

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

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

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Wasatch Saloon

and/or common Clyde's Billiards

2. Location

street & number Main Street (between 100 and 200 North) not for publication

city, town Heber City vicinity of congressional district 01

state Utah code 049 county Wasatch code 051

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Willis and Marvis Clyde

street & number 445 East 100 North

city, town Heber City vicinity of state UT

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wasatch County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Heber City state UT

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Utah Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records Utah State Historical Society

city, town Salt Lake City state UT

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Wasatch Saloon is a one-story "boom-town" style commercial building with the high false front characteristic of that style. Above the first floor store front is a tall signboard of horizontal wooden "novelty" siding, topped by a very simple cornice. The lower store front, of wood with large windows, resembles cast iron fronts of the period. A cornice with brackets and dentil molding defines the top, with a row of transom windows below. Three fluted columns break the front into four bays, with heavier fluted pilasters defining wood paneled doors. The two outside bays have large four pane windows. All window and door openings have curved corners. A metal and neon sign reading "Clyde's Billiards - Beer on Tap" probably dates from 1950 when the current owner bought the building.

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1901

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Downtown Heber City originally included a number of frame boomtown stores and brick and sandstone buildings. Most of these buildings have been destroyed or altered extensively. The Wasatch Saloon, now Clyde's Billiards, is significant as one of only two intact frame buildings on Main Street. Only five frame commercial buildings remain in Heber City. At one time there were five saloons in Heber City. Now only Clyde's remains. The wood front, with ornamental detailing similar to metal store fronts of the period, is a very good Utah example of small-town commercial design.

In 1831, the Mormon Church adopted a code of health known as the "Word of Wisdom". Similar in emphasis to other temperance reform movements, it received periodic emphasis throughout the nineteenth century and became a point of church fellowship after 1930. By that time, church leaders in small Mormon communities started to discipline those who drank liquor extensively. In church meetings in Heber City, a number of "brethren" were publicly told to avoid liquor or not be allowed at the meeting. Especially in small communities in Utah, local governments were involved in the attempt to control the flow of liquor. In Heber City several ordinances were passed to cut down on the sale of liquor. The saloons had to be closed on Sunday and the curtains had to be open so police could see the inside of the building. Drinking was prohibited in public parks. Later the price of a license was raised and all the seats were removed from the saloons.

Despite these efforts to control and eliminate the sale of liquor, there were two saloons in Heber in 1888 and by 1906 there were five saloons in town. The city passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages in 1909. Most of the saloons remained open as pool halls and in some cases liquor was still sold in the stores. Following prohibition some of the saloons opened again to sell beer on tap.

Parley Murdock bought this property in 1901 from James S. Murdock, his brother. Despite an enormous increase in the price of the business permits in 1906, Parley was able to keep his saloon open. During prohibition he ran a pool hall, and continued to operate a business here until about 1950.

Parley Murdock was born in American Fork on February 3, 1859 to Joseph S. and Elizabeth Hunter Murdock. The family came to Heber in 1862. Parley married Lucy Hundley on January 9, 1881. She died on April 28, 1930. He was also a stockman and a farmer, and served on the Heber City council from 1915 to 1919. He died in 1952.

Willis "Tink" Clyde bought this buiding in about 1950. He had worked in the mines in Park City for seventeen years and bought the bar and pool hall "to try something different".

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property less than 1 acre (PR)

Quadrangle name Heber City, UT

UTM NOT VERIFIED

angle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	2	4	6	5	0	0	0	4	4	8	4	1	6	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

G

Zone			Easting					Northing						

H

Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Karl Haglund/Architectural Historian

organization Utah State Historical Society date

street & number 307 West 200 South telephone 533-6017

city or town Salt Lake City state UT 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 6/20/80 (PR)

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

for W. Ray Luce
 Keeper of the National Register date 9/23/80

Attest: Paul Stoner Reed
 Chief of Registration date 9/17/80

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Beginning at a point 36 feet South 48' West of the Northeast corner of Lot 1, in Block 103, in the Heber City Survey of Building Lots, situated in Sections 31 and 32, in Township 3 South of Range 5 East of the Salt Lake Meridian; and running thence South $0^{\circ}48'$ West 40 feet; thence North $89^{\circ}12'$ West 9.50 rods; thence West 8.25 feet along the Addison Averett's North line; thence South 25 feet along Addison Averett's Westerly line; thence West 16.50 feet to a point 11 rods West of the East Line of Said Lot 1; thence North 63.32 feet to the Owen F. Buell property; thence East along the Southerly line of the Owen F. Buell property 24.75 feet; thence South $89^{\circ}12'$ East 9.50 rods to the place of beginning.