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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

AND/OR COMMON

Glur's Tavern

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2301 11th Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Columbus

VICINITY OF

3rd

STATE

Nebraska

CODE

31

COUNTY

Platte

CODE

141

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	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 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Gus and Elinor Glur Viergutz

STREET & NUMBER

2105 15th

CITY, TOWN

Columbus

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Platte County Courthouse, Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Columbus

STATE

Nebraska

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

Glur's Tavern is a two-story frame structure covered with clapboard siding with an L-shaped porch on the street facades. It is of simplified Italianate design, with the original structure built in a T-shaped plan. The foundation of the structure is limestone with the walls resting on 8" by 10" beam sills. The roof is gabled. The porch railing which was removed many years ago, is now being reconstructed by the present owners who will also replace the old hitching post rail. The windows and doors are adorned with a low arched hood detail.

The building has two additions, one made of concrete and the other frame. The concrete addition will be covered with wood siding to harmonize with the original structure.

Inside the tavern one finds that the original oak floor and woodwork remain in good condition. There is wainscoting lining the walls. The furnishings consist of heavy oak tables, four of which are originals, covered with traditional red and white checked table cloths. Old metal ceiling fans and a late 1880's German clock, which has never been moved from its location, add to the decor. The bar has been remodeled to serve customers more efficiently, but it does not distract from the general atmosphere.

Some modernization has taken place in the interior. The Viergutz's have installed indoor plumbing and central air conditioning and have rewired where necessary.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 ca. 1876 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Glur's Tavern was built ca 1876 as the Bucher Saloon. Joseph and William Bucher, brothers whose family immigrated to Columbus in 1868 from Switzerland, were proprietors.

In 1914 Louis Glur, aged 17, was employed by William Bucher as an assistant. He bought Bucher's inventory eleven years later paying \$3,610.20, and soon afterward purchased the property.

Glur's at one time boasted a European-like outdoor beer garden with entertainment provided by various traveling German bands. During the prohibition days, Mr. Glur continued to operate his tavern as a soft drink and ice cream parlor.

After Louis Glur's death in 1931, the business was transferred to his two sons, Louis and Conrad. An uncle of the two boys, Otto Stanzel, helped to manage the establishment.

Gus and Elinor Glur Viergutz purchased the tavern in 1969. Mrs. Viergutz is a daughter of Louis Glur, Sr. The Viergutz's have since been stabilizing and restoring the building, and also adding a few modern conveniences. Though some alteration has taken place throughout the years, the old tavern has proven to be resilient and has adapted well to the changing times. It has retained an aura of the 19th century and stands as a reminder of an earlier era in Nebraska's history. This tavern is the oldest known establishment of its type in continuous use in Nebraska.

