

Legal Description Site:

Address

Current Owner

Private Current Owner Address

NAD 83 NAD 27

Historic Name

Zone: Easting: Northing:

Common Name

Moved? Estimated Documented

Date of Construction Estimated

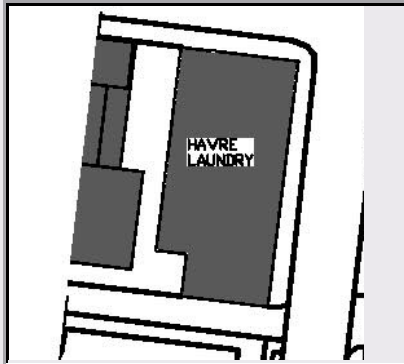
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Date of Move:

Building Changes

Quad Name:

Footprint:



Architect

Builder

Original Owner

Original Use

Present Use

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Roof:

Other Materials:

Bibliography

Physical Description

Historical Significance
In 1916, the laundry plant was enlarged to 140 by 50 feet. In 1923, the dry cleaning plant was housed in a newly built, two-story 24 by 50 foot building west of the main building. In 1931, Walter MacKenzie became the sole owner when the original corporation was dissolved. It was at that time that the name was changed to Havre Laundry and Cleaners. A March 26, 1937 Havre Daily News article reported that washing wool"/>

blankets, drying lace curtains, and hat blocking were all specialties of the laundry.

In 1946, Jim Sleater purchased the business and reincorporated six years later as Havre Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co. In 1953, a linen supply was added and called Northern Montana Linen Supply. Around 1976, the Brenna family took over the business.

Note: The business suffered fires in 1926, 1936, and 1974.

This building is the only one in the survey area that is located within the Meili Almas Addition. H.J. Meili was a native of Switzerland who came to Montana in 1888 as the chief clerk for Great Northern Railway in Great Falls. He was transferred to Havre in 1894 and remained in the service of the railway until he was elected to public office. He held the post as justice of the peace and police magistrate, was one of the first United States commissioners, and later became county deputy assessor and undersheriff. During this time, he ventured into real estate development and insurance sales. J.S. Almas was Havre's first doctor practicing for over 43 years.

Integrity This building retains a high degree of integrity with little modification to the exterior. Windows are mostly from the historic period and additions and associated building were constructed within the historic period as well.

Statement of Significance The Havre Laundry and Dry Cleaning building is significant historically and architecturally. It is one of Havre's oldest businesses that has continued in the same location for over one hundred years. It is interesting that the original building was constructed of wood frame the same year that the Fire of 1904 wiped out most of the downtown business district. The building is unique in style as the only type in Havre constructed in the southwestern Mission style of scalloped parapet and stucco.

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