



A & C. HI-WAY BAR AND GRILL
136 East Jefferson Avenue, Hayden

The Hi-Way Bar and Grill was built in 1888 on land homesteaded by William Walker (See Walker Homestead below) who later deeded a portion of his homestead to the Hayden Townsite. In 1897, James L. Norvell purchased the two-story, wood-framed and sided, false-fronted, flat-roofed building and established a grocery, ranching and building, and general mercantile store, the J. L. Norvell Mercantile Company, which soon expanded to include a livery stable, a lumber yard, and a saloon. The location served as a gathering place for locals who clustered around the pot-bellied stove to socialize. When Walker built the Walker Church, Norvell became its minister and became known as the Preacher Cowboy. Consequently, he sold his business to William and Marshall Starr, who re-named the business Starr Mercantile Company and operated the various enterprises between 1916 and 1919. John Birkett purchased and renamed the store and operated it until 1933, at which time the new owner converted it into a bar and café. The back bar is still in use. The Hi-Way Bar and Grill represents the establishment of trade in the Hayden community by several noteworthy individuals.