


<div><div>Medicine Hat The Gas City</div></div> <h1>Heritage Evaluation Form</h1>	Site Number	Category A
	Community District Downtown	
	Designation	

Site Name(s): BEVERIDGE BLOCK	
Municipal Address:	620 - 2 Street S.E.
Consultant(s):	Lorne Simpson and Harry Sanders
Heritage Committee:	
Heritage Planner:	Jeanie Garty
Date Of Construction: Y 1911	
Evaluation Date:	Y 11 M 01 D 08
TOTAL	
75.0	

History (H)	E	VG	G	F	P	(H) SCORE
H.1 Associations/Patterns		X				20
H.2 Age		X				10

Comments:

H.1 Purpose built for J.C. Beveridge as the retail store for his furniture business; as a long time business (1911-1984), it became a familiar landmark in the downtown business district. J.C. Beveridge was also civic minded serving with the General Hospital Board and active with St. John's Presbyterian Church, Medicine Hat Rotary Club and the local Masonic Lodge.

H.2 1911.

Architecture (A)	E	VG	G	F	P	(A) SCORE
A.1 Style/Type/Design		X				20
A.2 Designer/Builder	X					20
A.3 Construction Technology				X		3
A.4 Interior Details				X		2
A.5 Alterations			X			-10

Comments:

A.1 A very good example of Edwardian Commercial design, it features: central pediment with identification signage, pressed metal entablature, stone facade, upper windows with prismatic leaded glass panels, recessed storefront and canopy.

A.2 William T. Williams, well known local architect. A.P. Burns, contractor.

A.3 Bedford stone used in front facade - imported - unusual feature.

A.4 Open upper level display gallery - rare example for the City.

A.5 The storefront has been reconfigured; glazing altered, awning removed, canopy added, single doorway replaces former double entrance, and cladding over stone.

Urban Context (C)	E	VG	G	F	P	(C) SCORE
C.1 Landmark/Character			X			5
C.2 Streetscape/Landscape		X				10

Comments:

C.1 The building is a familiar structure in the downtown, and was a long time furniture business.

C.2 The building is an integral part of the streetscape of historic structures; it was important in both establishing and maintaining the dominant character of the street.

Statement of Significance		Site Number	Category
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<p>Description of Historic Place:</p> <p>Constructed for J.C. Beveridge in 1911, it was designed as a purpose-built furniture store open on the main floor to a perimeter gallery for added display space. Located on one of the main commercial streets in the downtown, it is a two storey, stone and brick structure designed in the Edwardian Commercial style.</p>
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<p>Heritage Value of Historic Place:</p> <p>The heritage value of the Beveridge Block lies in its status as a very good example of commercial architecture from Medicine Hat's pre-First World War boom, and as a component of a virtually intact city block from that era that embodies the same value. The building was designed by William T. Williams, a prolific Medicine Hat architect. It was purpose-built to house the furniture business of J.C. Beveridge, which had been established by one-time mayor A.C. Hawthorne in 1896. The building housed Beveridge's furniture store for nearly three-quarters of a century.</p>

<p>Character Defining Elements:</p> <p>The building's character defining elements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- roof parapet with central pediment containing the building's identification signage- pressed metal entablature- upper level windows with prismatic leaded glass panels- Bedford stone construction for front facade- traditional double hung windows (at rear)- interior double volume main floor with upper display gallery
