Legal Description SCT: 05 T: 32 N R: 16 E L	OT: 008 BLK: 004; S/2 of LOT 8 Original Townsite Site: 24HL1296
Address 309, 311, 313 First Street	
Current Owner BNSF Railway Company	
Private	2500 Lou Menk Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76131-2828
☐ NAD 83 🗹 NAD 27	Historic Name Burke Building
Zone: ## Easting: 597636 Northing: 5378479	Common Name Second Chance
Moved? ☐ Estimated ✓ Documented	Date of Construction 1904 Estimated
Date of Move:	Documented 🗹
Quad Name:	Building Changes remodels- no date
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Footprint:	Architect
END CHANCE KO	Builder Jos. Wagner
	Original Owner E.F. Burke
	Original Use restaurant, rooms
	Present Use retail
	Foundation: Stone
	Exterior Walls: Brick, Tile
1	Roof: Composite
	Other Materials:
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Bibliography Tax Records, Hill County Courthous Havre Hill County Library:	se; Sewer and Water Permits, Public Works, Havre
Grits, Guts, and Gusto. A History o	f Hill County.

Physical Description Constructed in 1904, the Burke Building, now known as Second Chance, faces south onto First Street. This two-story brick building's first-story façade has been veneered in ceramic tile, and aluminum storefront windows have been added. There are three glass door entrances with transoms; one to the west accesses the upstairs apartments. Two other entrances are flanked by one-light windows. At the second story, the original fenestration pattern remains. There are two bays separated by brick pilasters, and within each are two, wood-frame, one-over-one double hung windows with stone sills and brick corbelling above. Above the window bays is a cast cornice that directly aligns and is similar in style and proportion to that one the building adjacent to the west. Above this thin course are short recessed brick panels the same width of the window bays. Another continuous course of decorative cornice highlights the base of the short parapet wall, which in turn is capped with decorative pressed metal. The back alley north elevation of the building has a ghost sign reading 'GRILL CAFÉ'.

Havre Daily News, various years.; The Plaindealer, various years.; The Promoter, various years.; The Havre Daily Promoter, various years.

Historical Significance This lot was purchased by E. Burke in 1898 from August Krah. According to a Havre Plaindealer article in June of 1904, Edward (E.F.) Burke planned to construct this building within ten days at a cost of \$7,500. Burke was from Ontario and later worked at various railroad positions until he came to Montana in 1887 with the Great Northern Railway. In the 1900s, he was a passenger engineer on the division between Glasgow and Havre. Burke was elected mayor in 1908, but only finished part of his term, and was also one of the first directors for the Havre National Bank.

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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