Legal Description	CT: 05 T:32 N R: 16 E LC	OT:006 BLK: 004 O	riginal Townsite		Site:	24HL1298
Address	319 First St					
Current Owner	Wayne Romain, Mail to: Independence Bank					
Private	Current Owner Addres	s PO Box 2090, I	Havre, MT 59501-2090			
□ NAD 83 ✓ NA	AD 27	Historic Name	Wright Block (building)			
Zone: ## Easting:	597653 Northing: 5378474	Common Name	Shamrock Bar			
■ Moved? ✓ Est	imated Documented	Date of Construction	on 1911	Estimated	✓	
Date of Move:				Documented		
Quad Name:		Building Changes	storefront-1995			
Footprint:		Architect				
		Builder				
		Original Owner J A	Wright			
		Original Use				
		Present Use				
		Foundation:	Stone			
SHAM- HA		Exterior Walls:	Brick, Plywood			
BAR CT		Roof:	Composite			
		Other Materials:	Terra Cotta decora			
Havr Grits Polk Havr	e Hill County Library: , Guts, and Gusto. A History of Directories and Sanborn Fire I	of Hill County. Insurance Maps,	er Permits, Public Works, Havrious years.; The Promoter, var		e Havre	Daily Promoter, various years.
Description is fac curre at ea	ced with ceramic white stretche ently only one main entrance in ach end of the façade, and a lit	er brick. The first floot to the building, a rec sign is centered ove	or has been modified with an in cessed, aluminum-frame mode er the storefront. Though the w	nfilled storefron rn unit, on the vindows have b	t and s west sid een rep	(south elevation) is unique in that it tucco finish to the exterior. There is de. Colonial-style lights are located blaced, the original good two lights.

pattern is apparent at the second story. Where there were two sets of thee double-hung windows, there are now aluminum-framed two-light hoppers. There is a row of transom windows above these windows that have been infilled. The cornice is cast in terra cotta with an exaggerated large dentil detail that is supported by ornate console at each end. There is also a row of egg & dart detail work below the dentil. The window sills are cast terra cotta blocks. There is a block addition at the rear (north elevation) and windows at the second story

Historical Significance The Fenton 1915-1916 Directory indicate this was the Wright Block with offices on the second floor and retail with a large sign "Sweitzers" at the first floor. A sign "DENTISTS WRIGHT AND RYAN DENTISTS" was located above the second story windows. J.A. Wright came to Montana in 1900 and practiced dentistry in Havre until 1949. He was also a real estate developer and had this building constructed for his practice maintaining his office even though he sold the building years before his death. Wright was also mayor of Havre from 1941 to 1947, president of the Havre Townsite Company, and member of many fraternal organizations. Dr. John Ryan worked for Wright as an assistant in 1909. Under Wright's encouragement, Ryan attended college and received his dentistry degree, returning to Havre to partner with Wright. He left the practice because of World War I.

E.C Carruth, local real estate and insurance agent and founder of Kremlin in 1909, and Leon Coguette had offices in the Wright Block and advertised their business in the 1915 to 1916 Fenton Directory as land attorneys, offering real estate and insurance.

The 1929 to 1930 Polk Directory indicates the upstairs rooms were managed by Irene Gunn and called the Brown Hotel. Drs. MacKenzie and Wrights had their offices at 317 1/2 as did Martin Guenser and Jess Angstman, lawyer. Angstman came to Montana in 1912 and worked at Harlem for the Harlem News. He was hired in 1913 as U.S. Commissioner to help homesteaders file on their claims. He also made a homestead claim and later expanded his holdings. He set up his practice in Havre; the Wright Block was the location of his first office. He later became city attorney, and a representative and senator to the Montana legislature.

The building is noted in Grits, Guts, and Gusto as one of the first locations for the predecessors of the local paper. The Polk Directories indicate the weekly and daily Promoter were located here which consolidated in 1925 to become the Havre Daily News (HDN). The Hill County Publishing Company of the HDN is noted in the directories in the 1920s and 1950s.

Integrity

Due to the uniqueness of the ceramic white brick and terra cotta, this building is significant to the historical district. The detail is ornate and intact. Though modifications have occurred at the storefront, and the windows replaced, the building retains sufficient integrity to convey its architectural and historic associations.

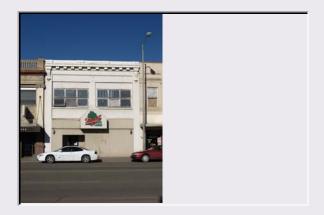
Statement of

This building has historic significance because of its association with J.A. Wright, an early dentist in Havre. Architecturally, the building has significance as one of a few buildings in Havre exhibiting details in terra cotta.

or Significance

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Preparer Address	
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