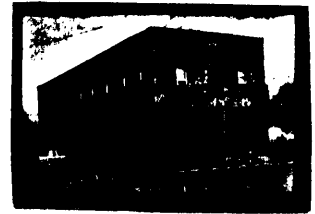


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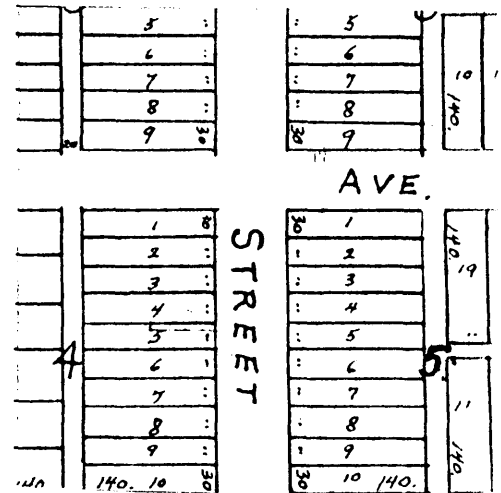
MONTANA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY



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Legal Description: Original Plat Block 5 Lot 1 2 3 4
Address: Main Street, Joliet, Montana
Ownership: Name: Owen D. Faust
Address: Joliet, Montana

Historic Name: Southern Hotel
Common Name: Southern Hotel
Date of Construction: 1906
Architect: unknown
Builder: Wenzel and Marshal of Bear Creek
Original Owner: Luther S. Smith
Original Use: hotel
Present Use: apartments
Research Sources:
Abstract of Title: Carbon County Courthouse
Plat Records: Original Plat, 1968 plat map
Tax Records: not applicable
Building Permits: unavailable
Sewer/Water Permits: unavailable
City Directories: 1905-1922
Sanborn Maps: 1907, 1912, 1927
Newspapers: Joliet Journal,
Republican Picket,
Other: 1910 Census, Joliet Pioneer



HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is significant as playing a central role in the commercial development of Joliet. The hotel provided a temporary residence for new settlers to the area and for the "increasing transient patronage" passing through Joliet during the early 20th century. This building reflects the initial commercial development of Joliet between 1903 and 1907, the period which Joliet established itself as the trading center for the surrounding agricultural community. Similiar to other small town hotels, the Southern also served as a social center.

It contributes to the architectural appearance of the Main Street streetscape where two of the original four brick buildings are extant. The building was constructed of local materials and by local contractors and represents a vernacular commercial brick style. The building possesses excellent integrity of design, scale and fabric and retains excellent historic integrity, representing the early physical development in Joliet of permanent, substantial commercial buildings.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION:

In November, 1904, a Joliet Journal editorial commented that "Joliet needs a hotel... the little one we have is all right...but is entirely too small to house increasing transient patronage." Mrs. Jane Young had purchased the property between 1901 and 1903 from the Joliet Townsite and Improvement Company and had ran a hotel at the corner of Main and Central. In October, 1905, she sold the lots to Luther S. Smith from

Absarokee for \$2,500. Smith, after building a barn for his prize racehorse 'Bill Nevitt', began, by April, 1906, to excavate the basement for a new hotel. In May, the Joliet Journal reported that "the stone masons had about completed the foundation and the basement walls of L.S. Smith's big new hotel building, erected by Wengel and Marshal of Bear Creek. In June, the newspaper reported that Smith had decided to erect a brick structure instead of a frame building, using "excellent quality brick from the recent kiln" of Tom Collins of Joliet. In September, 1906, Smith christened his new hotel "The Southern" and hoped to open to the public by October. P.C. Miller, a local painter did the interior "finishing touches.

Later that year, Smith added a "good, wide porch" and in 1907 added a "substantial sidewall and approach" to the front of the hotel. Smith owned the hotel until 1945.

No changes to the Southern Hotel appear on the Sanborn maps until 1927 when the concrete garage addition to the east and a wood frame open porch to the south had been added. The Southern is easily identified on the pre-1910 photographic overviews of Joliet.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This two story common bond brick building is one of the most substantial commercial buildings in the town of Joliet. It has a rusticated irregular sandstone ashlar foundation. The structure is perpendicular to Main Street and the long axis parallels Central Avenue. This flat roof building has a decorated brick cornice, with corbelling and recessed paneling on the walls and recessed panels facing the streets. A centered concrete embossed panel marked 19SMITH06 distinguishes the facade. The facade is symmetrical with a centered door approached by a newer concrete stoop. The present porch is of redwood posts, with a flat hipped roof with wood shingles and a heavy wood open rail at the roof. There is a centered door at the 2nd floor which provides access to the porch roof and the door is flanked by tall 1/1 doublehung windows.

The doors and windows on the facade have rusticated sandstone sills and lintels. The fenestration on the sidewalls is symmetrical with 1/1 doublehung windows. On the first and second floor the windows have segmental arches with a rusticated sandstone sill, presenting a row of 10 windows.

There is a concrete 1 story stuccoed addition extending across the end wall, used as the garage.

INTEGRITY:

This building has excellent integrity and has retained its' original appearance on both the front and side elevations. The redwood porch is somewhat intrusive but a local informant stated that efforts were made to built the newer porch similiar to the original.

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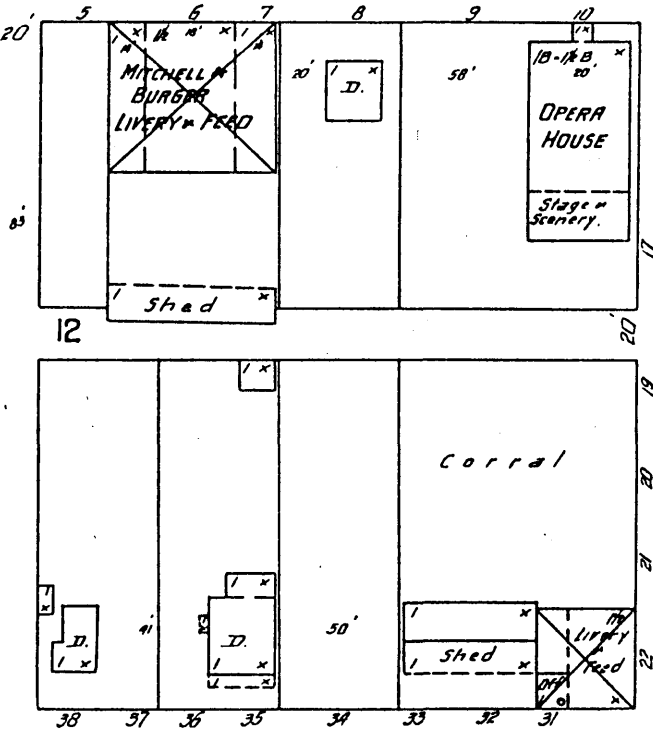
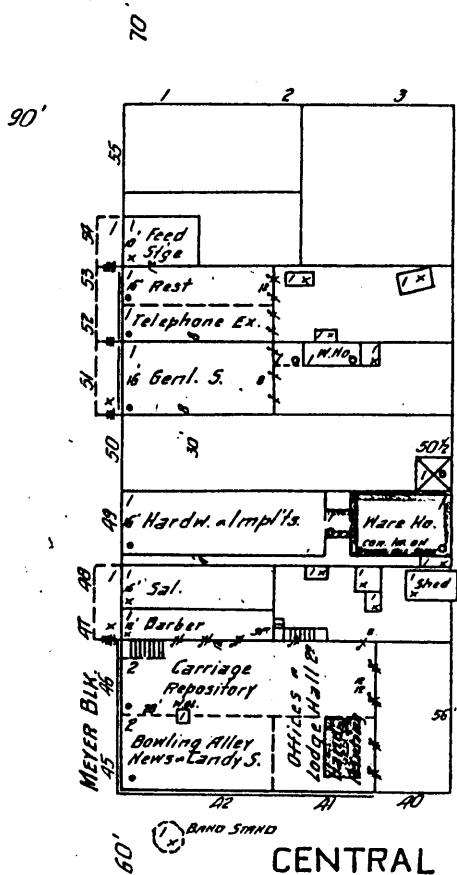
GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Acreage: less than one acre
USGS Quad: Fromberg, Montana/7.5 minute/1956
UTM's: 12/658700/5038580

Verbal Boundary: lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 of block 5 of the Original Townsite of Joliet.

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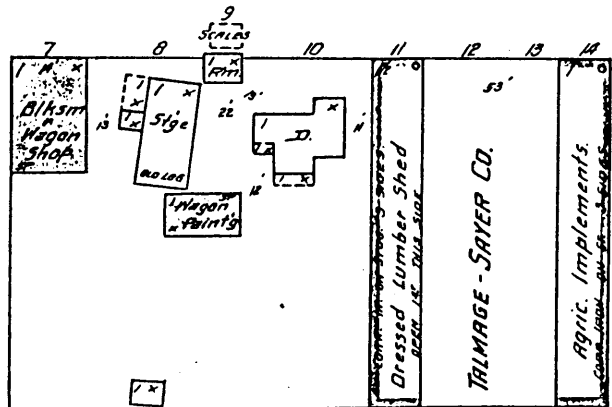
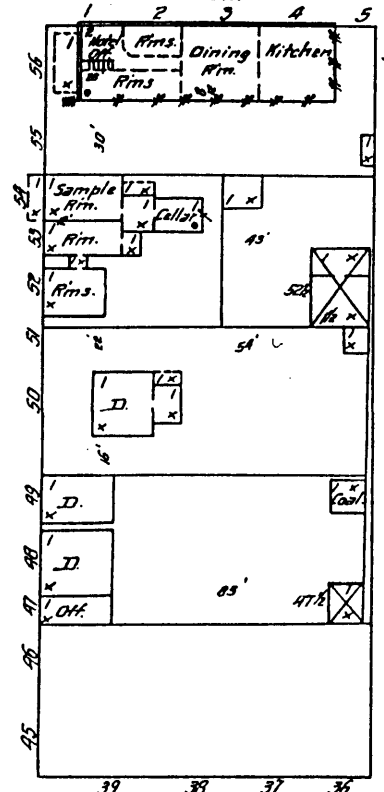


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