
2015 Centennial Certificates

624 - 2 St. S.E. 337 Main St Lot 28 Block 6 Plan 1491 **1912**

Jim's Café

This is a one story building on the north side of the 600 block, 2nd St. S.E. On Jul. 10, 1912, building permit #337, was issued to owner/architect JK Drinnan, with the note that it was a "special permit by council". Five weeks later J.D. Cameron was recruiting staff for his brand new eating establishment. On Aug 14, 1912 he places a want ad in the Medicine Hat News which reads: "Wanted: First class lady or gent cook. Apply at Jim's Café, Main Street. Old Star Theatre stand." The café was built on the site previously occupied by the Star Theatre, photo of which is listed below, second building west from the Turpin block.

Historical Occupants

1913-1925 Jim's Café-proprietor J. D. Cameron
1927-1944 Court Bros-proprietor Elias J. and Wm Court, "Confectionary, Fruits, Tobacco and Cigars, Retail"
1946 Uptown Bakery
1948-1977 War Surplus Stores (longest occupant for 29 years)
1978-1988 Plastic Arts Hobbycrafts

2015 Master School of Hair

References:

Contemporary photo	Heritage Bldg #1
Contemporary photo	Historic Sites Book 4
1913 photo Jim's Café	#00424.0003
c1910 photo Star Theatre (before Beveridges)	#0329.0043
c1915 photo Jim' Café (with Beveridges)	#0525.0081
1949 Photo War Surplus(left) and Club Café	#383
1962 Photo War Surplus	#942 A
Want ad as above	M.H. News Aug 14, 1912
Ad-"Remember Jim's Café..regular dinner \$.35"	M.H. News Feb 9, 1915
Occupancy	Henderson Directories 1914-1988

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