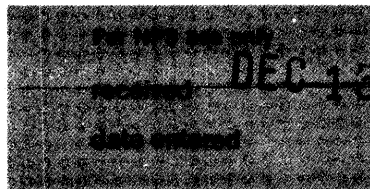


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic The Davidson Building
and/or common Same The Davidson building

2. Location

street & number 301-303 E. Park Street n/a not for publication
city, town Anaconda n/avicinity of ~~Congressional district~~
state Montana code 030 county Deer Lodge Anaconda code 023

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>n/a</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name City of Anaconda
street & number 800 S. Main Street
city, town Anaconda n/avicinity of state Montana 59711

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anaconda-Deer Lodge Courthouse
street & number 800 S. Main Street
city, town Anaconda state Montana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Anaconda C.B.D. has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1980 federal state county local
depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office
city, town Helena state Montana

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Davidson building is a commercial structure at the corner of East Park and Cherry Streets in the main commercial and business district of Anaconda, Montana. Its bartizan on the second floor, its corner location and its careful brick work make the Davidson building a major focal point in Anaconda.

The Davidson is a two story structure on a regular rectangular plan designed for commercial goods or services on the ground floor with living units or offices above. The corner location dictated a corner statement responded to in the building by a bartizan of granite and brick at the second level and a slender cast iron column and corner cut out and building entry at the first level. The architecture at the first level along East Park Street, the north facade, could be described as "metalique". Slender cast iron members make an open and light appearing grid for store front glazing with recessed rail and stile entry doors and a horizontal band of small dimension obscure glass blocks of a lavender hue. The second level of the north facade contrasts to the first floor and could be described as "arcuated" brick masonry in surface appearance (although in reality it is "trabeated" brick masonry), is tripartite in design with a central Serliano motif flanked by two projecting bay windows on brackets. The bay windows are surmounted by blind arcades, surmounted by a string course and topped with corbelled brick blocking course. The central bay has a terra-cotta plaque featuring the characters "The Davidson" and "1896", which is surmounted by a truncated broken pediment on the blocking course. At the top and flanking the end bays are bollard shaped granite pinnacles on half round engaged brick cylinders of unequal length which appear as torches. The bartizan connects as a lower separate bay above the indented corner first floor. It has a bowl shaped granite bottom, pairs of double hung windows surmounted by a granite string course and corbelled brick panneling.

The west facade is less ornamental. Beginning at the northwest corner, the bartizan, corner cut-out and one section of storefront glazing constitute the first bay. Brick pilasters divide this longer facade into narrow vertical bays with small, high segmentally arched windows on the first floor and jack arched double hung windows on the second floor. The first three bays, have a corbelled brick cornice. The fourth bay has a truncated pediment brick ornament. The next bay is wider, consists of two vertical sections, has storefront glazing on the first floor, and is surmounted by a corbelled brick cornice. A final one bay addition of planar brick, with storefront on the first floor and four double hung windows on the second, is surmounted by a corbelled brick cornice.

The interior of The Davidson ground floor is historic in the commercial section of the building, exhibiting the original pressed tin ceiling, wood trim, and storefronts. The offices along Cherry street have been remodeled and do not exhibit historic features. Residences occupying the second floor of the structure are in original condition, exhibiting skylights, double loaded corridor and original trim and cabinetry. The condition of the apartments is fair with some roof leaks and detached plaster ceilings.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1896 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Davidson is one of Anaconda's most outstanding examples of brick masonry and cast iron storefront construction of the late 1800's in the vernacular style of the Mountain West. The building has retained almost all of its original construction details and materials, and has not undergone debilitating interior renovation in its major commercial space. Going beyond the standard vernacular, this building makes a three dimensional gesture at the corner with the bartizan bay window and first floor cut-away corner entry. The structure represents a commercial venture of Thaddeus C. Davidson, an emigrant from Ohio, a ranchman, politician and capitalist.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Butte Standard, July 28, 1916
Anaconda Standard, July 28, 1910

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.16 acres (7000 sq. ft.)

Quadrangle name Anaconda, Montana

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UMT References

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Zone		Easting				Northing										

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 36-1, Block 36, Lot 6 301-303 East Park Street

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert L. Stouffer, Jr. and James R. McDonald

organization James R. McDonald, Architects PC date 25 October, 1982

street & number P.O. Box 8163 telephone 543-3787 area 406

city or town Missoula, state Montana

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Marvella Shaffer

title Deputy SHPO date 11-18-80

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

James R. McDonald 1-19-83
Keeper of the National Register

Affect: date

Chief of Registration