

# NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

**PROPERTY NAME:**

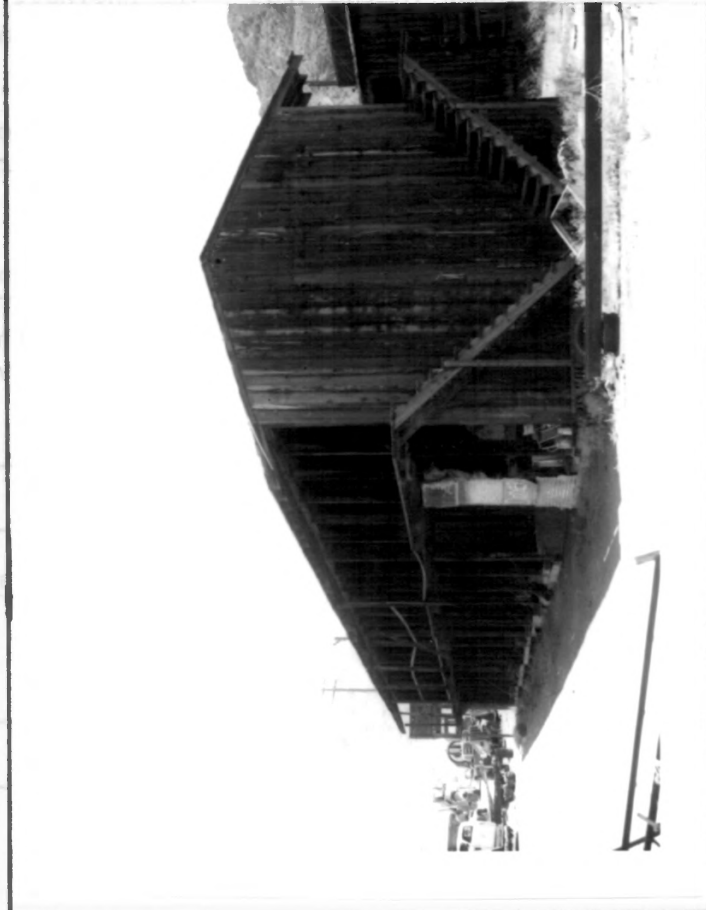
<i>Historic</i> Verdi Lumber Company Buildings
<i>Common</i>

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-144
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

**LOCATION:**

<i>Street Address</i> North Side of Lower Main Street	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

**CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH**



**CURRENT OWNER:**

<i>Name</i> James E. and Barbara Colvin		
<i>Street Address</i>		
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>State</i> NV	<i>Zip</i> 89049

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**PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

<i>Historic Use</i> Industrial-Lumber Storage	
<i>Current Use</i> Storage	<i>Acreage</i> ± one
<i>Architect/Builder</i>	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built ca. 1911	

<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> 1980
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<i>View</i> Looking South at open lumber shed
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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Verdi Lumber Company facilities consist of a collection of three wood frame industrial structures: an open, two story lumber shed, an enclosed two story lumber shed, and a single story materials storage building. The open lumber shed is separated from the other two buildings by the grade of a railroad spur. The tracks have been removed. The solid walls of each building are constructed of board and batten and other walls are open wood framing. A double pitched roof covers the open lumber shed which has solid gable walls. Frame catwalks extend the length of both side walls at the second level providing access to lumber storage. Single run wood stairs rise to the catwalk deck at each gable wall. The second two story lumber shed is a long rectangular structure with a pitched roof. It is open along one side wall. The rectangular, single story materials storage building is covered by a flat roof with flush eaves. Openings of various sizes penetrate all four walls. The original construction materials and details have only received minor alterations and the complex retains a high degree of its historic integrity.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The remaining Verdi Lumber Company structures are important as evidence of the development of an important industry in Tonopah. At the height of its operation the Verdi Lumber Company was the most extensive lumber and building supply company in Central Nevada, supplying not only Tonopah and Goldfield but all of the mining camps which developed in the area. The business was owned by Al Revert, an experienced lumber man from the Carson City area who had come to Tonopah in 1901. He and a partner, A. J. Condon operated the Tonopah Lumber Company which supplied almost all of the lumber for construction during Tonopah's boom period. During the first two years of business, the Tonopah Lumber Company grossed over \$8,000,000. By 1907 Al Revert owned an extensive logging and milling operation in Verdi, Nevada, employing over 1000 men, with facilities which included a railroad system and an electric power system.

In 1911 the Verdi Lumber Company was incorporated and the existing facilities at Tonopah were constructed on a spur of the Tonopah and Goldfield Railroad. These industrial buildings are significant for their association with the important development of the lumber industry during Nevada's twentieth century mining boom.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A portion of the San Grass patented mining claim (surface rights to 500' only)

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

Jim Woodward

View

Looking Southwest at materials storage building.

Date

July 1980

