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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92001777

Date Listed: 1/28/93

Baldwin Building
Property Name

Carbon
County

MT
State

Historic & Architectural Resources of Fromberg
Multiple Name

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.

Patrick Andrus
Signature of the Keeper

1/28/93
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Period of Significance:

The start date for the period of significance (1907) does not correspond to the areas of significance ascribed to the property in the narrative text. The transportation theme appears to begin with the establishment of the horse & buggy concern in 1911 and carries on through the development of the service station in 1936. The architectural significance of the site relates to the work completed in 1936. The period of significance is amended to read: 1911-1936. The significant dates are amended to read: 1911 and 1936.

Verbal Boundary Description:

The attached map contains a different verbal boundary description than the nomination form (Lots 1 & 2 vs Lots 6 & 7). The text information is revised to read: Lots 6 & 7.

This information was confirmed by telephone with the MT SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Baldwin Building

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: West River Street

not for publication: n/a

vicinity: n/a

city/town: Fromberg

state: Montana

code: MT

county: Carbon

code: 009

zip code: 59029

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Manuel Dejeu SHPC 12-11-92
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Montana State Historic Preservation Office
State or Federal agency or bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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
 see continuation sheet

 removed from the National Register
 see continuation sheet

 other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Patrick Andrews

Date of Action

1/28/93

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private	Number of Resources within Property	
	Contributing	Noncontributing
Category of Property: Buildings	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> building(s)
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Properties in Fromberg	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> Total

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:	Current Functions:
Commerce: trade business	Vacant: not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification:	Materials:
Other: False-front Commercial	foundation: concrete
	walls: wood/weatherboard
	roof: asphalt

Narrative Description

The Baldwin Building is located in Fromberg, Montana, a small rural community in the southcentral portion of the state. The building stands at the east end of the main commercial block at the northwest corner of W. River Street and Harley Avenue. The building is comprised of the original lumber company building constructed in 1907 at the corner and a major addition on the west, constructed in 1911 to house a buggy implement dealership. The lumber company and implement dealership originally had separate false-fronts that faced south towards W. River Street. In 1936 they were combined as a gas station and garage; the southeast corner of the lumber company building was cut away, a new store front installed, and the buildings joined under a common false front.

The one-story building is a long rectangular block, filling nearly two lots. The building rests on a concrete foundation, is mostly sheathed with drop siding, and has a newer gable roof with deteriorated rolled roofing over wood shingles. The store front occupies the recessed wall at the cutaway; the wall is canted to face the street corner. The store front has a full-light wood-frame door flanked by large display windows with transoms; the wood sash of the windows are covered with metal strips embossed with a Greek fret. The store front is fronted by a driveway that passes beneath the cutaway. The driveway accesses both streets and once had the gas station's pumps, no longer extant. The south elevation has a pair of paneled in-swinging doors, filling the former store front of the buggy dealership. The false front is straight across the south wall of the building and canted over the cutaway where it is supported on wood posts. The walls of the false front are formed by large molded panels that supported a clapboard rail; at the ends of the rails is a lattice-like balustrade between decorative piers. The east wall of the building, along Harley Street, has several window openings towards the south end. Most of the openings are boarded over except for a pair of double-hung wood sashes. The north end of the east wall has a vertical board sliding door, flanked by bands of small, multi-light windows. The north wall has an overhead garage door, covered by metal sheeting. An early addition is located along the north end of the west wall; it is sheltered under an extension of the gable roof.

The building retains all aspects of integrity. The building has sustained no apparent alterations since its period of significance. The historic form, scale, and massing of the building remains intact as well as important construction materials and key stylistic details from when it was converted into a gas station.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Areas of Significance: Transportation
Architecture

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a

Period(s) of Significance: 1907-1936

Significant Person(s): n/a

Significant Dates: 1907; 1911; 1936

Cultural Affiliation: n/a

Architect/Builder: Parker, W. C. (1907)

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Baldwin Building is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under the "Historic and Architectural Resources of Fromberg" multiple property listing. The significance of the building is established locally under the historic context of "Transportation and Commerce in Fromberg, 1899-1936" and meets registration requirements developed for the associated property type "Commercial Buildings." The Baldwin Building is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for its association with the growth and emergence of transportation facilities in Fromberg, and under Criterion C as an outstanding example of pre- World War II gasoline station architecture. The building has sustained no apparent alterations since its period of significance and retains integrity in all aspects.

The Baldwin Building derives significance under Criterion A as an important representation of transportation developments in Fromberg in the first three decades of the twentieth century. Although the building was originally constructed in 1907 as a lumber yard, owner C.J. Baldwin soon expanded the facility to include transportation-related products. In 1911 he constructed an addition to house a horse and buggy implement and in 1919 he began using the building for a Ford dealership. The building's function as a transportation facility further evolved in 1936 when it was purchased by auto repairmen Phillips and Walker and converted into a roadside gas station.

The Baldwin Building derives significance under Criterion C as an outstanding example of a one-stop, roadside gas station popular before the advent of self-service facilities.. The late 1910s saw the rise of one-stop service stations specializing in the sale of gasoline and other automotive products. By the end of the 1920s, the one-stop gas station had become a roadside fixture common to almost every community. Typically, the roadside station featured a covered drive through and a large display area for accessory products. Although at least one other historic gas station remains in Fromberg, the Baldwin Building is distinguished because it embodies distinctive characteristics of roadside station construction and maintains a high degree of preservation.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Carbon County Republican. 30 March 1906.

Fromberg Herald. 1 December 1910.

R.L. Polk Co's. Directory of Billings and Red Lodge; Yellowstone, Carbon, Stillwater and Big Horn Counties. 1907, 1912, 1914, 1916.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Fromberg. 1907, 1912, 1927.

Vieyra, Daniel I. Fill'er Up: An Architectural History of American's Gas Stations. New York: Collier Books, 1979.

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 # _____

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:

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	12	663830	5028410

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary encompasses Lots 1 & 2 of Block 2 of the Dudley First Addition to Fromberg (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 17, T05S, R23E).

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all property historically associated with the Baldwin Building.

11. Form Prepared By

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state: MT

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Property Owner

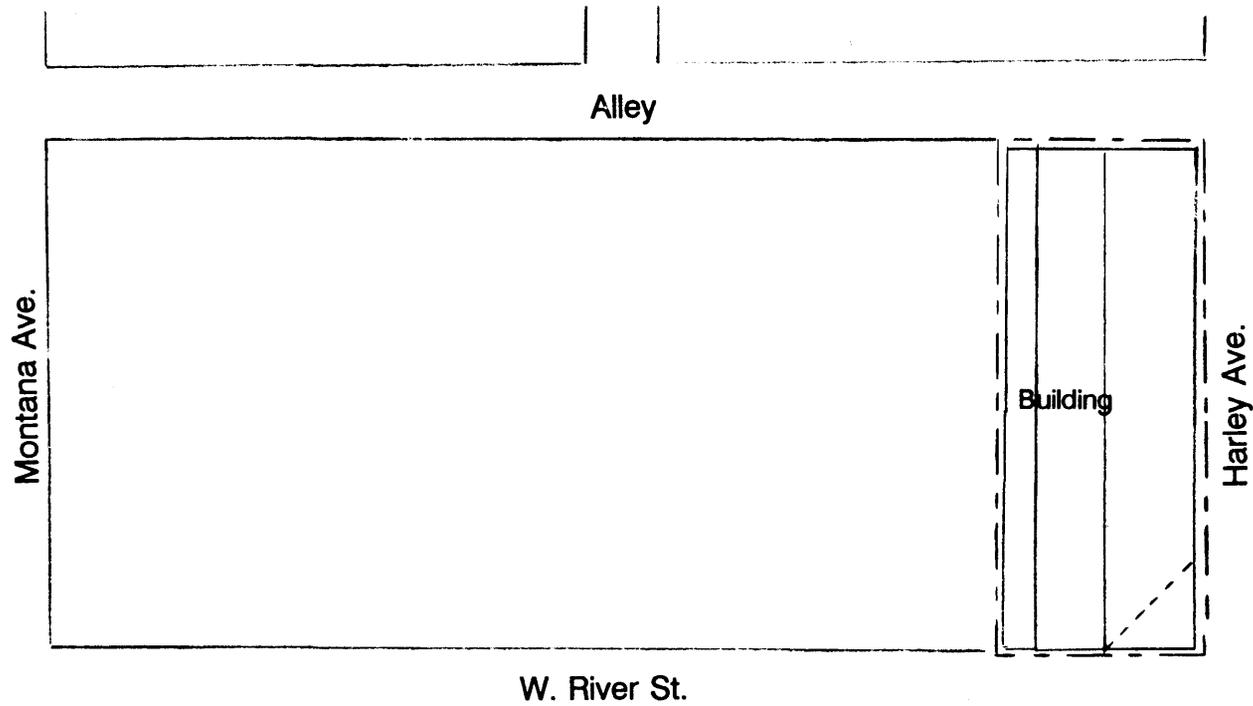
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city or town: Fromberg

state: MT

zip code: 59029



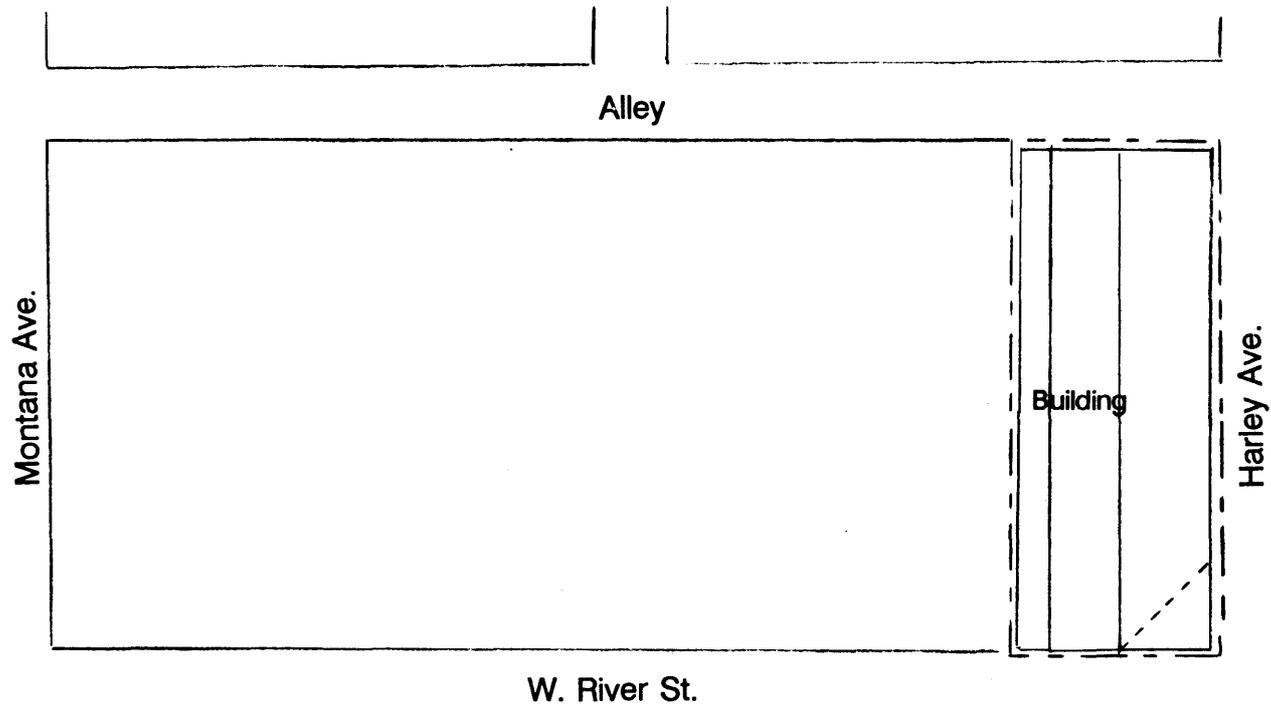
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