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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC BANK SALOON

AND/OR COMMON Jack's Bar

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 418 South Carson

CITY, TOWN Carson City

STATE Nevada

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
VICINITY OF Nevada-at-large  
COUNTY Carson City CODE 025

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

*(independent city)*

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Douglas & Marian Addison

STREET & NUMBER 418 South Carson

CITY, TOWN Carson City

STATE Nevada

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carson City Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 198 North Carson

CITY, TOWN Carson City

STATE Nevada

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Carson City Architectural Survey  
By Historic Environments Consultants

DATE 1980

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Carson City Planning Department

CITY, TOWN Carson City

STATE Nevada

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bank Saloon (now known as Jack's Bar) is situated on the northwest corner of Fifth and South Carson Streets in Carson City. It is a one story rectangular building, 30 feet wide by 70 feet long. The walls of the structure are sandstone block, laid in courses on the east and south sides and randomly laid on the rear or west side. The sandstone was quarried from the same source as that used in the State Capitol and several other prominent structures in Carson City. The flat composition roof is surrounded by a low parapet which steps up from the rear and includes three non-functioning chimneys on the south wall.

The entrance is located on the truncated southeast corner of the building, having a single door with a glass upper plate surrounded by side lights and a transom light. The east facade originally had large windows in each of its two bays. These have been reduced in height to about half their original size. The windows and the entryway are bordered by cast iron pilasters. An oval medallion at the base of the columns states they were made by "U.I. Works - Reno, Nev - J. Michael - PRO." The middle section of the columns contains arrows and rods, the capitol having an egg and dart motif above a rosette.

The south facade has six openings: two single panel doors with transom lights and four double hung, one over one, windows. The west facade has a single door and window.

The interior of the structure has been little changed over the years. The back bar is not original. It was moved from another bar in Carson City in 1920. Except for two small storage rooms and two rest rooms, the interior consists of a single room. An earlier intrusive partition has been removed. The building retains the original narrow tongue and groove ceiling boards.

This building is an example of the Victorian functional style, popular from the 1870's to the 1990's.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES      1899 to present                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Mark Stebbins/Unknown

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Jack's Bar is being nominated as the representative of a class of establishments that have played a vital role in the social and political atmosphere of Carson City, essentially a small rural community that enjoys the honor of being Nevada's capitol.

Jack's Bar is the oldest continuously operating drinking establishment in Carson City. From its grand opening on August 19, 1899, through prohibition, to the present it has served the community in this capacity. In small communities such as Carson City, bars or saloons have served as a focal point in the social fabric. Convenient meeting spots, they are a relaxing environment in which to conduct business, talk politics, or discuss community life in general.

The proximity of Jack's Bar to the offices of state government (opposite the Nevada State Capitol and Legislative Building) has resulted in its playing a very particular role in political affairs. The Bar has served as the site of informal meetings and caucuses that have had an effect on the political history of the state.

Jack's Bar has been selected as the representative of this class of historic property in Carson City for the following reasons:

1. The only such establishment that dates to an earlier period of the town's history.
2. Has been in continuous operation in the same capacity since its construction.
3. The building retains its architectural integrity and is very compatible with the historic character of the rest of Carson City.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Carson City Courthouse records: 1859 to present  
 Assessors Records: 1863 to present  
 Nevada Directories: From 1862 to 1962  
 The Morning Appeal: 1897 to 1905  
 Carson City News: 1903

Territorial Enterprise: 1859  
 Carson City News: 1899  
 NEVADA CENTENNIAL, 1976, by Stanley Paher

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**  
**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY           - 1 acre            
 UTM REFERENCES

A | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 9 of Block 35; Sears, Thompson, Sears subdivision in Carson City.  
 The lot is 34 feet by 80 feet.

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Noreen I.K. Humphreys for Mr. & Mrs. Doug Addison

ORGANIZATION

Private Citizen

DATE

Feb. 24, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

611 Mary Street

TELEPHONE

882-1918

CITY OR TOWN

Carson City

STATE

Nev. 89701

## 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Djimi Rodden*

TITLE

*Administrator* (SHPO)

DATE

*28 October 1980*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST *Patrick Andrus*  
 for KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*17/10/80*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*12/10/80*

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Description

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"Victorian Functional," the style used in many commercial buildings, such as Jack's Bar, is emphasized by the two bay facade which contain two large glazed windows flanked by iron pilasters; a truncated entrance; and a six-bay south facade containing four tall double hung, one over one, glazed windows and two conventional doors. This "Victorian Functional" style, popular from the 1870's to the 1890's, often incorporated on the front, or public facade, large windows which allowed maximum natural light and afforded display areas on the interior. The windows of Jack's Bar have been altered by reducing their size by about half because an earlier proprietor disliked cleaning the great expanse of glass.

The entrance door, located on the truncated southeast corner of the building, has a glass upper panel single door, surrounded by side lights and a transom light. Above the transom is a large glazed opening. This entrance is flanked by iron pilasters which are the most interesting feature of the architecture. The four pilasters of the building were made by "U.I. Works - RENO NEV - J. MICHAEL - PRO" (sic) and found printed on the oval medallion at their base. The middle section contains arrows and rods similar to the motifs found in Classic Architecture and the capital of the pilaster has an egg and dart motif above a rosette. The pilasters are painted brown highlighted with gold and the sandstone is a natural buff color.

The interior has been little changed in respect to barroom layout. The back bar, situated against the north wall, was rescued from the demolition on the Magnolia Saloon when the Ormsby County Court House was razed to make way for the new Court House, built in 1920 on the same site. The Magnolia Saloon had the distinction of being the only bar in Nevada situated in a county court house. Ormsby County was named in honor of Major William M. Ormsby, the hero who died in the Pyramid Lake Indian War of 1860.

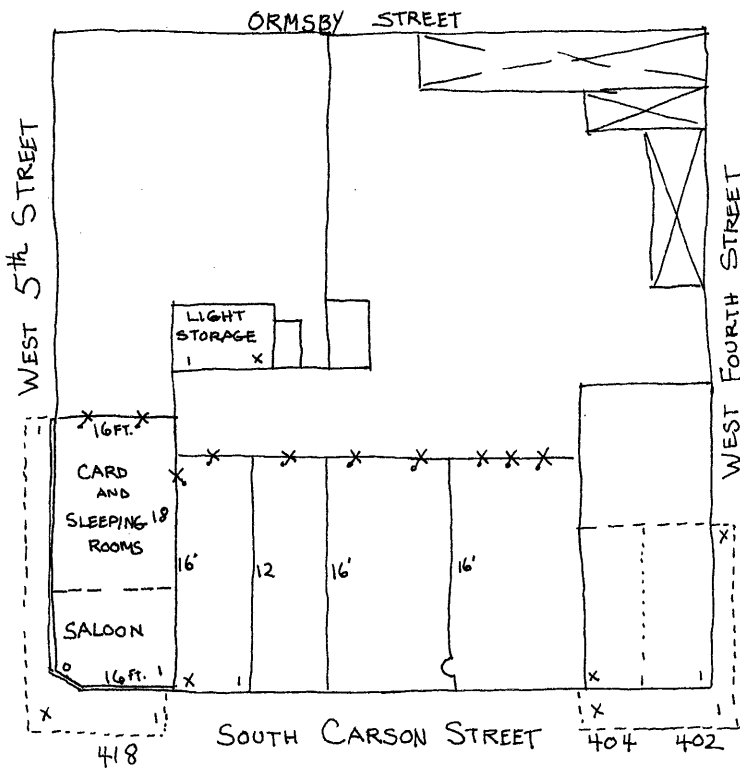
An interior partition, running north and south which divided the present barroom into two sections, has been removed. The rear portion of the building contains two very small rooms plus two rest-rooms, previously used as lodging and storage. The building retains the original narrow tongue and groove ceiling boards.

A wooden porch was attached to the east and south sides of the building but was removed in 1918 by order of the Fire Department, as were all the porches on the main street.

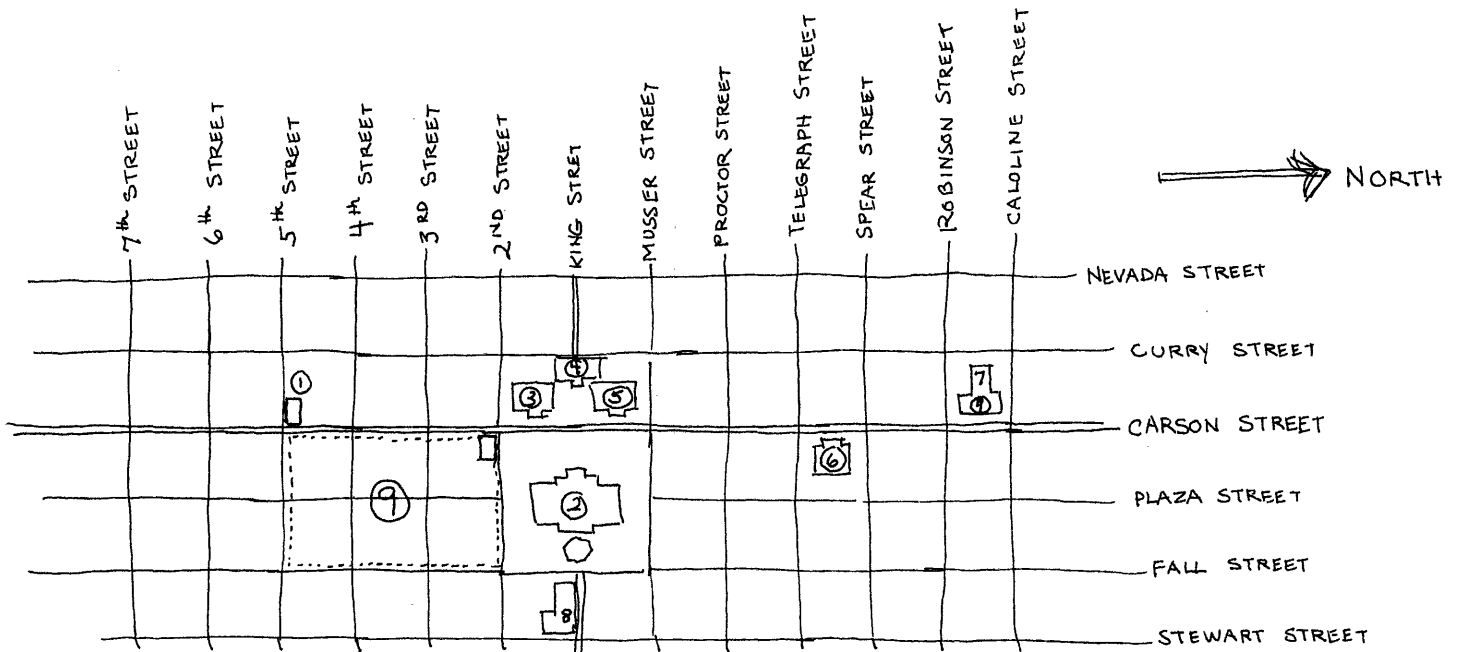
# BANK SALOON, NOW JACK'S BAR, 418 SOUTH CARSON STREET

← NOW (1980) KNOWN AS CURRY STREET

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MAP DRAWN BY  
NOREEN I.K. HUMPHREYS - 1980  
AFTER  
JUNE 1907 SANFORN MAP



- ① BANK SALOON (NOW JACK'S BAR)
- ② CAPITOL
- ③ HEROES MEMORIAL BUILDING
- ④ STATE SUPREME COURT AND LIBRARY
- ⑤ ORMSBY COUNTY COURT HOUSE
- ⑥ U.S. POST OFFICE AND FEDERAL BUILDING
- ⑦ NEVADA STATE MUSEUM
- ⑧ STATE PRINTING OFFICE
- ⑨ NEVADA STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING (1970) AND GROUNDS

PLAT DRAWN BY NOREEN I.K. HUMPHREYS AFTER 1957 PLAT FROM HARDY'S CARSON CITY GUIDE