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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000651

Date Listed: 4/30/90

Missoula Laundry Company
Property Name

Missoula
County

MT
State

Historic Resources of Missoula, 1864-1940, MPS
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.

for Patricia Andrus
Signature of the Keeper

4/30/90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: The period of significance is cited as 1915-1940. Because of area of significance is architecture, the period of significance should read 1915, 1928-1929.

This information was confirmed with Pat Bick of the Montana SHPO.

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Missoula Laundry Company
Other names/site number Missoula Textile Services

2. Location

Street & number 111 East Spruce Street n/a/ not for publication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	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> objects
			<u> </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.

Manilla Sheffy 3-14-90
Signature of certifying official Date
MT SHPO
State or Federal agency and bureau

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:)

Patrick Andrews 4/30/90

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Laundry

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Laundry and dry cleaners

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Art Deco

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone, concrete

walls brick, terra cotta

roof asphalt

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Missoula Laundry is a large, irregular-shaped, one-story, three-sectioned, vernacular and Art Deco commercial building with a crenelated roof, twelve front bays, and a stone and concrete foundation. The building is located on East Spruce Street in the central business district and is the only historic building with integrity in a half block that has lost most of its historic fabric. The west one-third of the building has a crenelated roof with ornamental brick consisting of a header crown cornice, and raised stretcher belt courses bracketing vertical, spaced headers above raised, 2-foot-thick checkerboard panels located above raised stretcher belt courses. The front windows are vertical metal frame, multi-pane windows with header flat arches with centered keystones and header sills. The front entryway is wood frame with wooden double doors (upper half with window and lower half with plywood panel) over which are located a pair of four-light, wood framed windows. The base of the front facade is a 3- to 4-foot-high applied mortar. Blue letters on white painted background reading "Missoula Textile Services," runs between the brick checkerboard panels and the top of the windows.

The west side of the west section of the building has a stepped roof, low-fired brick walls, nine bays defined by narrow, vertical metal sash, multi-light style windows with 3-tiered header relief arches and header sills. The foundation is stone. "Missoula Textiles Services, Dry Cleaning Laundry and Linen Supply" is painted in blue letters against a white background.

The rear of the west section is of low-fired brick, and has wood frame, double-hung, six-over-twelve windows with steel grates over the windows. "Missoula Laundry" is painted in white letters on a black background above the windows. The rear of the west section also has multipaneled wood garage door with 6 lights.

The east two-thirds of the building consists of two sections: a central Art Deco section with three bays and a four-bay east section. The bays of both of these sections are divided by brick pilasters. The central Art Deco section of the building ties it together. This section has a crenelated terra cotta parapet and other terra cotta ornamentation,

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including inset panels and medallions, belt courses and window sills. Brick pilasters have centered headers flanked by corner stretchers. The bays between the pilasters are stretcher bond brick framed by vertical stretchers at top with square terra cotta blocks at panel corners. The windows between the pilasters are multi-pane, metal sash. The front central entryway is wood frame with a single, metal framed plate glass door flanked by full-length, metal-framed plate glass sidelights. The entryway itself is flanked by paired multi-pane, metal sash windows with large terra cotta sills. Inset plywood panels are located above entryway windows. Three separate shed roof canvas metal framed awnings are located above the entryway.

The four-bay eastern section of the building has a concrete cornice, pilasters similar in style to the centered Art Deco section of the building, and a raised two-tiered stretcher belt cornice below the crown cornice. Each bay has painted, recessed panels reading "Drapes/Linen Rentals/Uniform Rentals/Dust Control." Each bay also has three narrow, multi-pane, metal frame, awning style windows with header sills and a continuous, vertical stretcher lintel. The east side of this section has concrete, diamond-shaped medallions. Pilasters and windows are the same as those on the front of the east section, except that the window frames are painted green. A steel framed, double door entryway with vertical plywood paneling located above the doors, which are metal with six lites each, is also located on the east side of the building. The rear of the east side section has a flat roof, cinder block addition with east-and west-side parapets and multi-pane, metal frame windows.

The two additions to the original 1915 building were constructed during the historical period and are compatible with one another. The individual sections possesses excellent individual integrity, even at the entryway doors and windows, and are excellent examples of architectural styling from two periods.

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

Period of Significance

1915-1940

Significant Dates

1915
 1928
 1929

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Significant Person

n/a

Architect/Builder

H.E. Kirkemo (1928 and 1929 additions)

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

The Missoula Laundry Company building is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C. The center portion of the building, built in 1928, is one of the best examples of Art Deco styling in the central business district and was designed by H. E. Kirkemo, one of Missoula's most prominent architects. It makes excellent use of terra cotta in the crenelated roof line and the window sills. The original part of the building was constructed in 1915 during Missoula's second major post-railroad building boom, and the other two sections were built just before the Depression. The Missoula Laundry Company is a good example of a building that has gained architectural significance through the construction of stylistically sophisticated additions.

The Missoula Laundry Company, owned and operated by the Hagen and Topel families, has been located in this building since its construction in 1915. The business still operates as a laundry company. The original section of the building, located on lots 4 and 5, was constructed in 1915, when the property was owned by Joseph and Nettie Hagen. Joseph Hagen was the President of the Missoula Laundry Company. The center and east sections of the building were constructed in 1928 and 1929, respectively, and were designed by H. E. Kirkemo. Mr. Hagen was the uncle of Larry Topel, who purchased the business in 1947. The building has been owned by the Topel family since that time. The Hagens originally operated the Model Laundry originally located at 131 West Alder, then bought out the Missoula Laundry, which was located on East Front Street in 1915, and moved the whole operation to this building later that same year.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

McDonald, James, and Gary Williams, Missoula Historical Resource Survey. Missoula: Porky Press, 1980.
McLeod, Paul. "Significant Buildings of Downtown Missoula, Montana," unpublished brochure, n.d.
Topel, Joseph. Personal communication, Missoula, Montana, April 28, 1989.

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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 # _____

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

A 12 272035 5195275
Zone Easting Northing
C _____

B _____
Zone Easting Northing
D _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

C.P. Higgins Addition, Block M, lots 1-15.

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Boundary Justification

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

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