

Legal Description Site:
Address
Current Owner
Private Current Owner Address

NAD 83 NAD 27

Zone: Easting: Northing:

Moved? Estimated Documented

Date of Move:

Quad Name:

Historic Name

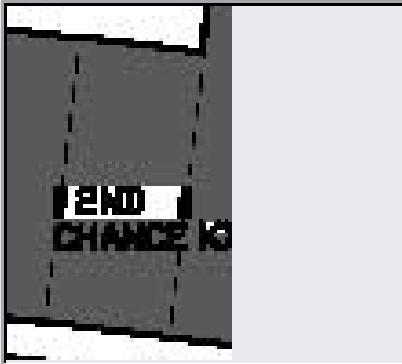
Common Name

Date of Construction Estimated

Documented

Building Changes

Footprint:



Architect

Builder

Original Owner

Original Use

Present Use

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Roof:

Other Materials:

Bibliography

Physical Description

Historical Significance

The 1910 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicate that 309 First Street was a restaurant and 311 First Street was a barber shop. The 1909-10 Polk Directories show apartments upstairs, and the 311 address as the Grill Café with Charles Hansen and Smithson as proprietors. The Grill was a favorite place for the colorful Long George Francis, purported livestock rustler, who it was said refused any change in pennies.

George Shibata was the proprietor of the Grill in the late 1910s. He purchased the last of the pre-prohibition relics of Havre, the bar of the Mint Saloon, for use as a lunch counter. The 40-foot long bar was made of mahogany, and constructed and installed at a cost of \$10,000 in the 1890s. The bar had refrigeration the whole length with two leaded glass compartments at either end, and a French mirror between. The Mint Saloon was considered the most elaborate and expensively outfitted bar in Northern Montana before prohibition. The Grill offered "private boxes for the ladies" and stated "the door was never locked." The business remained at this location until the 1920s.

From the 1920s through the 1930s the building was occupied chronologically by the restaurant, Havre Natural Gas Company, Bastic Brothers Barber Shop, and Hill County Journal (HCJ), the weekend paper of the Havre Daily News. From 1930s until it was sold in 1949, 311 First Street was the location of "Hot Tamale Jim's" final Havre restaurant, the Silver Grill Café. Tamale Jim, or Jim Shawlee, was originally from Afghanistan and famous for tamales that he originally sold on the street from a wooden basket.

Bastic Brothers Barber Shop remained in the building for over ten years at 311 1/2. The same address was also shared by the HCJ, later known as the Hill County Bulletin, and the Bulletin Printing Company. Other occupants of the building into the 1950s included Allen Eddie, shoeshiner, the Fountain Grill, Joy's Beauty and Barber Shop, Dido's Fountain and Grill, and Gy-Ro-Later Reducing Salon.

Integrity The building retains most of its integrity in the second story level. Brick details and openings are intact here. The first story has experienced remodeling, however, it appears to be reversible. The ghost sign at the rear of the building has excellent integrity.

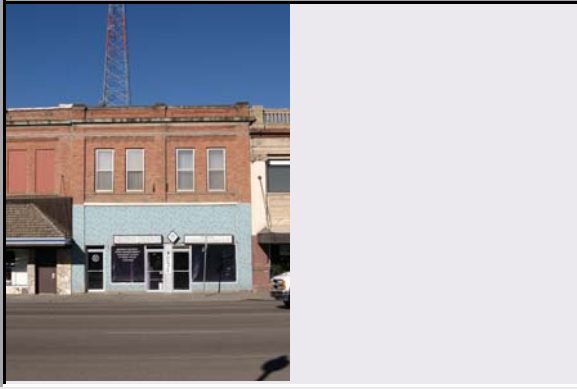
Statement of Significance The Second Chance building has significance historically because of its association with Burke and Shawlee. The building remained in use as a café and a barber/beauty salon for over 40 years. It has significance architecturally as an example of downtown construction with the sandwiched building dimensions and proximity to adjacent buildings. The intact ghost sign reminds one of the past history of the site.

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Preparer Address

Date Entered

Picture:



Topo Map

