

\*Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Site No. BV-04-154

Sign. Site #26

Structure/Site Information Form

1 IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: West Center and No. Main Streets UTM: 12/356425/4237350  
 Name of Structure: Mansfield Motel T. R. S.  
 Present Owner: Armond & Shirley Monfredi Less than one acre  
 Owner Address: 1624 Lovely Road, SLC, UT  
 Year Built (Tax Record): Effective Age: Tax #: B-101  
 Legal Description: Kind of Building:

Beg at SE Cor Lot 1, Blk 28, Plat A, Beaver City Sur; Th W 137 ft 3 in.; N 100 ft; E 61 ft; S 49 ft 2 in.; E 76 ft; S 50 ft 10 in. to Beg.

2 STATUS/USE

Original Owner: Mansfield, Murdock & Co. (Beaver MRA) Construction Date: 1893 Demolition Date:  
 Original Use: Department Store Present Use: commercial (store, office, hotel)  
 Building Condition: Integrity: Preliminary Evaluation: Final Register Status:  
 Excellent  Site  Unaltered  Significant  Not of the  National Landmark  District  
 Good  Ruins  Minor Alterations  Contributory  Historic Period  National Register  Multi-Resource  
 Deteriorated  Major Alterations  Not Contributory  State Register  Thematic

3 DOCUMENTATION

Photography: Date of Slides: Slide No.: Date of Photographs: Photo No.:  
 Views:  Front  Side  Rear  Other Views:  Front  Side  Rear  Other

Research Sources:  
 Abstract of Title  Sanborn Maps  Newspapers  U of U Library  
 Plat Records/Map  City Directories  Utah State Historical Society  BYU Library  
 Tax Card & Photo  Biographical Encyclopedias  Personal Interviews  USU Library  
 Building Permit  Obituary Index  LDS Church Archives  SLC Library  
 Sewer Permit  County & City Histories  LDS Genealogical Society  Other Fieldwork

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

1933 photo on tax records  
 Chase Murdock interviewed 8/27/79 in Beaver by L.L. Bonar  
 Armond Monfredi, interviewed 8/27/79 in Beaver by L.L. Bonar

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Building Materials: Brick

Building Type/Style: Commercial

**Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:**

(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

The building represents Beaver's finest example of commercial architecture. Its a very large, two-story brick building with a flat roof and a series of rhythmical windows on the two facades that face the street.

On the Main Street facade the ground floor has been altered with flagstone siding. The windows too have been changed, but their original size has not been altered. The second story of this facade remains in its original condition. The cornice is both elaborate brick and wood work and there is a date plaque that reads "1893". Also on this facade are three large pilasters with six huge windows arranged around them with bilateral symmetry.

On the Center Street facade, there have been no alterations. It displays eight rhythmic bays that have round arches of brickwork on top. There are also several tie-rods evident on this facade and most are a five pointed star in a circle.

The building rests upon a black rock foundation and is structurally very sound. The interior has been changed considerably, and is currently used as a motel, two shops and apartments. All the ceilings were originally fourteen feet tall, and the doors display transom windows and wide moldings.

**Statement of Historical Significance:**

Construction Date:

The Mansfield, Murdock & Company store building, constructed in 1893, represents Beaver's largest business-commercial structure. The combination general and department store was owned by E. M. Mansfield and John Riggs Murdock, prominent Beaver residents. In addition to general merchandise, the business block also housed the State Bank of Beaver County, the community's main banking center, and the Mansfield Hotel. Thus, in the commercial history of Beaver City, as the county seat of Beaver County, the Mansfield, Murdock & Company building functioned as a central entity, both in the local and county context.

The Mansfield, Murdock & Company store was built in 1893 as a general merchandise establishment to serve many of the basic commercial needs of the community and region. It was originally owned by John Riggs Murdock and his brother-in-law, E. M. Mansfield. Murdock was a central figure in the total development of Beaver, serving also as the Beaver Stake President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) -- the local ecclesiastical leader.

The store carried everything from clothing to farm machinery, and also housed the State Bank of Beaver County. Sometime between 1904 and 1914 the State Bank of Beaver County and the First National Bank of Beaver were organized. Prior to that time, Beaver's main banking point was Richfield, some 65 miles northeast. The former bank was listed with capital stock at \$40,000 and after 1924 survived as the city's only banking establishment.

Between 1915 and 1918, the building also became the Mansfield (later the Mansfield Hotel), located on the second floor. A section just west of the bank functioned as the hotel parlor. With the Hotel Low (Significant Site #30), located on the same block, the Mansfield grew during the "revitalized" period of Beaver's increased use as a tourist and traveler stop.

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Thus, in the above context, the Mansfield, Murdock & Company building functioned as an important structure in Beaver's commercial history, with Beaver, in turn, functioning as an important regional commercial center. The building was located on what many considered the most valuable commercial lot in town, and the structure's prestigious size and design stand out in the city's commercial district. It remains as the main representative of Beaver's key commercial block.