

Date 1/21/2019Temporary Field # [Click here to enter text.](#)Smithsonian # [Click here to enter text.](#)**HISTORIC PROPERTY: RECONAISSANCE****RECORD TYPE:** ☒ First recording ☐ Update **PROPERTY CATEGORY:** ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Site ☐ Object**1. IDENTIFICATION and OWNERSHIP**Historic Name: Gillette City Hall (1898)Other Common Names: Probst Boot and Saddle, The Boot and Saddle Shop, Cates Quick Lunch, Wyoming Art and Frame, Country Elegance, Magpie DesignsProperty Owner: Lindblom, LLC Owner Address: 219 S. Gillette Avenue, Gillette, WY 82716-3703**Ownership Type:** ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☒ Private **Current Function Type:** ☐ Residential ☒ Commercial ☐ Agricultural ☐ Industrial ☐ Civic**2. SURVEY INFORMATION**Survey Name: Gillette Avenue District SurveyRecorded by: Robert Henning Organization: Gillette Historic Preservation CommissionField Date(s): 5/3/2019 and 7/22/2019**3. LOCATION**Street Address: 219 S. Gillette Ave. Parcel ID: 50722234001400City/Town: Gillette ☐ Vicinity County: CampbellSubdivision/Plat: 0490 FIRST / First Addition Block(s): 7 Lot(s): 9PLSS Township 50N Range 72W Section 22 1/4's SESWGeographic Coordinates: 44°17'32.87"N by 105°30'13.68"W**4. CONSTRUCTION and ALTERATION**Construction Date(s): 1898, 1911, Pre-1939 addition, New façade and extended roof ca. 1950s ☐ Estimated Comments: Original structure was built in 1898 and the jail on the back was constructed in 1911. The date for construction of the middle section is still being researched but are between 1927 and 1939. A new brick façade and a roof over the back part of the building were added in the 1950s. Research continues to narrow down these dates.☐ Moved Date: [Click here to enter text.](#) ☒ Altered Date(s): 1911, 1930s?, 1950s Comments: Jail added in 1911.Source of Date(s): Newspapers, historic photos, and documents in the collections of the Campbell County Rockpile Museum and Campbell County Public Library in GilletteArchitect(s)/Builder(s): 1898-William Underwood, 1911-Sullivan and Spielman, unknown for later changesHistoric Function(s): City Hall (1898-1936), Jail (1911-1936), Retail (1936-2019)**5. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**Style: None Type: [Click here to enter text.](#) Stories: One with attic space Replaced ☒ Door(s) ☒ Window(s)

Element	Type	Materials
Roof:	Gabled	Composite
Walls:		Masonry-Brick and Masonry-Concrete Block
Foundation:	Unknown – no basement	Most likely concrete or brick footings
Windows:	Fixed	Metal
Doors:	Single Swing	Wood and Metal

Notable Features: No known access to find out about foundation of this building. The back of the building shares a wall with the building to the south. Roof in two parts (original 1898 and roof addition in back half of building).Outbuildings: None**6. PRESERVATION PLANNING****Integrity:** ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor **Condition:** ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ RuinsComments: [Click here to enter text.](#)**Priority for Intensive Survey:** ☐ High ☒ Medium ☐ Low**Potential Eligibility:** ☒ Local ☒ National Register of Historic Places

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Comments: This building has a ton of original fabric remaining and has enough history to be eligible for the Register. I would recommend nomination of this building due to the importance of it to this community during its days as the City Hall (1898-1936).

SHPO USE ONLY - NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES ELIGIBILITY RECOMMENDATION (check all applicable):

SHPO Determination: ☐ Eligible under criteria ☐ a, ☐ b, ☐ c, ☐ d; ☐ Not Eligible, ☐ Unevaluated Date/initials: _____

Justification:

7. SITE HISTORY

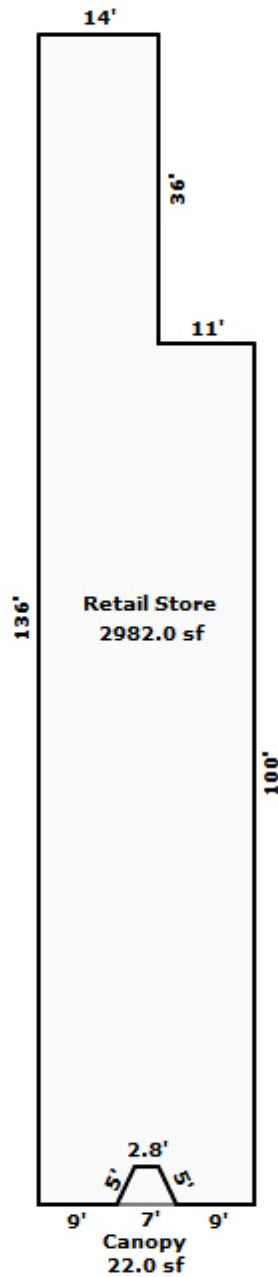
The Magpie Designs building at 219 S. Gillette Avenue in Gillette, Wyoming may be one of the city's oldest remaining buildings. The front section of the building was constructed in 1898 as Gillette's first permanent city hall building. W. M. Underwood established his lumber and contracting business in 1897 and this is one of the many buildings he built in the early decades of Gillette's history. The city hall in these early years acted as a community center for the young city then located in Crook County. Plays, traveling shows, concerts, lectures, dances, boxing matches, meetings, photo exhibits, church services, holiday parties, and political rallies were all held in the building. Governor B. B. Brooks spoke in this building in 1906. City Hall also served as the firehouse as it was home to the hose carts used by the local volunteer firefighters. The building was also home to a ladies' restroom furnished by the city council that provided a "great convenience to tourists, other strangers, and especially to the ladies from the ranches." The many uses of City Hall are well documented in the newspaper records of the time.

A 14-foot by 24-foot, three-room jail was added to the back of the building in 1911 at the cost of \$990. Both the "Plans and Specifications" and the original contract for the jail are in the collections of the Rockpile Museum. The party of Sullivan & Spielman received the contract for the job. The plans called for a 10' tall structure built on 18" square footings. Walls were to be 12" thick while floor and roof were to be six inches thick. The entire structure was to be made from reinforced concrete with ¾" reinforcing steel set each way every ten inches. The opening for the stove pipe was also reinforced to prevent breakout by the inhabitants. Once completed, this jail also housed the inmates for the newly formed Campbell County. This jail remains at the back of this lot with very few changes to its structure or appearance. Further additions to the city hall later joined the 1898 front with the 1911 jail. The middle section of the building was constructed of brick and is believed to have been completed between 1927 and 1939. Research continues to try and narrow down this date.

This building served as Gillette's city hall until a new building was constructed up the street in 1936. A new brick façade and an extended roofline were built in the mid-1950s that gave the building the appearance it has today. Since the city's departure, this building has hosted various businesses including Cates Quick Lunch, Probst Shoe and Saddle Shop (later just known as The Boot and Saddle Shop), Wyoming Art and Frame, and Country Elegance. Tara Stoneking has had her home décor store Magpie Designs at this location since 2015.

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8. PHOTOGRAPHS



Site drawing courtesy of the Campbell County Assessor's Office

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Gillette Avenue ca. 1910, second building from the right. Photo courtesy of the Campbell County Rockpile Museum.



City Hall in 1921. Photo courtesy of the University of Iowa Museum of Natural History.

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Gillette Avenue ca. 1925. Second building from the right showing old fire bell and electric siren. Photo courtesy of the Campbell County Rockpile Museum.



Gillette City Hall, 1936. Photographed by Roland Newton Hall who was in Gillette with the Civilian Conservation Corps. Photo courtesy of the Campbell County Rockpile Museum.

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Gillette Avenue early 1950s. Building at far right. Photo courtesy of the Campbell County Rockpile Museum.



Gillette Avenue 1970s. New façade is now seen on 219 S. Gillette. Photo courtesy of the City of Gillette.

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Current day façade for Magpie Designs at 219 S. Gillette Avenue. Brick façade and door/window configuration is believed to have been built in the 1950s.



Interior of Magpie Designs at 219 S. Gillette Avenue. New walls and a drop ceiling were installed during recent remodels.

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The rooms in the center of the building were constructed from brick and used to exit to an exterior courtyard. They are believed to have been built between 1927 and 1939. Further research is required.



The light-colored section of the building seen above is the 1911 concrete jail. Originally it stood alone at the back of the lot and was later connected to the front of the building by the brick addition on the left.

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Entrance to the 1911 jail at 219 S. Gillette Avenue.



1911 jail entrance and one cell on the left as seen from the inside.

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Exterior of the 1911 jail as seen from the alleyway behind 219 S. Gillette Avenue.



219 S. Gillette Avenue as seen from the alleyway behind the building. The change in the roof level seen above the black vehicle shows where the original roof was extended in the 1950s.

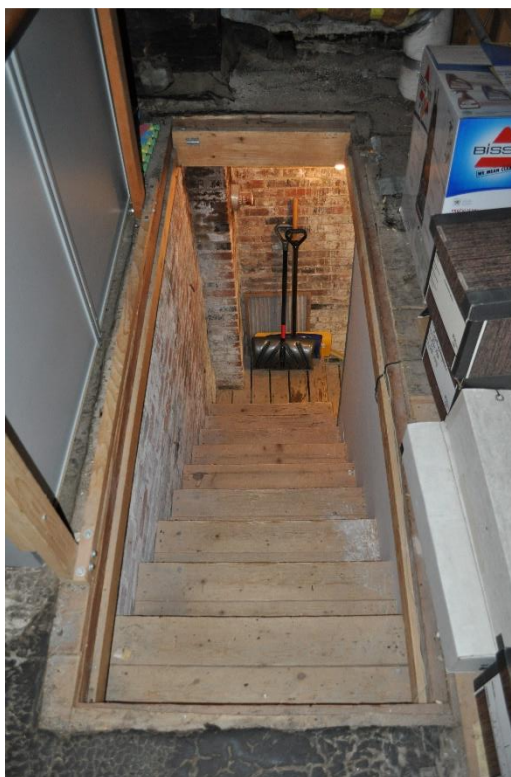
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Attic space over the original 1898 section of the building at 219 S. Gillette Avenue.



Stairway leading up to the attic at 219 S. Gillette Avenue