

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Harry B. Merrihew Drug Store (State Bank of Lehi)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number First West and Main Street S.

___ not for publication

city, town Lehi

___ vicinity of

congressional district

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state Utah

code 049

county Utah

code 049

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	N/A being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dalley

street & number 427 East 500 North

city, town Lehi

___ vicinity of

state

Utah

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Recorder, Utah County Courthouse

street & number South University Avenue

city, town

Provo

state

Utah

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Utah Historic Sites Survey

has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date Summer 1980

___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Utah State Historical Society

7. Description

Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The building is situated on a corner lot so that both the south and west walls have been treated as major facades. The south wall facing Main Street consists of one large bay divided into two sections: a panel of three windows on the second story; and a three part panel of display windows on the first floor. The central bay of display windows is recessed, and may originally have been the opening for another set of doors. The entrance is set into the beveled corner of the building, being the terminus of the display window panel which wraps around the corner. The intricate corbeling at the roof line is continuous, wrapping around the corner of the building. The double hung second story windows on the west wall, like those that face Main Street each have transoms and shouldered relieving arches. Those on the west wall, however, are not grouped together, but are divided by brick piers. The piers divide the wall into four bays of equal size. First floor windows on that same wall are all the broad single sash type with a transom, with one exception. There is a two bay, one story extension, which has a flat roof, brick corbeling, and windows that are identical to those on the main body of the building which indicate that it probably was part of the original construction.

Alterations to the exterior are minor and while they have affected the original integrity of the building are not irreparable. They include the addition of an awning over the display windows, the filling in of the transoms of the display section and of the second story windows, and perhaps the removal of a central door on the south wall, and its having been replaced with additional display windows.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1899 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Merrihew Drug Store, built in 1899, was designed in the Nineteenth Century Commercial Style and is locally significant as one of only two well preserved examples of that style still standing in Lehi. Elements of that style include: the brick corbeling at the cornice line; the division of the wall into bays which are carefully defined by projecting brick piers; and the accentuation of the display area with narrow columns. It was constructed as a drug store for Harry B. Merrihew, and operated as such until 1917 when it was sold to the State Bank of Lehi as their headquarters.

Harry B. Merrihew was born October 11, 1873, in Des Moines, Iowa, a son of Curtis B. and Mary Wells Merrihew. He married Florence D. Craig in Salt Lake City, February 15, 1913. Following his graduation from the Highland Park College of Pharmacy in Des Moines, he came west and settled in Provo, where he worked for five yearss as a pharmacist for R. S. Hines. In the late 1890s, he moved to Lehi and opened a drug store in the old Garff Building. After two years there, he built this building to house his drug store, and moved into it in January, 1900.¹ Shortly after that the following advertisement appeared in the Lehi newspaper: "H. B. Merrihew, Drugs and Medicines, Toilet and Fancy Articles, Perfumes, Cigars, and Stationery. Prescriptions Filled Day or Night."²

Merrihew operated his drug store in this building until 1917 when he sold it to the State Bank of Lehi as their headquarters. It was the second bank to be established in Lehi, opening its doors November 1, 1906 as a Branch of the Bank of American Fork. The Bank originally rented space in the Ross Building, immediately to the east of this one.³ The Bank remained in this building until the mid-1960s, when it built a new building across the street and moved into it.

¹Lehi Centennial History, Lehi Free Press Publishing Co., 1950, 816-17.

²Lehi Banner, January 4, 1900, p. 2.

³Ibid., October 4, 1906, p. 1.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Lehi Banner, January 4, 1900; October 4, 1906.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one

Quadrangle name Lehi, Utah

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	2	4	2	7	6	1	0	4	4	7	0	9	5	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Part of Lot 2, Block 40, Plat A of the Lehi City Survey. Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 2; thence north 6 rods; thence east 30 feet; thence south 6 rods; thence west 30 feet to point of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county N/A code

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organization Utah State Historical Society date 1981

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city or town Salt Lake City state Utah 84101

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Melvin T. Smith

title Melvin T. Smith, State Historic Preservation Officer

date 3-15-82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Bonnie Boylston
Keeper of the National Register

date 7-23-82

Attest:

James S. ...

date 7-16-82