

MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

Site # 123



Legal Description: P&D Blk 41 Lts E 10' of 10,11&12 on RRRW

Address: 220 E Main

Ownership: name: Central Feed Co

private public address: 220 E Main Lewistown, MT 59457

Roll # 10 Frame # 15

Historic Name: Lewistown Merchartile Co.

Common Name: Central Feed

Date of Construction: 1916 estimated documented

Architect: Wasmansdorff & Eastman

Builder: not known

Original Owner: G.N. Railroad

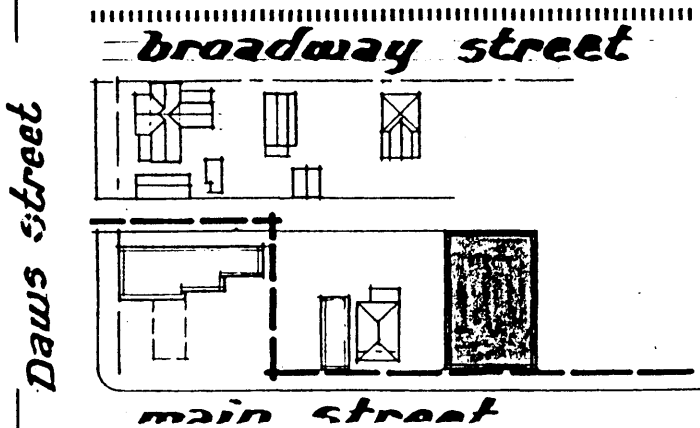
Original Use: Wholesale Grocery

Present Use: Feed Mill

Research Sources:

- abstract of title city directories
- plat records/maps sewer/water permits
- tax cards obituaries
- building permit biographies
- Sanborn maps — dates: 1916-1922 1929

Bibliography: Democrat News 10/21/15, 11/8/15
12/17/16 Appraisal Card



Location map or building plan with arrow north.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Describe present appearance of structure/site, then contrast and compare that with it's original appearance, noting additions, alterations, and changes in materials. Discuss significant architectural features.

A massive two story common bond brick commercial structure with a symmetrically designed facade featuring slightly projecting corner pilasters, a "shouldered" low slope triangular pediment centered on the street elevation, and a formal entry with flanking pilasters and small scale pediment in relief above. The brick sidewalls are subdivided into modular bays by brick pilasters capped with a corbeled parapet above. The street elevation has precast concrete coping and numerous precast accents in a diamond pattern in the parapet area. A brick string course and "panel" decorate the wall below the parapet. Precast concrete accents also decorate the architrave and pediment around the entryway. Second floor windows are grouped in a 2-3-2 fenestration and are "framed" by corbelled brick. The windows are double hung 1/1 units. A patterned brick skintling occurs at the top of the pilasters below the concrete/stone capitals. A brick belt course of 1-1/2 soldiers under 1 rowlock extends from pilaster to pilaster above first floor windows. First floor display windows are large pane glazing in dark metal frames with a "crossbuck over square" pattern in the small divided lites of the transom above. The back of the building is brick; the substructure is concrete.

This building qualifies for register listing under Criteria C. It is typical of commercial/industrial brick architecture in Lewistown and makes a positive statement on the east end of Main Street.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Justify how the persons, important events, and/or historical patterns associated with the structure/site and surrounding area lend the property significance.

The Central Feed Co. building is significant because it illustrates development of the community during the period when Lewistown was the thriving metropolis for a rapidly growing agriculture population.

The General Brokerage Co. of Grand Rapids, North Dakota, selected the local architectural firm of Wasmansdorff and Eastman to design the Lewistown Mercantile Co. building. The Democrat News (Dec. 17, 1916) reported that the "building adds very much to the general attractiveness of the section of which the Milwaukee depot is the center and indicates what the wholesalers think of Lewistown as a jobbing and distribution center."

Built of the dark, impervious brick produced locally by the Lewistown Brick and Tile Co., the building is a good example, in design and materials, of the architecture of the period.

INTEGRITY: Assess the degree to which the structure/site, and surrounding area accurately convey the historical associations of the property.

Original construction except for first floor windows. The building occupies its original site and exhibits brick methodology of the period of its construction.

INFORMATION VALUE: Explain how the extant structure/site may demonstrate or yield information about its historic use or construction.

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GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Acreage: Less Than One Acre

USGS Quad: Lewistown S15 T15N R18E MPM

UTM's: _____