Legal Description	SCT: 08 T:32 N R: 16 E	LOT 019 BLK: 009; LOTS 19 & 20 Original Townsite	Site: 24HL1310
Address	120 (124-130) Fourth Avenue (323-325 Second St)		
Current Owner	Gary G & June A Myskewitz		
Private	✓ Current Owner Addres	PO Box 775, Havre, MT 59501-0075	
NAD 83  ✓ N	IAD 27	Historic Name The Clack Building	
Zone: ## Easting:	597682 Northing: 5378357	Common Name The Clack Building (Quality Appliance)	
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Date of Move:	<u> </u>	Documented	d 🗹
Quad Name:		Building Changes 1970 remodel	
Footprint:		Architect	
		Builder	
QUALITY APPLIANCES		Original Owner H. Earl Clack	
		Original Use retail, offices, rooms	
		Present Use retail	
		Foundation: Brick	
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1		Exterior Walls: Brick	
		Roof: Composite	
1		Other Materials: Glass Curtain Wall	
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	k Directories and Sanborn Fire vre Daily News, various years.;	<u>Insurance Maps,</u> The Plaindealer, various years.; The Promoter, various years.; Th	ne Havre Daily Promoter, various years.
Physical The	e Clack Building (Quality Applia	nce) faces both Second Street to the south and Fourth Avenue to	the east, but the primary facade is the
Description soul envented the approximation of the	orth-facing elevation which house velope has been painted white a rances have been replaced with full width of the south façade which in a running bond pattern vaced across the width of the south faced across the width of the south of the	ed the primary retail tenant space and windows to residential living and canvas awnings are applied over entrances to provide definition a continuous glazed band of windows with two recessed entrancith a painted metal band continuing above the awning approxima with a three-course stepped band placed at the sill level of the upport that façade in a 1:2:1:2:1 pattern of single and paired units. All wire adorned with a band of dentil molding below a stepped masonry be are set well down from the actual top of wall. The north elevation wooden fire escape supported by ornamental metal brackets.	g on the upper level. The entire masonry ion. The original south-facing storefront ces. A continuous green canopy stretches tely eight inches. The painted masonry is per story windows. The windows are indows are double-hung units with fifteentand with an applied angular stone or on faces the alley and has glass block
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Constructed in 1913 by H. Earl Clack, the Clack Building was originally a 60 by 140 feet three-story building that was partially destroyed by a fire on February 10, 1927. That same year, the building was reconstructed to two stories of white fire brick and extended to the alley at a cost of approximately \$60,000. The Clack Building housed several of his businesses including a hardware, implement, paint and auto parts department in the front. The seed and feed department was located mid section and the offices and fire proof vault of the H. Earl Clack Company were located in the rear. The second floor had fourteen apartments with gas heat, electricity, baths, restrooms, disappearing beds, and built-in furniture.

Clack came to Montana from Fort Worth, Texas in 1899 to start a transfer business with only two horses and a wagon. His business quickly expanded to include feed and hay. Clack built the first grain elevator in northern Montana in 1913 which would soon grow into a chain of elevators that handled over two million bushels of grain a year. That same year, he formed the H. Earl Clack Company with capital of \$50,000 and the Clack Building was constructed with Clack as construction supervisor.

In 1918, he entered the petroleum industry which he devoted most of his time to during the dry years. He opened the first station in Havre and the first outside station at Kalispell in 1919. Clack also had a wholesale plant in Great Falls that produced his own brand of oil, Heccolene, and gasoline called Hi-Power. He also ran the only plant in the state that manufactured cup and axle grease at a capacity of two tons a day. His oil and distribution firm operated in four states and had about 200 petroleum outlets that earned \$2,000,000 annually with 101 employees.

He was president of the company until Husky Oil Co. of Cody Wyoming acquired it in 1954. Clack died shortly thereafter in 1955.

Integrity

The building has a high degree of integrity despite window and entrance modifications. It retains original fabric, brick detail, and openings and much of the modification is reversible.

Statement of Significance

This building is architecturally significant as a good representative of a retail, office, rooming building constructed pre World War I in fire proof materials. It dominates the corner as an anchor on Second Street and Fourth Avenue. It is historically significant because of its association with one of Havre's most influential businessman, Earl Clack, who was instrumental in expanding the grain and oil industries on the Hi-line.

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