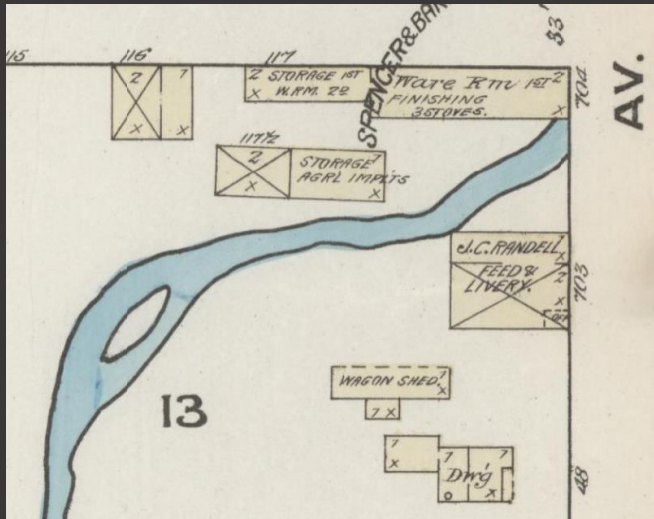


McCOLLUM'S LIVERY & FEED STABLE – BUCHANAN



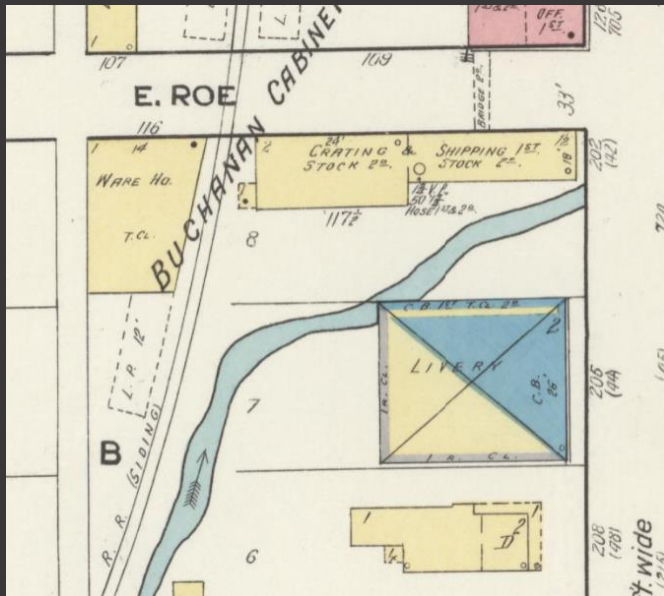
The **McCollum Livery Building**, located on the south bank of McCoy Creek at Days Avenue, was an enterprise by father and son, Everett and Edward Clinton McCollum, during the late 1800s into the first decades of the 20th century. Edward took over from his father in 1903 and by 1917 had made substantial improvements to the building, formerly frame, enlarging and rebuilding it of concrete block though interior wood posts and beams seem to denote the earlier structure. Keeping up with the advent of the automobile, Edward turned the business into Buchanan's first motor taxi service in 1913 which his son, Clayton, continued to operate through the 1940s.

An earlier livery served as a place to store Buchanan's fire wagon and horse team to provide quick access to fires after a devastating fire in 1862 destroyed most of the buildings in town. This was likely the J. M. Russell Livery that existed as early as 1860 at the northwest corner of Front and Redbud Streets. That livery gave way to brick buildings fronting Front Street and the livery at the Days Avenue location was a barn moved to that location at the end of 1880. It had two proprietors before McCollums, J. C. Randell in 1884 and Nathan E. Jones in 1889. Everett McCollum took over the livery in 1893. A fire damaged the livery heavily in 1895 but was reconstructed. The current building was used as mechanics garage and print shop after livery and taxi service, but now sits vacant.



The 1884 Sanborn Map of Buchanan shows the wood-frame J. C. Randell Feed & Livery at the location of McCollum's Livery.

This was the building Everett McCollum purchased in 1893.



The 1917 Sanborn Map of Buchanan shows the substantial reconstruction of McCollum's Livery by Edward Clinton McCollum.

The building served as a taxi garage and later a mechanics garage for McCollums into the 1940s and generally retains its historic appearance today.

The **McCollum Livery Building** features prominently as a gateway between the historic downtown and park to the north, and the Days Avenue residential district to the south. The building is the northernmost property in the proposed Days Avenue National Register of Historic Places neighborhood and is considered a contributing building in the district. Much like the grain elevator at the south end of Days Avenue, and nearby Zinc Collar Pad Building, listed on the National Register, the McCollum Livery Building is an example of small-scale industry or services offered in residential areas of the city.

Combined with the Mill Race to the west and McCoy Creek, running along the northwest and north sides of the livery property, the area's rich 19th century industrial character is defined by the livery, Pear's Mill, and former tin shop on the north bank of McCoy Creek. The livery and tin shop, now used for a community theatre, frame McCoy Creek and create an intimate space accessed by McCoy's Creek Trail. An adaptive reuse of McCollum's Livery Building would further this part of the city as an anchor for retail or lodging.





McCollum Livery, looking northwest



McCollum Livery, looking southwest



McCollum Livery, looking northeast



McCollum Livery, looking southwest (above) and west (right) along McCoy Creek.

One of the most unusual features of the McCollum Livery Building is how the building overhangs the south edge of McCoy Creek and together with the tin shop building, frames the view of McCoy Creek west of Days Avenue.

