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This addendum corrects a mistake in the Commercial District, Livingston, Montana National Register of Historic Places nomination. That documentation, accepted September 5, 1979, counts the Goughnour Lumber Company Office building (referred to as the Yellowstone Music Company in the nomination), located at 214 South 2nd St., Livingston, as a noncontributing resource to the district, erroneously citing it as an "intrusive." The building, constructed in 1891, well within the initial period of significance for the district, stands much as it did when constructed and retains excellent integrity. Three periods of significance noted in the original Commercial District documentation include 1875-1899, 1900-1924, and 1925-1949; the Goughnour Lumber Company building holds Criterion A significance under all three periods and also under Criterion C.

State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X additional documentation move removal
 name change (additional documentation) other

meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

MT State Historic Preservation Officer

Signature of Certifying Official/Title:

Date of Action

National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
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- other (explain:) _____

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5. Classification (#3 on NRHP form)**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private:

☒

Public – Local

☐

Public – State

☐

Public – Federal

☐**Category of Property**(Check only **one** box.)

Building(s)

☒

District

☐

Site

☐

Structure

☐

Object

☐**6. Function or Use (#6 on NRHP form)****Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: business

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

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7. Description (#7 on NRHP form)

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER: Western Commercial

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: BRICK

The two-story Western Commercial style brick Goughnour Lumber Company Office features a slightly sloped roof and flat parapet on the east façade and stepped parapets on the sidewalls (north and south elevations). Red brick laid in a running bond pattern comprise the walls. The buildings rests on a stone foundation. Two slightly protruding end pilasters flank the single bay façade. The pilasters rise above the upper story windows and step inward toward the building's center to display four rows of recessed semicircular arches below the parapet and above the upper window units. The north wall continues to display historic ghost imaging from the past with the two most readily apparent reflecting use by the Livingston Lumber Company and A. W. Miles Lumber and Coal. The building stands roughly east-west in orientation.

Exterior walls hold original window openings. East and north elevation window openings feature two-tiered gently angled solder course brick forming segmental arches with stone sills and those in the west (rear) elevation displays flat arches and brick sills. All windows opening hold two-over-two double hung units. Three window openings appear in the east façade ground floor and the second story. The north wall displays three ground floor window openings and four second story window openings while the west, rear, elevation holds three matching window openings in both the lower and second story. No fenestration occurs in the south elevation, which is mostly obscured by the building immediately to the south.

Entries include a single 3-foot recessed persondoor in the front (east) elevation and two slightly recessed entries in the north wall, one that holds a single persondoor and the other containing paired doors—all feature multi-pane arrangements. Similar to the window openings, inset entries are topped with two-tiered gently angled solder course brick that form eyebrow arches.

A small east-west running courtyard is immediately north of the Goughnour Lumber Company Office separated from the building by a concrete walk.

Integrity

The Goughnour Lumber Company Office building retains excellent integrity. It stands in its original location and presents sound integrity of setting, feeling, and association. Although some historic fabric of the neighborhood has been lost over the decades, much remains. The building stands as one of the earliest in an area that harkens to the building's period of construction and the historic neighborhood

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development. Integrity of workmanship, design, and materials remain exceptionally strong as it easily displays historic construction as use as an office building.

8. Significance (#8 on NRHP Form)

The Goughnour Lumber Company Office arose from the business pursuits of Emanuel Goughnour. Goughnour hailed from Cambria City, Pennsylvania.¹ He married his first wife, Margaret Dilts, in 1853 in Sacramento, California.² After Margaret's passing, he married Jane Sens in 1856. In 1860, Emanuel, Jane, and three-year-old Miram, lived in Ringgold County, Iowa, where Emanuel listed his occupation as "millwright."³

By at least 1883, the Goughnours lived in Livingston, Montana, with Emanuel devoted to the lumber business, running advertisements that stated, "before buying lumber go and see a man by tde (*sic*) name of Goughnour."⁴ Emanuel operated his own lumber camp "some eight miles out" of town and "moved his saw-mill to a new location, in a valley that empties into the Shields River near a "belt of timberland from two to three miles in length and fully a mile in average width" where... "ere (*sic*) this it is slicing up the native pine in great profusion."⁵ Work in the Shields River area apparently proved so bountiful he advertised the need for "eight to ten teams to haul lumber."⁶ Emanuel worked around the state, not just in the Livingston area. In September of 1884, he received a contract "for the erection of the dormitory building at the new Crow agency on the Little Big Horn...the timbers of the building will be sawed and framed at Mr. Goughnour's mills at Livingston and shipped...to the site of the building."⁷

More than just supplying lumber, he advertised, "keep it before the people that go Goughnour can furnish you anything in the lumber line from a piece of moulding to a house ready furnished."⁸ Whether for his family's personal need or that of the lumber camp, Emanuel also sought "a man with wife that is a good cook."⁹ Two weeks later, he advertised a desire to lease "four or six lots suitable for a lumber yard;"¹⁰ it is unknown if the search for these lots reflects Emanuel's eventual placement of the lumber yard where the two-story brick building of this addendum stands.

¹ Emanuel Goughnour Sr., "Find A Grave," https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/124865525/emanuel-goughnour?gl=1*2i76ry*gcl_au*NTQ1Mzg1MDkyLjE3Mzg4Njg4NzI*ga*MTcwOTUwNDczNS4xNjY2ODk1MjQ4*ga_4QT8FMEX30*MzlmOWNmOTctYjBhYS00ZDVjLTkyMzEtZTZjYWZmMzg4Njg4NzI*ga_LMK6K2LSJH*MzlmOWNmOTctYjBhYS00ZDVjLTkyMzEtZTZjYWZmMzg4Njg4NzI*ga_4wLjAuMA, accessed March 19, 2025.

² Emanuel Goughnour, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/21080308/person/1034954905/facts>, accessed March 19, 2025.

³ 1860 United States Census for Platte Township, Ringgold County, Iowa.

⁴ Advertisement, *Daily Enterprise*, June 7, 1883, p. 3; "Heavy Tax Payers," *Livingston Enterprise*, November 26, 1887, p. 1.

⁵ "A Short Ride," *Daily Enterprise*, August 11, 1883, p. 2; "Local Layout," *Daily Enterprise*, June 14, 1883, p. 3.

⁶ "Wanted," *Daily Enterprise*, October 12, 1883, p. 3.

⁷ "Got the Contract," *Daily Enterprise*, September 1, 1884, p. 3.

⁸ "Local Layout," *Daily Enterprise*, July 3 14, 1883, p. 3.

⁹ "Wanted," *Daily Enterprise*, July 14, 1883, p. 3.

¹⁰ "Wanted To Lease," *Daily Enterprise*, August 1, 1883, p. 3.

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Emanuel was active in the Livingston community and by early summer of 1883, served on the embryonic Board of Trade, soon to ascend to president.¹¹ By 1890, he served on the Board of Directors of the National Park Bank of Livingston.¹²

By 1891, Emanuel operated his lumber business on the property of this addendum noting a variety of services and products: “dealer in every description of building material, consisting of Eastern, Western, and Native Lumber, sash, doors, blinds, lath, mouldings, shingles, also paints, oils, varnishes, building paper.”¹³ Setting permanent roots on the site, Emanuel began construction of the subject building with “the lower joist laid on his new office and store room.”¹⁴ Two weeks later, the newspaper reported:

Mr. E. Goughnour, the enterprising lumber merchant, has had the excavation completed and the foundation laid for his two-story brick business block on 2nd street. for some time. He has experienced some little difficulty in procuring the necessary brick for the construction of the building, but this has recently been obviated and the walls are now being rushed rapidly to completion. The basement will be occupied by Mr. Goughnour for the storage of paints, oils, cement and stucco. The front part of the first floor will be finished off for office rooms, and the back part and second floor will be stocked with sash, doors, moldings, etc. When completed Mr. Goughnour will have one of the finest offices of the kind to be found anywhere in the state.¹⁵

Issues with the brick proved fleeting as by June, “Messrs. Fennell and Wetterau laid the brick in the buildings of Goughnour and Chambers. They are excellent stone masons and brick layers with many years experience.”¹⁶ One month later, in July, Emanuel had “his new two-story office structure nearly ready for occupancy...furnishing ample office room to accommodate his increased trade,” with the “plasterers and carpenters...now at work putting on the final touches.”¹⁷ Emanuel soon moved into the new building that measured “24 x 60 feet and two stories high” with a “cost in the neighborhood of \$6000.”¹⁸ The new building received acclaim as “a credit to the city” with the “office...being finished in an elaborate manner, with red pine from California...the floor is laid with Georgia pine. Mr. Goughnour is doing a good business.”¹⁹ To make room for the new building, Emanuel moved his old

¹¹ “Board of Trade Meeting,” *Daily Enterprise*, August 1, 1883, p. 1; “Board of Trade,” *Daily Enterprise*, October 16, 1883, p. 1.

¹² “National Park Bank of Livingston,” *Livingston Enterprise*, January 11, 1890, p. 1.

¹³ Advertisement, *Livingston Post*, January 1, 1891, p. 4.

¹⁴ “Local Matters,” *Livingston Post*, May 14, 1891, p. 3.

¹⁵ “Local Matters,” *Livingston Post*, May 28, 1891, p. 3.

¹⁶ “Local Matters,” *Livingston Post*, June 25, 1891, p. 3.

¹⁷ “Local Layout,” *Livingston Enterprise*, July 11, 1891, p. 3; “Building Notes,” *Livingston Post*, July 2, 1891, p. 3.

¹⁸ “Building Notes,” *Livingston Post*, July 2, 1891, p. 3.

¹⁹ “Local Matters,” *Livingston Post*, July 9, 1891, p. 3.

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office to the opposite side of the street with plans to “give it a thorough overhauling and fit it up for a residence.”²⁰

By November, it was time for some new furniture:

Some time ago the Post had occasion to note the completion of E. Goughnour’s new brick building on Second street and the convenient office which had been fitted up in the front part of the building. Mr. Goughnour has recently added a piece of furniture to the front office which give the room an appearance of a banking institution. It is the shape of a desk made of oak, with stained glass in front on top of the desk and a door on the end so that the desk encloses a space sufficiently large to give the bookkeeper a private office. The desk and its appurtenances...must have cost in the neighborhood of \$200. It...gives the office the appearance of being, what it really is, one of the finest offices in the city...”²¹

With the construction of his new building, Emanuel immediately began a new advertising campaign that noted:

Lumber and all kinds of building materials. Builders and contractors will please take notice that I am not in the contract business, but will give them better figures than ever before, and my stock will be more complete than can be shown by any firm in Eastern Montana. Good goods at moderate prices is my motto.”²²

Emanuel expanded his lumber business to other parts of the state, but in April of 1892, he placed his Cinnabar, Montana, mill up for sale due to “failing health.”²³

Emanuel listed himself as a “lumber dealer” in the 1900 federal census, a description that downplayed his lumber-related business acumen.²⁴ Despite the sale of the Cinnabar mill in 1892, it wasn’t until 1901 when Emanuel divested himself from the lumber business. In November of that year, “the pioneer lumber merchant of the city...sold his business on Second street to the Livingston Lumber company...operated by Thompson-McGregor company” that owned four “establishments in the state.”²⁵ H. J. Thompson of Billings visited Livingston to close the “deal for the Goughnour interests.” Emanuel’s son, J.L., managed the Livingston operations during Emanuel’s ownership and stayed on serving the same role for the new owners.

²⁰ “Local Matters,” *Livingston Post*, July 30, 1891, p. 3.

²¹ “Local Matters,” *Livingston Post*, November 26, 1891, p. 3.

²² Advertisement, *Livingston Post*, July 9, 1891, p. 2.

²³ “For Sale,” *Livingston Post*, April 7, 1892, p. 4. Goughnour also operated a mill near Missoula. “Personal Points,” *Livingston Enterprise*, January 2, 1897, p. 6.

²⁴ 1900 United States Census (Twelfth), for Livingston Precinct, Park County, Montana.

²⁵ “Business Change,” *Livingston Enterprise*, November 11, 1901, p. 1.

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The new owners immediately advertised their acquisition:²⁶

LIVINGSTON LUMBER COMPANY, J.L. GOUGHNOUR, Manager,
LUMBER DEALER,
SECOND STREET, LIVINGSTON, MONT.

A year later, Thompson arrived in Livingston and filed with the county clerk and recorder "articles of corporation of the Livingston Lumber company...operating in the yards here formerly owned by E. Goughnour...the company has plants at Dillon, Billings Laray and Twin Bridges in this state and Garland, Wyoming."²⁷

J. L. Goughnour remained managing the Livingston Lumber Company until May 1903, when he stepped down to assume a similar role with the A. W. Miles company.²⁸ George Chambers replaced Goughnour at the Livingston Lumber Company, though J.L soon returned.

In 1904, the Livingston Lumber Company published a retrospective of their Livingston acquisition noting they were a:

corporation owning yards all over Montana" with its principal place of business in Livingston, and in Second street of this city the company owns a fine brick building, two stories high, and has a large yard, stocked with every variety of lumber and finishing know to the trade. H. J. Thompson is the president of the company and J. L. Goughnour is the local manager.

The company absorbed the lumber business of E. Goughnour...and since that time has made its principal office here...Mr. J. L. Goughnour has been connected with the offices and yards now...for many years and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the business...(the company) has an established reputation for...quality...and equitable nature of its prices...the...company has played an important part and furnished lumber and furnishings for a great many of the dwellings and business blocks....erected here...²⁹

In 1910, J. L. Goughnour was appointed Park County assessor. To accept the position, he once again stepped down as manager of the Livingston Lumber Company.³⁰ Clyde Riggs assumed the managerial

²⁶ Advertisement, *Livingston Post*, January 2, 1902, p. 8.

²⁷ "Local News," *Livingston Post*, January 8, 1903, p. 5.

²⁸ "Additional Local," *Livingston Post*, May 21, 1903, p. 2.

²⁹ "The Livingston Lumber Company, *Livingston Post*, July 15, 1904, p. 4. Thompson not only was president of the lumber company but also mayor of Billings at this time. "Local Items," *Daily Enterprise*, October 6, 1910, p.3.

³⁰ "New Assessor Is Appointed," *Livingston Enterprise*, March 10, 1910, p. 3.

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position at the lumber company.³¹ During this period of Livingston Lumber's ownership, the company branched out to offer a multitude of good that extended to "Carney Coal."³²

Early 1913 witnessed rumors of a potential sale of the Livingston Lumber Company, once again managed by J. L. Goughnour.³³ By the summer, the business did sell, this time to S. S. Rankin of Wyoming, "a man of varied and most successful experience...thoroughly familiar with every department of the business."³⁴ Along with Rankin came the ever-present J. L. Goughnour, retained as manager. Upon Rankin's arrival, he "assumed personal charge of that property, 214 south Second street."³⁵ Rankin continued advertising with simple newspaper announcements: "Let us figure your next bill of lumber—Livingston Lumber company."³⁶ Seeking to avoid any sort of payment or bill, miscreants visited Livingston Lumber and absconded with \$25.00 in coins from the safe, and between \$500.00 and \$600.00 cash and notes from the cash box. Upon hearing of the safe looting and seeking to preserve the future integrity of the vault, Rankin asked that the newspaper announce that "they'll always find his safe unlocked, so do not blow the door."³⁷

By mid-1914, the business began publishing announcements directed toward those who had yet to make the jump to house ownership.³⁸

Stop Paying Rent

Make the rent money

Buy You a Home

Part payment down, balance same as rent. Will furnish lots.

Consult us now. Only a limited number to be built. First come first served.

Livingston Lumber Company

Rankin's involvement with the lumber company yielded less than enduring. In August of 1914, just over a year since his acquisition, "at which time he purchased the ful (*sic*) ownership of the Livingston Lumber company" an "investment that proved a satisfying one, until he saw a ranch that took his particular fancy...so he disposed of his lumber interests to The A. W. Miles Lumber and Coal Company..."³⁹

³¹ "Local," *Livingston Enterprise*, December 29, 1910, p. 3.

³² Advertisement, *Livingston Enterprise*, August 29, 1911, p. 2.

³³ No title, *Daily Enterprise*, March 22, 1913, p. 3; No title, *Daily Enterprise*, June 14, 1913, p. 3.

³⁴ "Buys Livingston Lumber Company," *Daily Enterprise*, July 7, 1913, p. 1; "Purchases A Local Plant," *Livingston Enterprise*, July 8, 1913, p. 1.

³⁵ S. S. Rankin Arrives Here," *Livingston Enterprise*, September 4, 1913, p. 1.

³⁶ Advertisement, *Livingston Enterprise*, September 25, 1913, p. 5.

³⁷ "Livingston Lumber Co. Is Robbed," *Livingston Enterprise*, October 11, 1913, p. 1.

³⁸ Advertisement, *Livingston Enterprise*, June 16, 1914, p. 4.

³⁹ "Rankin Off To Purchase Cattle," *Livingston Enterprise*, August 10, 1914, p. 2.

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One year later, in October of 1915, Miles, president of A. W. Miles Company, awarded a contract to R.B. Bradford “for the immediate erection of a new garage to be located on Second street adjoining the Livingston Lumber company’s building”—the building that obscures the south side of the Goughnour Lumber Company Office.⁴⁰ A. W. Miles Lumber and Coal Company greatly expanded the written word on advertisements that announced the company’s holdings of “farm and building” project floor plans for nearly every type of building or structure conceivable with complimentary information detailing the available building materials to complete any of the said projects.⁴¹ A. W. Miles continued to advertise floorplans for the next several years.⁴²

By the middle of 1916, the Goughnour Lumber Company building appears to have sat vacant for a short time. A. W. Miles Company appeared in the 1916 Polk Directory, at least by the time of its printing, in July of that year; however, a “chautauqua” occurred “on the grounds of the old Livingston Lumber company yard, corner of Lewis and Second streets” suggesting the company vacated the building by that month.⁴³ Although the building sat vacant for a short period, the Miles Land and Investment Company acquired the land where the building sits (and the adjoining property to the immediate north) from Emanuel and Jane Goughnour via a warranty deed in 1917.

The Virden & Currie Company, a purveyor of fruit, conducted business in Livingston by at least 1914 or 1915, at an address about four blocks north of the Goughnour Lumber Company Office building.⁴⁴ By 1918, however, and possibly earlier, the company moved into the empty Goughnour Lumber Company Office building and ran advertisements extolling the virtues of fruits and vegetables:⁴⁵

Vegetables and Fruits—

The food administrator

Strongly urges the use

Of Vegetables & Fruits

Of all kinds at all times.

Virden & Currie Co.

The Virden & Currie Company operated two branches, one in Livingston and one in Butte.⁴⁶ Within a year of their occupancy, the city fire department responded to a call for “a smudge set by the Virden-Currie company on south second street.”⁴⁷ In 1921, the Ryan Fruit Company, “one of the largest produce concerns in the northwest” took over the “Livingston branch of Virden-Currie, the pioneer

⁴⁰ “New Garage Will Be Erected Here,” *Livingston Enterprise*, October 5, 1915, p. 5.

⁴¹ Advertisement, *Livingston Post*, December 2, 1915, p. 4.

⁴² Advertisement, *Livingston Enterprise*, June 16, 1916, p. 8.

⁴³ “Chautauqua Ticket Sale Will Open This Morning,” *Livingston Enterprise*, July 29, 1916, p. 1.

⁴⁴ 1914 R. L. Polk & Company Livingston City Directory, p. 336.

⁴⁵ 1918 R. L. Polk & Company Livingston City Directory, p. 123; Advertisement, *Livingston Enterprise*, February 19, 1918, p. 4.

⁴⁶ Advertisement, *Livingston Enterprise*, October 5, 1919, p. 3.

⁴⁷ No title, *Park County News*, August 22, 1919, p. 1.

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produce house of this city.”⁴⁸ E. P. Dunckel who managed the Virden & Currie operation continued service with the new owners; Dunckel stated the acquisition by the Ryan Fruit Company “will be represented by buyers in every field, with large distributing houses in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle and other cities.”

True to Dunckel’s word, “yum, yum, said folks...when they visited Livingston grocery stores” where “they saw displayed some of the finest fruits and vegetables grown in America, brought here early in the season by the Ryan Fruit Company.”⁴⁹

In 1925, the Ryan Fruit Company expanded with the acquisition of the Billings and Livingston “houses of the Midland Fruit company.”⁵⁰ That same year, near catastrophe occurred to the Goughnour Lumber Company Office as a conflagration broke out in the adjoining Livingston Laundry building to the south.⁵¹ Efficient work by the fire department confined the blaze to the single building “as it had become threatening to adjoining property...the Ryan fruit company offices, which adjoin the laundry...were for a time thought to be in the path of the danger...at 2 o’clock this morning, the adjoining property was no longer threatened.” The Ryan Fruit Company didn’t completely dodge the inferno bullet as a few years later one of their warehouses in the town of Roundup met a fiery demise in 1928.⁵²

By 1930, the Ryan Fruit Company separated its individual branches into “local units,” which mandated the records for each office be stored locally.⁵³ That same year, the company commenced plans to construct a warehouse and office near the Northern Pacific rail line that ran through town, with a completion date by the end of December.⁵⁴ The company had “outgrown the present location on South Second street.” Construction of the new office/warehouse building may have met the end-of-year deadline, though an announcement for the construction of the new Ryan Fruit Company warehouse appeared in November of the following year, 1931.⁵⁵ However, the robbery report of Bud Master of Livingston in January of 1932 noted, “after the cash was secured the holdup marched him to the new Ryan Fruit company building in the Northern Pacific yards,” indicating the office/warehouse was built by that time and the November bid solicitation was specific to a warehouse only.⁵⁶

With the move of the Ryan Fruit Company in the early 1930s, the Goughnour Lumber Company Office building sat empty and unused for several years with the Polk city directories noting it vacant in 1935,

⁴⁸ “Absorbs Local House,” *Livingston Enterprise*, October 2, 1921, p. 3.

⁴⁹ “Local Market Gets Early Shipment of California’s Best,” *Livingston Enterprise*, April 1, 1922, p. 2.

⁵⁰ “Midland Sells To The Ryan Fruit Co.” *Park County News*, February 6, 1925, p. 1.

⁵¹ “Flames Seriously Damage Livingston laundry; Fire Isolated By department,” *Livingston Enterprise*, October 16, 1925, p. 1.

⁵² “News Of The Week In Brief,” *Park County News*, January 20, 1928, p. 3.

⁵³ “To Localize Offices,” *Park County News*, September 4, 1930, p. 1.

⁵⁴ “Ryan Fruit Co. To Build Soon,” *Park County News*, September 25, 1930, p. 1.

⁵⁵ “Ryan Fruit Co. Warehouse Will Be Built Here,” *Livingston Enterprise*, November 3, 1931, p. 8.

⁵⁶ “Holdup Takes Cash; Caught,” *Park County News*, January 21, 1932, p. 1.

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1937, 1943, and as late as 1946.⁵⁷ Although the Goughnour Lumber Company Office may have hosted other businesses after 1946, the earliest documentation appears in the 1954 Polk city directory that shows its use by the R-D Novelty Company, a date roughly confirmed by an early advertisement promoting forced air hand dryers for washrooms.⁵⁸ The Polk directory noted their business as vending machines. In 1956, the company found itself in hot water as it and Mitchell Percival of Livingston were fined after entering guilty pleas to “charges of illegal possession of gambling equipment,” equipment seized the prior week and ordered to be destroyed by the judge.⁵⁹

The company remained in the Goughnour Lumber Company Office building with the turn of the decade, though they operated under a new name, R & D Music Service.⁶⁰ By this time, instead of running a side business of gambling machines, the company found press noting their community goodwill with the donation of “some sixty records” to the Montana Children’s Center and the Livingston Roundup Association’s Rodeo.⁶¹ The R and D business leased the property from the Miles Land and Investment Company, who retained ownership after they vacated the building and opened business elsewhere in town.

Today, the Goughnour Lumber Company Office building hosts two condo units.

Architectural Significance

The Goughnour Lumber Company Office building represents a two-part Western Commercial style building near the center section of downtown Livingston. Newspapers praised the building as “a credit to the city” with the “office...finished in an elaborate manner and floor... laid with Georgia pine.”⁶² Two-part commercial blocks represent a familiar form for small to moderate sized commercial buildings in the United States. With their rectangular floorplans and one to four story heights, the buildings can be free-standing or attached. Exterior’s horizontal separation permits differentiating differences in interior use. Multi-story buildings commonly housed stores or merchandise in the lower floor with upper stories used for office space, lodging accommodations, or meeting rooms. Although not heavily publicized in the newspapers, small businesses did rent space within the building, which likely occurred on the second floor. Two-part commercial block construction often utilized durable materials that included concrete, limestone, or brick.

The Western Commercial Style proved popular in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, and is commonly found in most western commercial districts, appearing in large and small towns alike. The style displays a simple storefront presentation and symmetrical upper façade with a variety of ornamental details. Parapets or pediments often hide gently sloped or flat roofs and cornices may be

⁵⁷ 1947 Polk Directory, p. 116.

⁵⁸ 1954 Polk Directory, p. 106; Advertisement, *Livingston Enterprise* August 5, 1955, p. 6.

⁵⁹ “Sheriff Carries Out Order of Judge W. W. Lessley This Afternoon,” *Livingston Enterprise*, February 2, 1956, p. 7.

⁶⁰ “Advertisement,” *Livingston Enterprise*, November 17, 1961, p. 4.

⁶¹ “Rhythm Ramblers Program Pleases Children’s Center,” *Park County News*, June 1, 1961, p. 10; “Many Thanks,” *Park County News*, July 18, 1963, p. 7.

⁶² “Local Matters,” *Livingston Post*, July 9, 1891, p. 3.

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used, the former present on the Goughnour Lumber Company Office building. Brick construction found on the Goughnour Lumber Company Office building was common, though other materials could also be employed.

As observed with the Goughnour Lumber Company Office building, front entries usually occurred in the narrow façade that faces the street. Entries were often recessed, again reflected in the lumber company building, and often flanked by large plate glass windows. The Goughnour Lumber Company Office building displays its recessed entry near a corner immediately north of a series of three window units; the lack of large plate glass windows in lieu of three smaller units undoubtedly reflects the architect's design intended for the building's use to sell lumber, not a variety of goods commonly associated with mercantiles of the day. The transom light above the entry's threshold enhances visibility of the entry door. Upper story elements may include a variety of openings that feature flat, round, or segmental arches, the former and latter being the style that dominates the Goughnour Lumber Company Office building. Symmetry and repetition often highlight the style, notable in the lumber building. I

Summary

The above documentation clarifies and changes the incorrect National Register-listing designation of the Goughnour Lumber Company Office building at 214 South Second Avenue in Livingston, Montana, from "intrusive" to contributing within the Livingston Commercial Historic District; this updates the original documentation from September 5, 1979.⁶³ The Goughnour Lumber Company Office building was constructed in 1891, within the earliest period of significance noted for the district, and retains excellent integrity. The building, constructed in the early-1890s, stands much as it did when constructed and retains excellent integrity.

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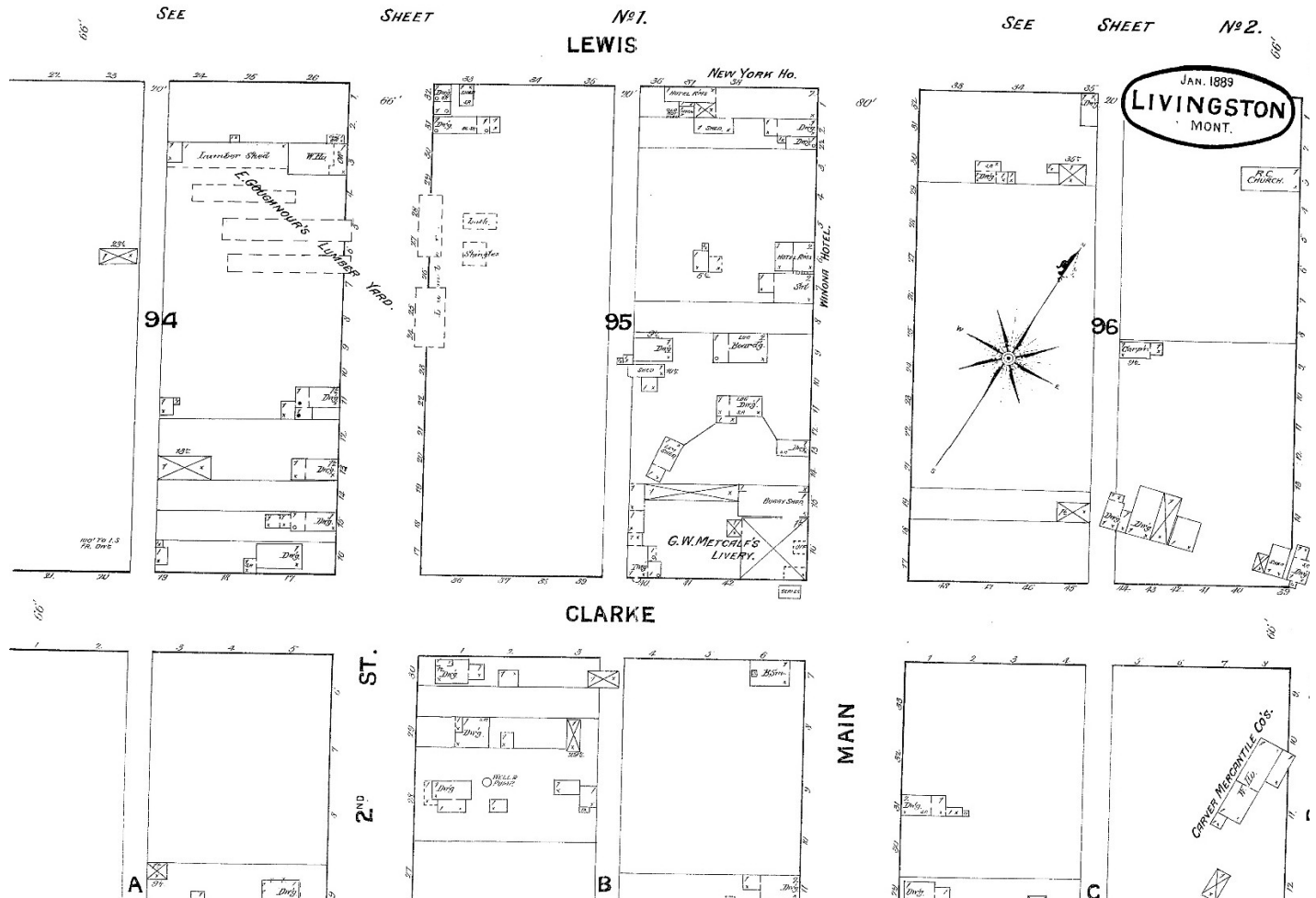
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1889 Sanborn map for Livingston, Montana, Sheet 3, showing location of E. Goughnour's Lumber Yard (upper left of image).

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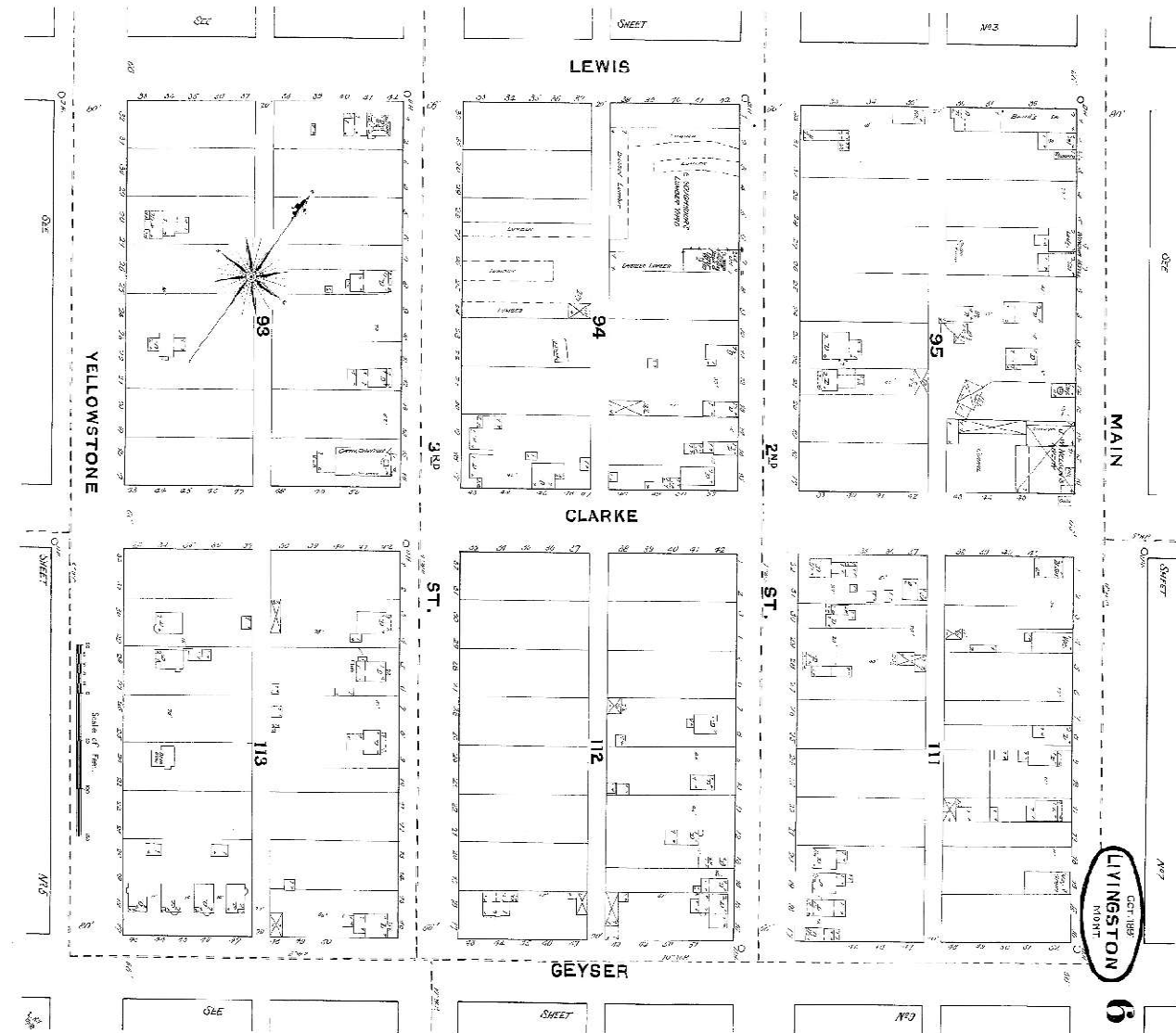
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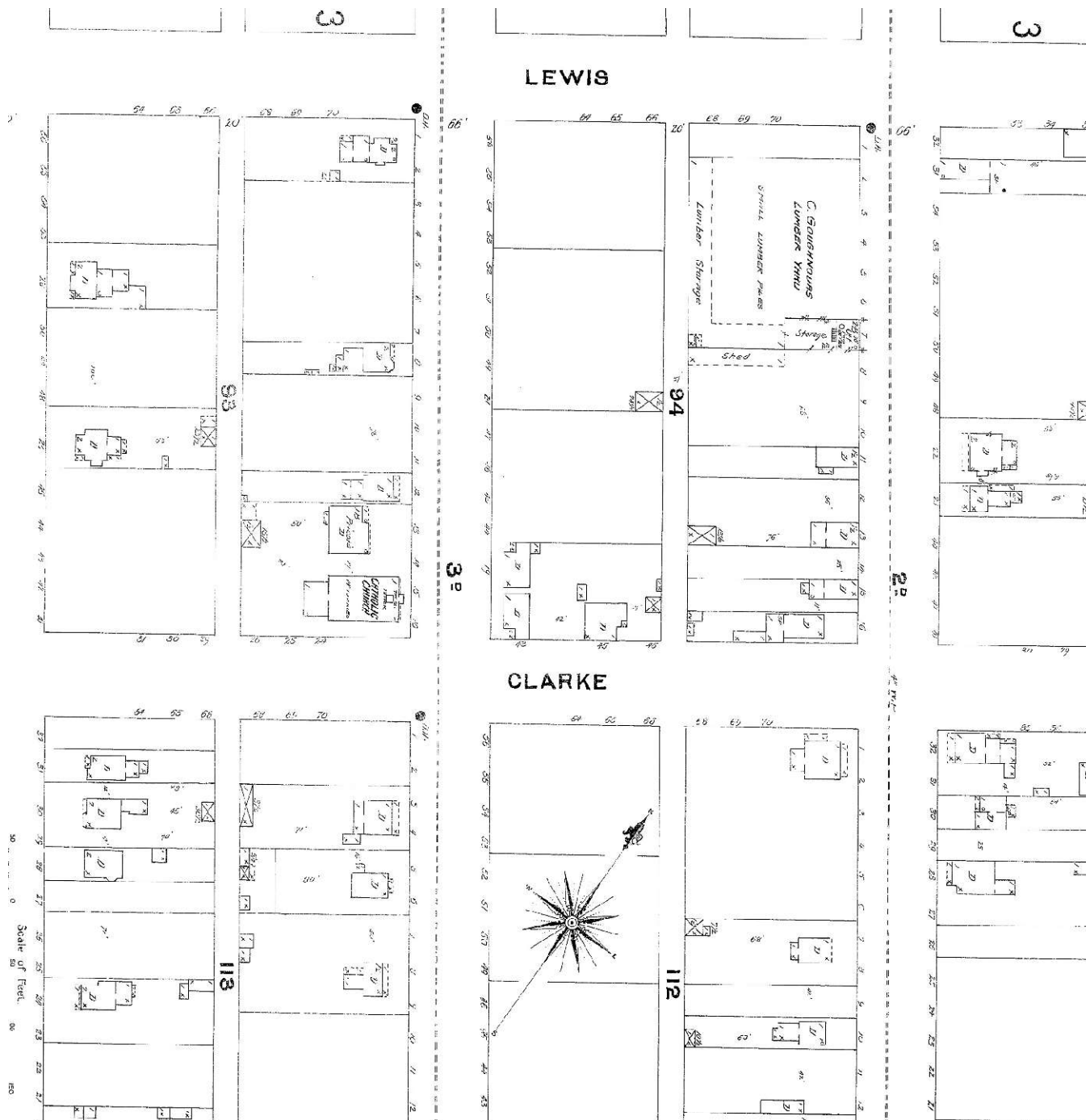
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1896 Sanborn map for Livingston, Montana, Sheet 7, showing location of C. Goughnour's Lumber Yard and Office (upper right of image)

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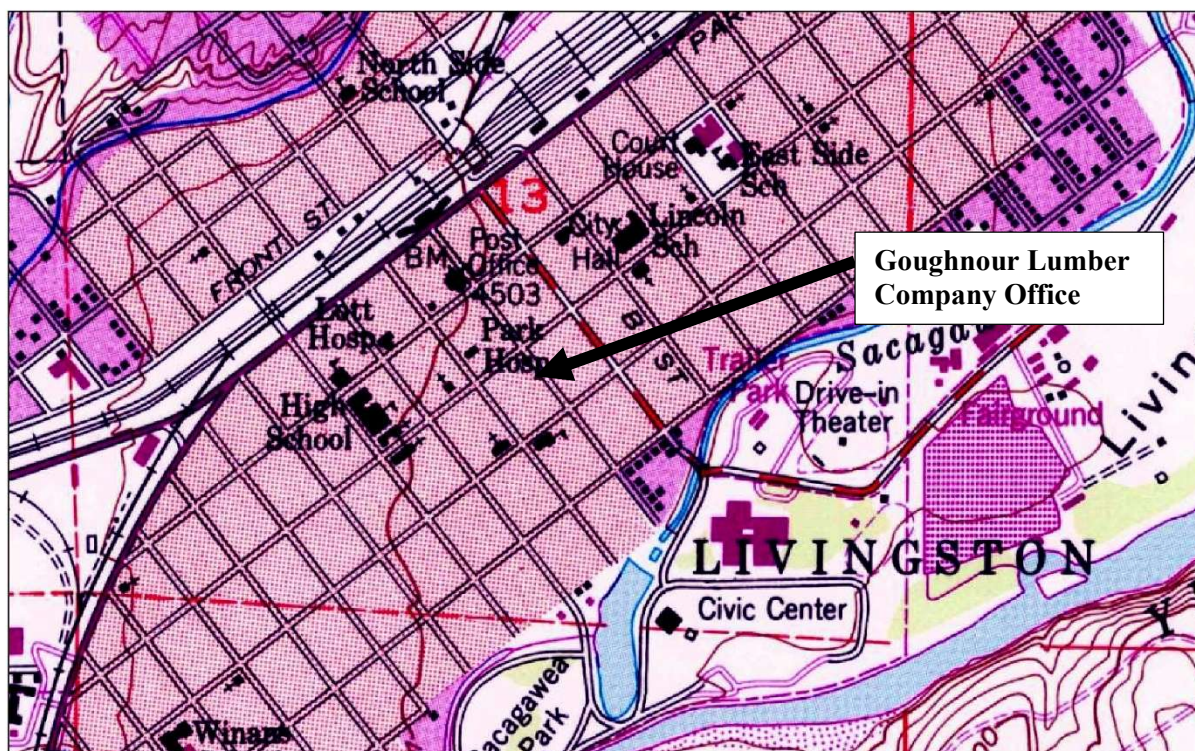
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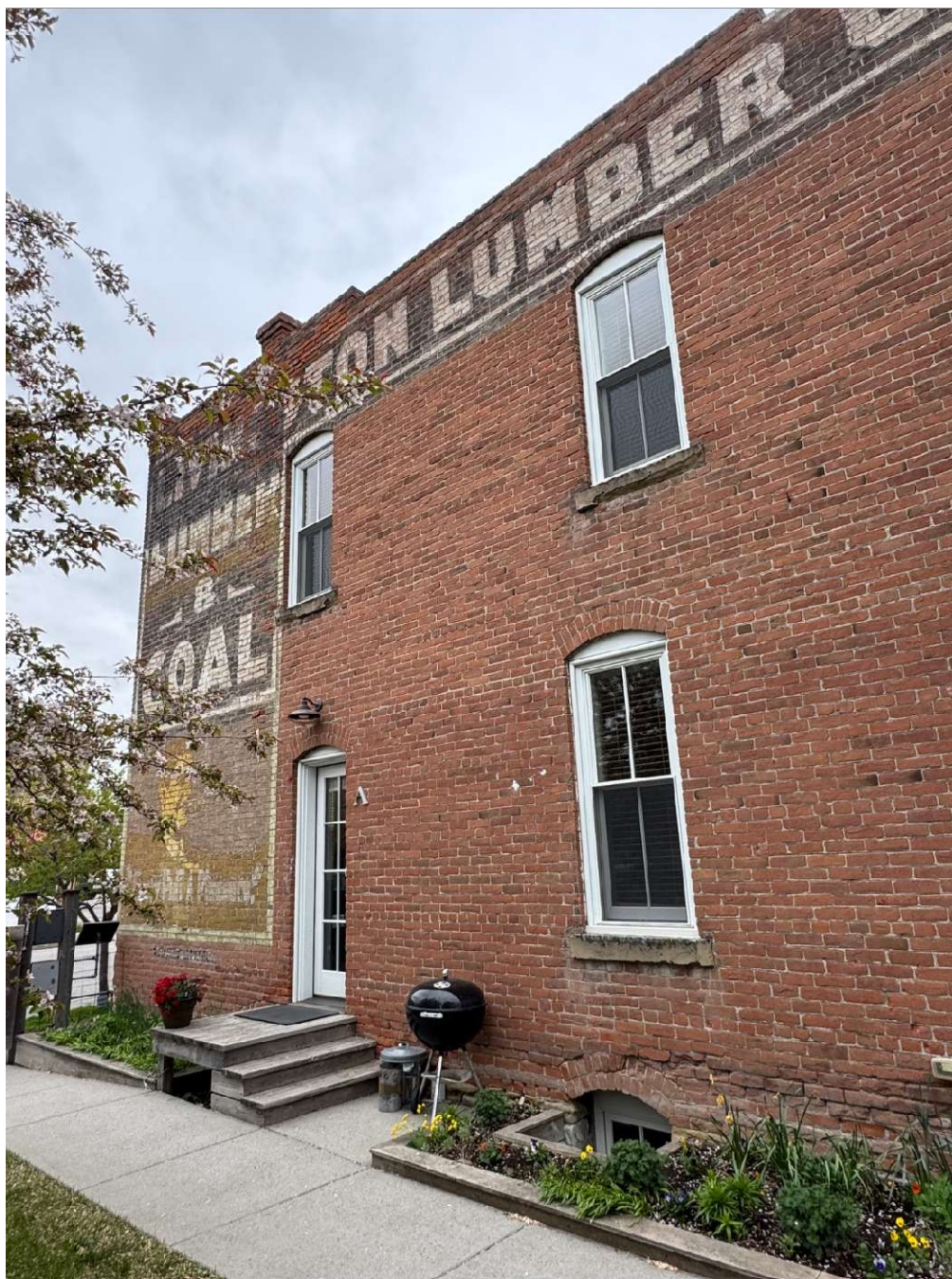
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