

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 Barich Block

and/or common same

**2. Location**

street & number 416-420 E. Park Street n/a not for publication

city, town Anaconda n/a vicinity of ~~Anaconda-District~~

state Montana code 030 county Deer Lodge Anaconda code 023

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name Fraternal Order of Eagles

street & number 420 E. Park Street

city, town Anaconda n/a vicinity of

state Montana

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anaconda-Deer Lodge Courthouse

street & number 800 S. Main

city, town Anaconda

state Montana

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Anaconda C.B.D. Redevelopment study 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**

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

### **Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Barich Block is a commercial and residential structure on E. Park Street in the central business district of Anaconda, Montana. Although the first floor commercial facade has been considerably altered, the combination brick and granite second floor facade retains its original materials and visual integrity.

The facade is symmetrical above the summer beam and of tri-partite design with a small planar segmental pediment in the blocking course of the central bay. The central bay is subdivided into four sections with the center two sections forming the main feature of the building, a brick segmental arch with granite imposts and a granite keystone with the inscription "1893". The arch is supported in the center by a brick column. Each section of the center bay features a double hung window with fixed transom. Transom bars, lintels, and sills are rock faced ashlar granite.

Flanking bays feature a double hung window flanked by narrow double hung windows with transoms. The windows are surmounted by a segmental brick arch with granite imposts. Transom bars are rock faced ashlar granite. Vertical divisions in the facade are terminated by a bollard shaped granite pinnacle atop the granite coping.

The entrances to the Barich Block appear to be in the original locations, although the material is now anodized aluminum stick construction.

The concrete masonry unit garage of recent construction is an addition at the rear of the Barich Block.

The interior of the ground floor has been significantly altered through remodeling by a succession of commercial retail tenants. The second floor retains its integrity in plan and detail including original wood trim, cabinetry, and doors. Some new gypsum board ceilings and closets exist.

## **8. Significance**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b>							
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)				

**Specific dates** 1893      **Builder/Architect** unknown

### **Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Barich Block, originally a saloon on the ground floor with apartments on the second floor, is one of the finer examples of Anaconda's early vernacular commercial brick buildings. It is a concrete expression of the desire of early Anaconda to be a legitimate western-urban entity. The fanciful combination of imported brick and local granite, the careful detailing of the principal facade, and the use of granite in pinnacle ornamentation is unique to this structure, although it fits a pattern of care and material use in Montana.

Anaconda was founded in 1883 as the site for Marcus Daly's new smelterworks. During the later 1880's and 1890's, the city expanded rapidly as immigrants flooded the town to work in the smelter. George Barich, the original owner of the Barich Block, served for a time as an agent for the North German Lloyd Steamship Company. Immigrants coming directly from their native land might be consigned to Barich's care upon arriving in Anaconda. Barich operated a saloon and "general" business in this building until 1910 when he retired to pursue his various mining interests. The Barich Block remains a fine example of the kind of commercial construction erected during the period of early growth and prosperity in the city of Anaconda.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Anaconda Standard October 7, 1933  
Sanborn Fire Insurance Map 1890, 1891, 1894  
Anaconda City Directory 1894

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.16 (7,000 sq. ft.)

Quadrangle name Anaconda, Montana

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 28-6, Block 28, Lots 21 and 22  
416-420 E. Park, Anaconda, MT

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

state	n/a	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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

organization James R. McDonald Architects P.C. date 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 Marcelle Shafey

title Deputy SHPO date 11-18-82

For NPS use only

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

*James M. Coddard*  
for James M. Coddard  
Keeper of the National Register

1-19-83

Attest:

date

*Chief of Registration*

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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## 1. Name of Property

historic name: Barich, George Block (Amendment)

other name/site number: None

## 2. Location

street & number: 416-420 East Park Avenue

not for publication: n/a

vicinity: n/a

city/town: Anaconda

state: Montana code: MT

county: Deer Lodge

code: 023

zip code: 59711

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

  
Signature of certifying official/Title

3-24-98  
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:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

entered in the National Register  
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determined eligible for the  
National Register

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determined not eligible for the  
National Register

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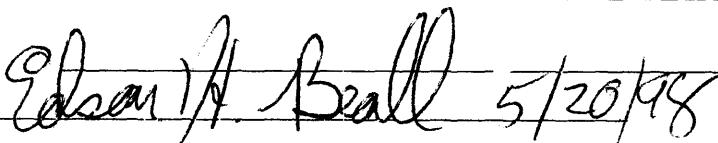
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other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Documentation Accepted

  
Edson A. Beall 5/20/98

## **8. Statement of Significance**

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C	Areas of Significance: Development of Commerce, Community Development, Architecture
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n / a	Period(s) of Significance: 1892, 1893
Significant Person(s): n/a	Significant Dates: 1892-1893
Cultural Affiliation: n/a	Architect/Builder: Dwyer, Daniel & Cosgrove, John

### **Narrative Statement of Significance**

The George Barich Block, located at 416-420 East Park Avenue in Anaconda, Montana is one of the most substantial brick commercial blocks Anaconda's Commercial Historic District. The building was one of the first large brick commercial blocks constructed on the east end of the downtown area and it displays one of the finer examples of Anaconda's early vernacular brick commercial buildings. The building qualifies for listing under Criterion A for its associations with the development of Anaconda's early downtown and for its associations with commerce. It is also eligible under Criterion C for its expressive architecture with Romanesque affinities.

### **Background History**

Anaconda, Montana was founded in 1883 by Marcus Daly, an Irish immigrant and entrepreneur who had selected this site in the Warm Springs Creek Drainage to construct one of the world's largest copper smelting and reduction works. By late summer, 1883, nearly 1200 men had composed a tented community, complete with saloons, restaurants and boardinghouses.

The original Upper Works, as the first smelting complex was known, was located northeast of Anaconda's Original Townsite, and it became one of the most profitable mining-related sites in the world. Together with the mines in Butte, the Anaconda smelter was one of the top copper producers in the world for over thirty years.

The 1890s were especially a time of growth and expansion for Anaconda and the Anaconda Company. Not only was a new complex constructed west of the Upper Works, but the town also experienced its largest all-time period of growth, with the population expanding from nearly 4,000 in 1890 to almost 8,000 in 1895. Coinciding with this population increase was a construction boom in the commercial district and the residential neighborhoods of Anaconda.

A number of large brick commercial blocks, both one and two stories in height were constructed for entrepreneurs and proprietors in Anaconda's commercial downtown. Early businessmen built large business houses to attract the large number of bachelors who came to town to work at the smelter. By 1887 and 1888, the 100 and 200 Blocks of Main Street, in addition to the 100 and 200 Blocks of East Commercial and East Park Street began to be developed and most were composed of brick. The 1890s were the most active building years in the district and the numbers of brick blocks constructed directly corresponded to the success and expansion of the Anaconda Company smelter.

Austrian immigrant **George Barich** was one of the many Anaconda businessmen who capitalized on the success of Marcus Daly's smelter. Barich, who had immigrated to the United States as a young man, arrived in Butte in the early 1880s, where he operated a saloon and boardinghouse for a few years. When Anaconda was founded in 1883, Barich was one of its pioneer businessmen, opening a food and clothing store in a frame building on East Park Avenue, which he operated before he had the Barich Block constructed as a saloon and general businesshouse in 1892.

Barich was a leader in the Anaconda community. Not only did he operate one of the most successful saloons in Anaconda during the historic 1890s, but he also served in civic capacities. He was one of the founding members of St. Peter's Austrian Roman Catholic Church in 1897 and became the first president of the St. Peter & Paul Lodge, a branch of the Slavic Fraternal Union in 1887. He also served as an agent for the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, helping the arriving Austrian immigrants find work and a place to live when they arrived in Anaconda. Mr. Barich retired from the saloon business in 1910.

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The first story of the Barich Block was built in late 1892 by Daniel Dwyer and John Cosgrove. Dwyer and Cosgrove built a second story for the building for \$4,000.00 in 1893. The second story offered fourteen large office rooms, while the first floor housed Barich's saloon and the C.S. Brandon Drug store.

**John Cosgrove**, an expert mason and builder in Anaconda, was a well-respected colleague of Marcus Daly, whom Cosgrove had met while working the Comstock Lode in Nevada during the 1860s. Cosgrove originally plied his trade constructing the pump shafts and processing plants in the mining fields of Nevada, and later, Butte. He came to Anaconda in 1883 and was credited with constructing the foundations for the original Upper Works on the north side of the Warm Springs Valley. He joined forces with mason and contractor Dan Dwyer during the late 1880s, and the two constructed a number of the original brick business houses, including the Barich Block, in the commercial downtown. Cosgrove individually worked on the St. Jean Block and its annex at 210 and 212 East Park. He and Dwyer built a residence at 313 West Third and the Union Block at 116 Main, which has been demolished. In addition Cosgrove and Dwyer constructed a number of buildings and mining complexes in other western cities. He remained in Anaconda until approximately 1905. John Cosgrove died in Nevada in 1906.<sup>1</sup>

Anaconda contractor and brick mason **Daniel Dwyer** was born in Castletown, Berehaven, County Cork, Ireland in 1850. He immigrated to the United States in 1873, first locating in Michigan, where he was employed by the Calumet-Hecla Mining Company as a brick mason foreman. He moved to Butte in 1878 and came to Anaconda in approximately 1886 to help the Anaconda Company construct the New Lower Works northeast of Anaconda. At the Lower Works, he specifically designed and constructed the large smoke stack. He also constructed several of the brick business blocks in Anaconda's downtown either by himself or with the help of his partner John Cosgrove. Such buildings include the Dwyer Block at 114 Main, now demolished, and the Petritz Block at 115 Main. He also built a street railway barn for the city at 807 East Commercial Avenue. Dwyer was elected a trustee of the Anaconda School Board in 1890 and as the third mayor of the City of Anaconda in 1893; he served one term as mayor. His services were advertised well into the 1920s. He died in 1943.<sup>2</sup>

The Barich Block is one of the most impressive buildings on East Park Avenue. Noteworthy as one of the first large commercial buildings constructed on the east end of the downtown area, for its associations with the development of commerce, and for its architectural integrity, the building accurately represents early-day downtown Anaconda.

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<sup>1</sup> "Tribute to a Man". *Butte InterMountain*. 12/12/06, 6:4.

<sup>2</sup> Miller. 357.

"Dan Dwyer Claimed by Death Here". *Anaconda Standard*. 5/21/43. 1:7.

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