

entablature and bands are highly decorative. The storefront has a recessed southwest corner entry, a central entry, and an additional entry at north end of the front façade. Storefront windows are large plate glass display windows with paneled wood bulkheads, a broad wood sign panel, and retractable awning. Some first floor windows on the south elevation have been filled with bricks, but the stone sills remain. An additional storefront area is located at the east end of the south elevation. On the south elevation, there is an entrance with a highly decorative classicist surround and a metal fire escape. In the center of the first floor on the south elevation, clerestory and basement windows have been infilled with brick. Second floor windows on the west façade and south elevation are single and paired one-over-one with transoms that advertise early businesses. Windows on the third floor of both elevations are single and paired three-over-one with stone sills. Historically, there were three storefronts on the west façade with awnings above or below transom windows, the southwestern storefront extended around the south elevation, and most second-floor windows had individual retractable awnings.²² (*Listed as Contributing in original nomination*).

301-303 North Main Street [DV00400100] Contributing 1887, c. 1900

This building is an ornate three-story Eclectic commercial block with painted brick walls. The first floor has a recessed entry at the south end and a recessed central entry. A half-width flat metal canopy and small programmatic and backlit signs are mounted above the storefront. Brick pilasters divide the east façade of this building into three bays. On the second floor, a one-over-one window in the center bay is flanked by tri-part windows within the outer bays. On the third floor, a tri-part window in the center bay consists of an eight-over-one window flanked by two narrow six-over-one windows. The outer bays each feature paired six-over-one windows. Elaborate decorative brickwork arches with stone keystones accent windows on the second and third floors. Keystones feature carved symbols that include anchors and abstract scrollwork. There are stone courses at the sill level on the second and third floor windows, and there are accent bands and blocks of basketweave-bond brick. The brick cornice band features long corbelled dentils. A decorative metal cornice tops the façade, and features geometric motifs, large decorative brackets, and a central gable peak with Master Mason symbol. Historically, there was a central round-arch vault entrance in the storefront, storefront windows extended around the south elevation, and there were tall arched windows on the third floor of the façade.²³ The storefronts were replaced before c.1960. A second storefront at the north end is recessed with plate glass display windows and a metal-panel surround. The south elevation features seven bays of tri-part and paired windows on the second floor and shortened six-over-one windows on the third floor. The windows all have simpler brick arches flush in the wall, and there is a soldier dogtooth course of brick above the second floor windows. The cornice of the south elevation features shorter corbelled dentils. Bricks in the west end of the south elevation are severely deteriorated and may have been sandblasted. A large two-story annex was added to the rear of the building c.1900, which has a metal panel storefront and a second floor with one-over-one windows, transoms, and brick banding at the cornice. (*Listed as Contributing in original nomination*).

305 North Main Street [DV00400076] Contributing 1907

This building is a small, unadorned one-story brick commercial building with dentil cornice beneath a flat concrete coping. A mid-century slipcover, visible in a historic photograph from the late 1950s, has been removed.²⁴ The storefront dates from c.1980 and has a recessed central entry with a vertical wood panel surround and metal frame display windows. A large fixed canvas awning spans across both this building and its neighbor to the north, 307 N. Main. (*Listed as Very Distracting in original nomination*).

307 North Main Street [DV00400099] Contributing 1915

This building is a small, brick commercial building. The peaked parapet is stepped, with flat stone coping. Rectangular brick panels, tiles, and a soldier course band decorate the expression line above the storefront. The decorative brickwork extends down the corner piers that flank plate glass display windows with a central recessed entry and vertical wood panel bulkheads. A large fixed canvas awning spans across both this building and its neighbor to the south, 305 N. Main. The storefront was replaced c.1980, and the north elevation is covered with stucco. (*Listed as Good in original nomination*).

J.W. Elliott Building

308 North Main Street [DV00400075] Contributing 1912, c. 1956

This building is a two-story brick commercial block. The c. 1956 storefront features a recessed entry, a glass display case with recessed base to the north, large angled display windows to the south, short yellow brick bulkheads, and an aluminum metal frame. A fixed flat metal canopy is above the storefront. The second floor has four one-over-one windows with concrete lintels and sills. The type of brick used on the façade shifts midway through the second floor, perhaps because of changes in supply during construction. A carved nameplate, which reads "J.W. Elliot 1912," sits between the windows and the cornice. The cornice is comprised of two bands of stretcher bricks, a band of dogtooth detailing, and brick corbelling. (*Not listed in original nomination*).

²² Photograph Postcard, "Realty Building, Mitchell, S.D.," Collections of Mitchell Area Historical Society.

²³ "Main St., Mitchell, S.D., looking North," Photograph Postcard, Collections of Mitchell Area Historical Society.

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