

Legal Description  Site:

Address

Current Owner

Private  Current Owner Address

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Zone:  Easting:  Northing:

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Date of Move:

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Historic Name

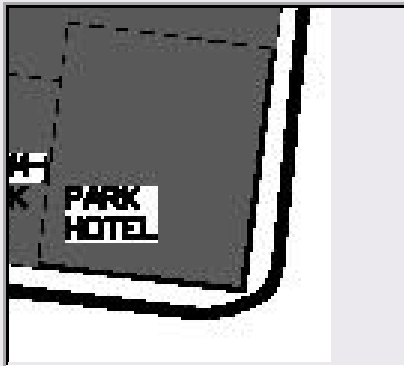
Common Name

Date of Construction  Estimated

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Building Changes

Footprint:



Architect

Builder

Original Owner

Original Use

Present Use

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Roof:

Other Materials:

Bibliography

Physical Description

North of this façade is the portion of the Park Hotel which appears to be mostly original. The basement level has masonry banding and eight, glass block windows with added vents or air conditioners. The entrance is centered at this façade with a glass block vestibule on masonry foundation with a one-light door. A wood canopy with brown and tan scalloped trim and a tin sign with "265-4589 Salon Beneath the Street" is located above the entrance. Windows at the first story are replacements; the second story windows are casement windows, with some original twelve-light double-hungs. Window surrounds are voussiors. The entablature near the roofline has a stepped denticulation. The rear of the building faces Main Street and has much of the same detail as the façade facing Fourth Avenue. Two windows are brick infilled here, and there are two doors; one is a solid wood core and the other has one light.

Historical Significance

It was called the "Park" because it faced the railroad park of grass, trees, and flowers. During Prohibition, the roof of the hotel was used by

Border Patrol Customs agents looking for liquor smugglers coming across the viaduct. In April of 1948, the hotel was purchased by John C. Hary and Tom Troy. Hary's family owned one of the area's major coal mines and farm three miles north of town. Troy had an insurance business and was a Havre public school administrator.

In 1910, the Jestrab Building was erected back-to-back with the hotel facing First Street. Frank and Philip Jestrab specialized in hardware and farm implements and the upstairs at 333 1/3 were used as the Jestrab Apartments. They also owned some of the largest wheat farms in Hill County according to the Havre Daily News' Progress Edition of 1937. The partnership dissolved at some point leaving Philip in control of one of the largest stores of its type from 1910 to 1934. By 1954, the Jestrab hardware store became the Patterson's and Company men's and women's clothing store. The Patterson's moved their store in the late 1950s to 125 Third Avenue and Brown's Hardware assumed Patterson's location. The upstairs apartments were renamed the "Park Hotel Apartments". Brown vacated the building which was vacant until about 1969. At that time, it became part of the Park Hotel with the Iron Horse Pancake House owned by Charles Newbauer.

Integrity The building has excellent integrity in the north portion at 305. It retains original brick work, openings, and some historic windows and doors. The south portion has had veneer and modifications reflecting the 1960s, a time period which will soon be considered historic.

Statement of Significance The building has significance for its association with a prominent sheep ranching family that entered into the hotel business and the building's location in proximity to the railroad. It served much of the early day railroad traffic and influx of homesteaders to the area. The sale of hardware and farm implements solidified the building's importance to the early homesteaders who cultivated thousands of acres. It is architecturally significant as it dominates the constructed landscape here as a reflection of historic hotel construction and efforts to modernize in the 1960s.

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