

Legal Description  Site:

Address

Current Owner

Private  Current Owner Address

NAD 83  NAD 27

Zone:  Easting:  Northing:

Moved?  Estimated  Documented

Date of Move:

Quad Name:

Historic Name

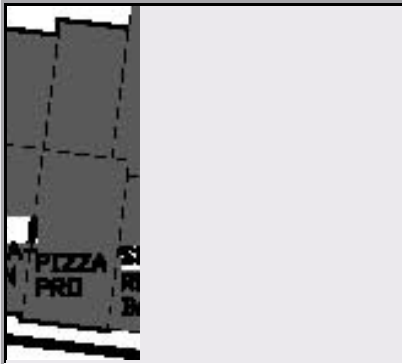
Common Name

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

Historical Significance

This building was designed by Marion B. Riffo and built for the doctors in 1913. The Havre Plaindealer stated in an April 12th article "the architects drawings show a strikingly handsome structure of unique design, and the building will be (a) distinct architectural addition to Havre". An article two months later claimed the brick in construction was called a cherry red, round edge paver laid with a recessed joint. Riffo was born in St Louis, worked as an architect in New York, Philadelphia, and Atlantic City, and moved to Kalispell in 1909. He designed many buildings in the northwest including the Sisters of Mercy Hospital, First Episcopal Church, and Carnegie Library in Havre around 1915. The Catholic Church is also attributed to him.

The first floor was laid out for retail and display purposes and the Owl Drug Company occupied the storefront. The drug store was owned by Roy Fuller, who established his own company in 1910 after working for Havre Drug Company. He also ran the Federal Land Office in later years. In 1913, C.B. Koepke, a former businessman of Cottonwood, Idaho, acquired an interest in Fuller's Drug Company which then moved to this location as Owl Drug Company. They sold all types of sundries as well as insect repellent called El Vampiro, toothbrushes for 25 cents, Owl cigars for the same, and AnSCO cameras for \$2.00. They offered delivery by motorcycle.

The doctors who owned the building, along with Dr. J.A. Duncan, occupied offices at the second floor. In 1925, J.S. Alma and his wife Georgina, are shown to own the building. The 1920s and 1930 Polk Directories indicate the building was still the location of the Owl Drug and

the home of the first Havre Clinic with doctors Almas, A.A. Husser, G.A. Jestrab, and S.D. Dalrymple. After Dr. Almas passed away in 1935, his wife, Georgina, continued to lease the building. Jestrab practiced medicine here well into the 1960s. E.T. Dickinson, dentist, had his practice in the building from the 1930s to the 1960s, and it was also the home in the 1940s to J.A. Cremans dental lab. The building also served in the field of insurance and finance with the Western Finance Company, Rosella Ross Insurance, and Local Finance. For a short time, Montgomery Wards was located in the building in the 1940s and 1950s.

Integrity This building has the unique bay window and several of its distinguishing elements still intact. Overall it retains sufficient integrity to convey its significant historic and architectural associations.

Statement of Significance The building has historic significance as the location of Havre's early doctors offices and a drug store and the first Havre Clinic. The doctors who established their practices here had major impacts on community development beyond the medical field. The building is architecturally significant because it is constructed with unusual elements that is unique to Havre and designed by Marion B. Rippo, an architect well known in the northwest.

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Preparer Address

Date Entered

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