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Main Street Commercial Building (#24) *(Magdalena, NM)*
Main St.

Description

This commercial building, located on the east side of Main between the Bank Building and the Depot, is a good example of the type of commercial building found in Magdalena. It is one-story, has a flat roof and is constructed of adobe. The front is faced with red brick and the sides are stuccoed. At the rear is a porch and entry which were added after 1930. The front facade is two bays wide. At each corner and down the center are slightly projecting piers. The two doors are at each end and windows are in the center. One of the two windows has been replaced by a larger double hung window. The fenestration is topped by segmental arches and above are decorative brick panels. The cornice is undecorated and projects to the same plane as the piers. All the arches and other panel brick work is done in a slightly darker shade of red brick.

The building is in good condition, though one-half is vacant. The only change to the exterior is the replacement of one of the double hung windows with a larger window.

Significance

This commercial building is significant because it is a good example of the type of commercial building typical in Magdalena. It is an example of the Panel Brick Style with the brick facade applied to an adobe building. The building first appears on the 1919 Sanborn Map.

The Sanborn Maps illustrate that with only a few exceptions, buildings in Magdalena were constructed of wood or adobe, both considered inexpensive, impermanent materials. The loss of building stock through deterioration, remodeling, fire, and demolition illustrates this. In most towns, adobe and wood commercial buildings were replaced with more substantial brick and stone buildings. In Magdalena this process never occurred. Thus well-maintained, intact buildings such as this one stand out within this once large group.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

This boundary is a rectangle enclosing the building. The west boundary is the east side of Main, the north and south boundaries are the sides of the building, and the east boundary is the rear of the building. The rectangle measures approximately 8 meters east to west and 15 meters north to south.

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