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These historic Virginia City buildings are in need of preservation!

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STONEWALL HALL

Montana's Territorial Capital Building from 1865-1875

From 1865 to 1875 when Virginia City was Montana's territorial capital, the Territorial Legislature met on the second floor of this stone building. Constructed in 1864, it is Montana's oldest standing capitol building. The second floor also housed the Virginia City Lyceum, a small library for "civilized" young men. The retail clothing store of Greenhood, Bohm & Company, a national chain whose company salesmen traveled by stage across Montana, occupied the first floor. Their sign remains on the side of the building.



After 1882, R. O. Hickman and then Jacob Albright operated the clothing store. In 1914, part of the 1890s storefront was removed and the building was converted into the Dudley Garage.

2

HICKMAN RESIDENCE

Home of Montana Pioneer and Territorial legislator



Carpenter Gothic style trim originally decorated the porch supports of this one-story L-shaped, wood-frame home, making its owners' nostalgia for architecture fashionable in the eastern United States in the 1850s. Margaret Hickman, the wife of merchant and Montana territorial legislator Richard O. Hickman, owned the residence by 1888.

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3

HENRY S. GILBERT HOUSE

Home of Virginia City's Mayor and Montana's Oldest operating brewery owner

The Gilbert Home constructed in 1863, was the primary residence associated with the Virginia Brewery, later renamed the Gilbert Brewery. In 1873 it became the home of Henry and Margaret Gilbert. Gilbert was an early pioneer who co-founded the brewery.



4

COGGSWELL-TAYLOR CABINS

Residence of Sarah Bickford, Montana's 1st African American female business owner and inducted into the Historical Hall of Fame



This property represents three eras of African American residence and commerce in Virginia City, from 1867 through 1931. Beginning with Minerva Coggswell and later her sister Parthenia Sneed,

continuing with Jack Taylor's tenure, and ending with Sarah Bickford's ownership, the history of the property intertwines with not only the rise and fall of the mining town itself, but more particularly the legacy of the African American presence there.



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