

NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

PROPERTY NAME:

<i>Historic</i> Wieland Brewery Building
<i>Common</i>

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-143
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> Mineral Street	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



CURRENT OWNER:

<i>Name</i> Scott Mizpah, Inc. % Frank Scott		
<i>Street Address</i> #1 Freemont, Union Plaza Hotel		
<i>City</i> Las Vegas	<i>State</i> NV	<i>Zip</i> 89101

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PROPERTY INFORMATION:

<i>Historic Use</i> Warehouse and Storage	
<i>Current Use</i> Residential	<i>Acreage</i> less/one
<i>Architect/Builder</i>	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built 1901, Modified 1902	

<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
<i>View</i> Oblique looking southeast	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Wieland Brewery is a two story stone structure built into the sloping hillside of Mount Oddie on the east side of Mineral Street. The building is rectangular in plan measuring roughly 20 feet wide by 60 feet deep and is covered with a double pitched corrugated metal roof. The main (east) facade contains a central lower doorway with two opposing windows above. The random, undressed stone wall of this facade rises to a stepped parapet which has partially fallen away. The openings feature stone lintels and sills and double hung sash windows. Early wooden shutters at these windows have been removed. The original portion of the building only measured 30 feet in depth and was built without the front parapet extension. In 1902 the original roof was replaced and the parapet added. Some time after 1917 the length of the building was increased to its present dimension and a stone chimney which projected from the roof ridge at the rear of the original structure was removed. Along the north side of the building is a single story frame addition which was built ca. 1930 to increase the usability of the structure as a residence. It replaced an earlier frame enclosure which provided access to the second floor through a doorway in the north wall. An outline of that ca. 1904 addition is visible along the face of the wall. The overall structure suffers from some deterioration but the integrity of its method of construction remains intact.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Wieland Brewery building is noteworthy as the earliest example of stone construction remaining in Tonopah. Built in the winter of 1901 at a period when tents, temporary structures, and frame buildings dominated the streetscape, the Brewery was one of the first permanent structures in the camp. Its construction exemplifies early attempts to utilize an abundant local building material which later became the dominant element in the commercial architecture of the community. The Brewery was under construction in August, 1901 shortly after William Easton secured the local agency for Wieland beer. Prominent citizen H.C. Brouger was reported to have been in charge of the operation, but in December, 1901, local businessman Harry King purchased the agency and the building. He sold the business in the spring of 1902 to W.J. Rice and John Burt, but repurchased it in October of the same year. Rice had previously been in partnership with Harry Ramsey who operated the first saloon in Tonopah. In the fall of 1902, King contemplated the addition of a third story to the structure but only the gable wall was modified with a stepped parapet. This modification gave the building a slightly more formal appearance. The cut stone workmanship of the parapet also indicates that stone craftsmen were locally available by the end of 1902. The building is significant for its place in the evolution of local stone architecture and for its historic association with early business development in Tonopah.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Tonopah Bonanza, 1901-1902
Travers, James W., Tonopah, Past, Present, and Future, n.p., October 1902

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 3, Block J, Richardson Survey, 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH
<i>Photo By</i> E.W. Smith
<i>View</i> Main Street looking north east toward Brouger Ave.
<i>Date</i> May 15, 1908

