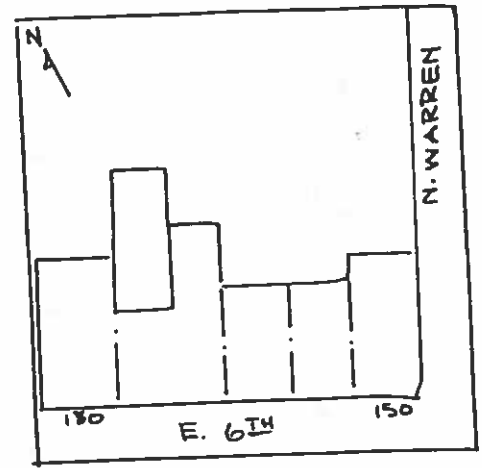


DOWNTOWN HELENA HISTORIC SURVEY
HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: HT BL 46, Lots 1,2,S 18'3, S53
ADDRESS: 130-150 E. 6th
OWNERSHIP NAME: Lee Enterprises
ADDRESS: Davenport, Iowa
HISTORIC NAME:
COMMON NAME:
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1890-1927, probably 1890s
ARCHITECT:
BUILDER:
ORIGINAL OWNER:
ORIGINAL USE: stores
PRESENT USE: stores



SKETCH MAP



ROLL/FRAME: 26/1

*Stores, Offices
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demolished ca. 1992 - helena-history.org
140-150 E. 6th Ave
now Lee Enterprises' pkg lot

HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The integrity of this commercial building has suffered through a succession of remodelling projects during the 20th century. The building is one of several remaining examples of the Multiple Storefront commercial form which appeared in downtown Helena between the 1890s and 1920s. In function, scale and massing it is compatible with the surrounding historic district, although it now fails to convey a sense of its historic associations. It is no longer a contributing structure within the context of the Downtown Helena Historic District.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION:

This property was occupied by a couple of frame dwellings and a store through the 1880s. This building was probably constructed during the 1890s, when this multiple storefront form of commercial architecture was introduced to Helena.

RESEARCH SOURCES/BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- 1 City Building Permits
- 2 Helena Maps

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This is a single-story commercial building of common-bonded, red brick construction. A series of five shops are arranged shot-gun style fronting onto 6th Ave, stepping up to follow the slope of the street. Originally, the building probably included storefronts with large windows and recessed entrances. A brick facade probably finished the front of the building.

The exterior of the building was stuccoed during the mid-20th century. With the exception of some remaining brickwork on the side walls, the rest of the original exterior has been covered over. The original windows and doors were also replaced, with aluminum-framed units.

At the rear, frame entryways open onto a small parking lot. These are sided with beaded tongue-in-groove.

INTEGRITY:

Covering the exterior of the building with stucco, and replacement of original storefronts have obscured the design of this commercial building. Presently, only the basic form of the building and small sections of brick construction on the side walls reflect the historic appearance of this building.

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