the main entrance. A second walk door with a replacement screen door is at the north corner beneath a transom. The window openings in the basement beneath the porch have been covered and the lattice that used to allow light to those windows has been replaced with solid wood.

The one-story north addition, built in 1968 and in line with the main wall of the west façade, was constructed with concrete blocks and has a metal roof. There is a dirt crawl space under this section. This addition originally contained six apartment units but now has two large open sleeping rooms. Access to these apartments was gained through separate outside doors and a side door from the north hall also allows entrance. No windows were altered or removed from the original building at this time.

On the south side of the structure there is a 5' x 32' concrete walkway with stairs to the basement, one door is to the apartment downstairs and one is to the open area of the basement. This walkway is covered with green fiberglass as are all the window wells of the four windows on the south side and two windows on the north side. The two eastern window openings on the south side have paired 1:1 windows, one pair has textured glass, and the other two openings are single 1:1 replacement windows. There is also a sealed metal door from the walkway to the basement. The main level currently has four large 1:1 windows, four smaller 1:1 windows, two large sliding windows at the east and one smaller sliding window at the west end. The eastern sliding windows are replacements that have been framed in to accommodate the shorter height. Two windows from a group of four that was just west of the centerline have been covered but some trim is still visible. The two windows at the west end have been replaced with one sliding window and there is newer siding over the area.

The porches on the west side on the first and second floor are 10' x 10' and have two supporting square pillars on them also. There is a metal escape ladder mounted to the south side of the building. The upper level porch has a walk door with a transom on the south wall while the lower level porch has a walk door on the west end. The ceilings of the porches are covered with bead board.

The west end has one 1:1 window in the upper north corner and the outline of the window that was in the stairway is visible. Inspection of the interior suggests this window may just be covered over. Also on the west end is an L-shaped one-story addition under a shed roof that is used for storage. The walk door is on the south side of the addition with a square window west of it. The L portion also has a square opening covered with plywood on the south side. There are a couple pieces of siding missing from the addition. The north side of the addition has a large wooden door.

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The north side of the hotel has eight 1:1 windows on the upper level while the lower level has six 1:1 windows west of the 1968 addition. A square fixed window is at the west end near the addition.

The full basement under the Hotel Brown is constructed of one foot thick concrete blocks on the north side and the remaining foundation walls are Dakota Sandstone and plaster. The basement did consist of two apartment style rooms and sleeping rooms, furnace area, a hallway, coal chute area, and open spaces but due to water damage a few years ago, it now has open stud walls and exposed concrete and sandstone. A sealed heavy metal door leads to the old coal chute.

The main floor originally consisted of a parlor, bathroom, wash room, writing room, office, lobby, proprietor's bedroom, employee's quarters, and dining room with seven tables having four chairs each. It now consists of a lobby, two bathrooms, parlor, and kitchen with some small rooms off to the side. The lobby picture windows are still the original size but have been replaced with 52" x 58" vinyl sliding windows. The rest of the main floor has the original pulley/weight system windows. The floors are made of old hardwood but are covered with carpet and square tile. The window and door trim is the old decorative crown molding style, and is all the original wood. The ceilings are 9'7" high with a one foot drop ceiling covering the original ceiling.

In the back of the building (west) there is a rounded staircase that goes from the basement to the attic and has a landing on each floor. This staircase is all original wood and has a decorative trim going all the way up from the basement to the attic. The staircase going from the second floor to the attic has an old brass propane lighting rod on the wall that was used for light, a lighting rod is also found in the attic.

The second floor was altered in 1972 from 20 rooms with one main bath, to five apartment style rooms each containing their own bathroom and closet. The hallways were not modified but walls between the rooms were opened up to create the larger spaces. A mechanical room containing a water heater and electrical panels for each room also exists on this floor. The windows on this floor are all the original pulley/weight system windows and ceilings are 9'7" high with a one foot drop ceiling. The apartment entrance doors are the originals and have a small operable wood transom. Throughout the building, including the hallways, paneling is covering the original walls. It appears the paneling also covers original hotel doors although it has not been fully opened to see if all door openings are still extant. The floors on this level are hardwood but are currently covered with carpet.

The attic is an open area with two furnace systems and no floor, only two inch by six inch boards and some insulation with an unfinished ceiling. Behind the attic door is an old brass lighting pipe used with propane for light in the attic. The dormer windows in here are all the original pulley/weight system.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1910-1967

Significant Dates

1910

1915

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Mr. Ossenkop, Architect

Goss + Steeger, Contractors

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Hotel Brown was built and opened in the summer of 1910, by WM. H. Brown Land Company. On October 15th, 1910 the first train ran on the newly constructed Mott line through Flasher. The hotel provided meals in various capacities to townsfolk, travelers and workers until January 1915, when a public cafe and restaurant opened in the Hotel Brown with an unknown name. The Hotel Brown qualifies to be listed in the National Register at the local level under Criterion A in the areas of commerce and social history. With the opening of the Hotel Brown, Main Street of Flasher was moved from the west side of town to its current location.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

In 1902, William H. Brown and the Brown Land Company (which assisted in colonizing much of southwestern North Dakota) founded and plotted the town of Flasher. Flasher was originally named Iowa City by Mr. Brown, but the post office no longer allowed the use of a state's name when naming post offices. He then chose Berrier, after his friend W.F. Berrier, but similar post office names in North Dakota could cause confusion so the name Flasher was selected in 1903, in honor of Miss Mabel Flasher, personal secretary to Mr. Brown and niece of Mrs. Brown. With the arrival of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1910, Flasher reached "Boom Town" status. Many homes and businesses were built including the Hotel Brown, and many clubs and organizations were established. The Hotel Brown is one of the oldest building still standing in its original location in Flasher, North Dakota. The Hotel Brown has provided rooms for the railroad workers and passengers, Black Hills Trail travelers (which ran right by Flasher), and new settlers coming to seek land to settle.

SOCIAL HISTORY:

In addition to providing rooms, the Hotel Brown was also a social gathering location for local organizations and the public. On October 15, 1910, when the railroad made its first trip between Mandan and Mott, it was a great social event with officials from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth and Fargo, as well as local citizens who all posed in front of the newly constructed Hotel Brown for a picture. A large group of men gathered in front of Hotel Brown on this day in Flasher in preparation for a day of land buying. These men posed with musical instruments at lower left of image. Many of the men wore ribbons on their suit coats, and have tags or tickets tucked into the brims of their hats. Prior to opening up a public restaurant in 1915, the Hotel Brown also provided late evening suppers for group events such as lodge suppers, dance luncheons, in addition to providing meals for hotel patrons. Verda Lawson, a local resident, recalled in a January 2008 letter to the Flasher Historical Society her memories of the hotel as a "nightly gathering place for hotel guests and residents as well as the townspeople" to play cards and tell stories in the 1930s and 1940s. She also indicated on Saturday nights, folks would gather on the

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porch and second floor balcony to observe the high school band play on the bandstand located across the street near the doctor's office and post office, to the east of the hotel.

The Hotel Brown became a historical landmark as it still stands in its original location on Main Street. Its ownership changed back and forth between the William H. Brown children and their heirs during the years. In 1933, Lew and Nellie Craigo moved from Mott to Flasher and managed the hotel as the Flasher Hotel until they purchased it from the Brown family in 1943 and at this time changed the name to Craigo Hotel. William and Emilybelle Schmeding (daughter of Lew and Nellie Craigo) took over ownership of the hotel after Mr. Craigo passed away in 1954, and built the six unit motel on the north side of the hotel in 1968.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency (North Dakota State Archives)
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- ____ Name of repository:

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acree of Property less than one

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

1. Zone: 14	Easting: 328555	Northing: 5146970
2. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
3. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
4. Zone:	Easting :	Northing:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Block 16 in Flasher, Morton County, North Dakota.

The four lots are 32' x 120' for a total of 14,746 square feet. The front of the lots face Main Street and the rear of the lots are bordered by an alley.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries include the land historically associated with the hotel.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Diane Bachmeier & Jessica Rossow
organization: _____
street & number: PO Box 171
city or town: Carson state: ND zip code: 58529
e-mail _____
telephone: 701-597-3058 or 701-220-5997
date: March 2014

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

name/title: Diane Bachmeier
organization: _____
street & number: PO Box 171
city or town: Carson state: ND zip code: 58529
e-mail _____
telephone: 701-597-3058 or 701-220-5997

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Hotel Brown
Morton County ND
Lorna Meidinger
7 February 2014

East façade including 1968 addition
1 of 5.

East façade without the 1968 addition
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Northwest
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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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Photograph of a ca. 1930s photograph owned by Diane Bachmeier

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Large Group of Land Buyers in front of Hotel in Flasher, ND

By State Historical Society of North Dakota ★ Favorite

ca. 1910s, from the SHSND collection

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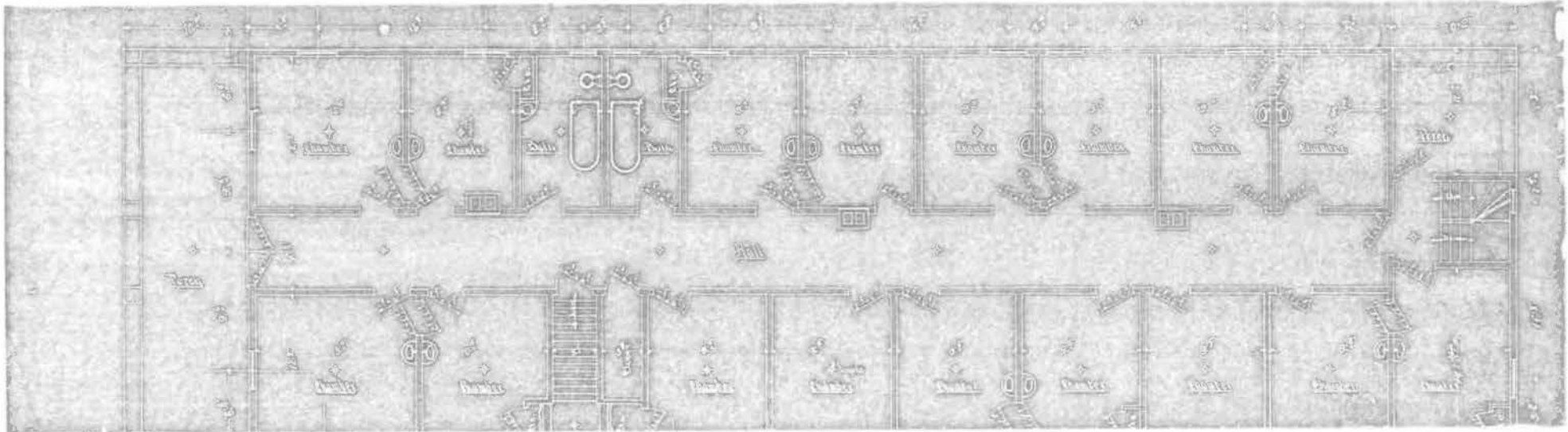
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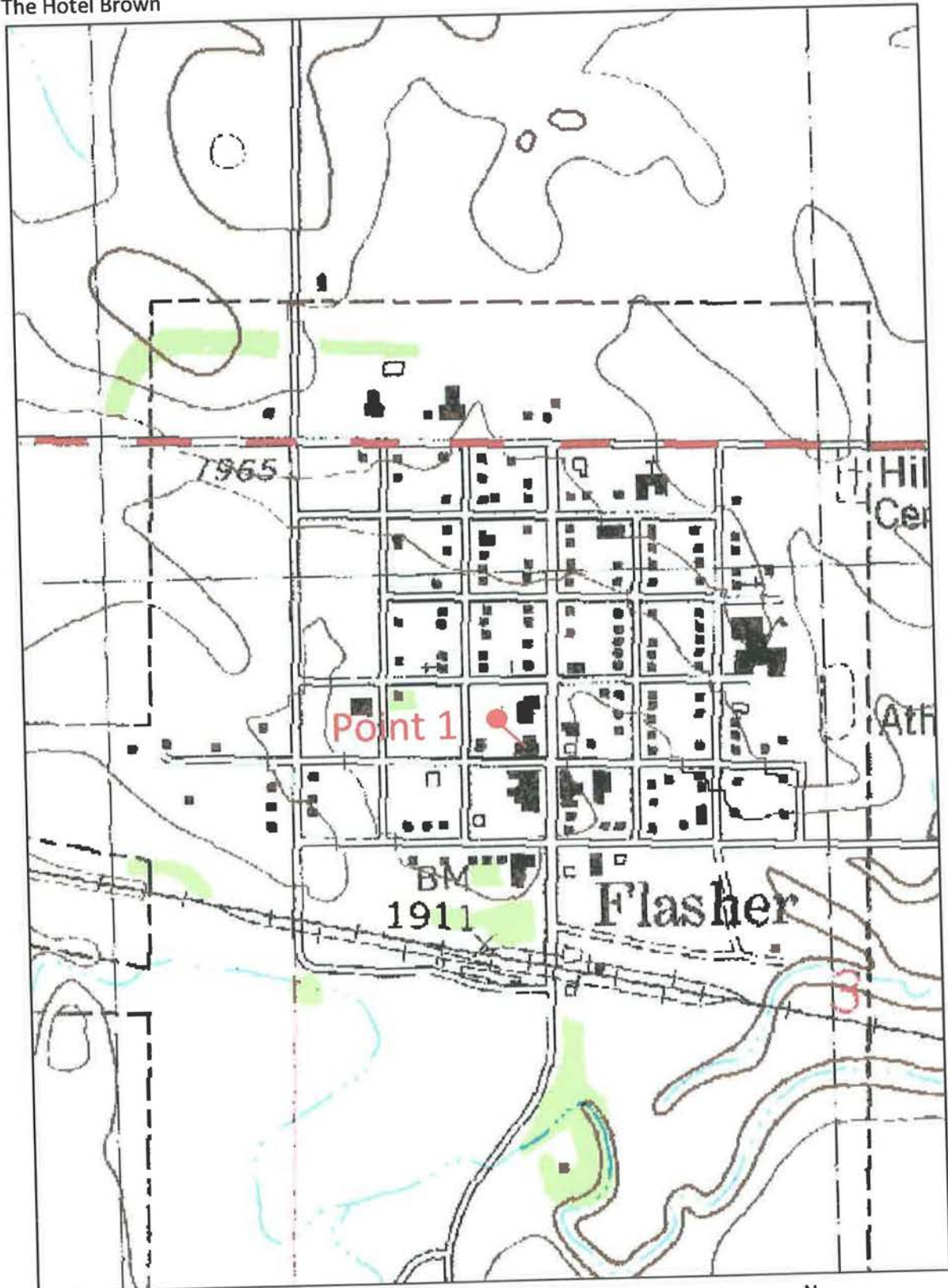
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Floor Plan

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Hotel Brown
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NORTH DAKOTA, Morton

DATE RECEIVED: 5/08/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/29/14
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/13/14 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/24/14
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 14000335

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: Y
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 6/23/14 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Minor changes done via SLR

RECOM./CRITERIA A

REVIEWER *[Signature]*

DISCIPLINE Historic

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 6/23/14

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.