

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>NEVADA</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Washoe</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
<b>JUN 29 1972</b>	

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**The Lake Mansion (Historic**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **(Moved adjacent to Centennial Coliseum**  
**469 South Virginia St. on Washoe Co. Fair & Recreation Bd. property.)**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Reno,**

STATE <b>Nevada</b>	CODE <b>32</b>	COUNTY:	CODE <b>031</b>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Washoe Landmark Preservation, Inc.**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**c/o C. Clifton Young, P.O. Box 1631**

CITY OR TOWN: **Reno,** STATE: **Nevada** CODE: **32**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Washoe County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**101 South Virginia St.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Reno,** STATE: **Nevada** CODE: **32**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**No knowledge of any survey**

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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COUNTY:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)  
 Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)  
 Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)  
 Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1877, the house is a two-story frame Victorian type house with a 5/12 hipped roof truncated by a "Widow's Walk". Siding is 1 x 8 redwood painted white. The house is 36' square surrounded on three sides by a 6' wide one-story veranda of Italianate character with turned balusters as the railing between columns spaced approximately 12' on centers and a cornice supported by highly ornate carved brackets. All of the mouldings are of classic design with innovations added which make the appearance highly individual.

The first floor ceiling is 12' high; the second floor, 10' high. The house sets on a stone foundation with its porch approximately 30" above grade, which gives it great dignity. Some minor additions and alterations early in the '20's did not destroy the majestic appearance, and can be corrected quite readily.

In order to move the house, the porches had to be stripped off. However, architects working through the Nevada State Preservation Coordinator of the American Institute of Architects, will assure that all replacements are in accordance with the original design.



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**4. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) \_\_\_\_\_

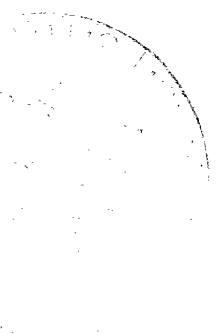
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lake Mansion is intimately tied to the City of Reno's life story. When the gold seeking emigrants, following the Truckee Branch of the California Emigrant Trail, came to the Truckee River and the "Big Meadows" at the base of the Sierra Nevada, they sought convenient fords for crossing. The site, what is now downtown Reno, became one of the acceptable crossings of the river. C. W. Fuller of Susanville, California took particular note of this in 1860; settled on the bank of the river; built a bridge, an inn and a stretch of toll road leading away from the river in both directions. In 1863, he sold out to Myron C. Lake, who rebuilt the bridge (damaged by high water). Lake soon owned the present townsite of Reno and was prepared for the coming of the Central Pacific Railroad. He deeded to the C.P.R.R. 80 acres in return for the location of a railroad station and the laying out of the townsite. He gave an acre of land for the county courthouse, its present location. He bought more land and plotted it into lots. First Lake House built in 1870, as a hotel, was the forerunner of today's famous Riverside Hotel. Lake Mansion, formerly at the corner of Virginia and California Streets was built in 1877 by W. J. Marsh. It was purchased in 1879 by Lake. Lake died in 1884 and Mrs. Jane Lake lived in the house until 1889. Oddly enough, Mr. Lake never lived in the house. The house remained in the Lake family until recent years. Its association with the founder of Reno and its worthiness as an example of sound architecture, merits consideration for a place on the National Register of Historic Places.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Nevada State Journal - March, 1957 - Article by Mrs. Ethel Zimmer - Page 8

Nevada State Journal - June 6, 1971

Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, Vol. 4, 1923-24 Pg. 96

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 28' 56"	119° 47' 24"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 Acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
NA			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Washoe Landmark Preservation, Inc.  
 ORGANIZATION

c/o C. Clifton Young DATE July, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P.O. Box 1631

CITY OR TOWN: Reno, STATE Nevada CODE 89505 32

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Eric Condit

Title ADMINISTRATOR - S.I.L.O.

Date 24 Sept. 71

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Tracy  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/29/72

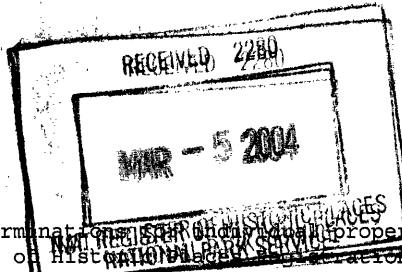
ATTEST:

William H. Hanchey  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determination for registration of historic properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name: The Lake Mansion AMENDMENT  
other names/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number Southeast corner of South Arlington Avenue at Court Street  
not for publication N/A  
city or town Reno vicinity N/A  
state Nevada code NV county Washoe code 031 zip code 89501

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this    nomination    request for determination of eligibility, meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property    meets    does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant    nationally    statewide    locally. (    See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*Ronald J. ...* 3-3-04  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property    meets    does not meet the National Register criteria. (    See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register     
   See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the     
National Register     
   See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the     
National Register
- removed from the National Register

other (explain): Move approved as proposed

*Bella Savage* 4-16-04  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

**5. Classification**

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Non-contributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: \_\_\_\_\_ Sub: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: \_\_\_\_\_ Sub: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation \_\_\_\_\_  
roof \_\_\_\_\_  
walls \_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheets.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheets.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** (Cite books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 0.40 acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>11</u>	<u>258020</u>	<u>4378340</u>	3	___	___
2	___	___	___	4	___	___
	___	See continuation sheet.				

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Mella Rothwell Harmon  
organization State Historic Preservation Office date January 5, 2004  
street & number 100 N/ Stewart Street telephone 775-684-3447  
city or town Carson City state NV zip code 89701

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Washoe Landmark Preservation Society (building), City of Reno (land)  
street & number C/O VSA Arts, 135 N. Sierra Street telephone 775-826-6100  
city or town Reno state NV zip code 89501

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.



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Section 7 Page 1 **AMENDMENT**

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Lake Mansion, Northeast Corner of South Arlington Avenue at Court Street, Reno, Washoe Countu, Nevada

Request for approval to relocate

## 7. Description

The Lake Mansion has been threatened by demolition. It is presently located at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center at 4590 South Virginia Street. The Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA), which owns and manages the land on which the mansion sits, has rescinded the land lease for the building for their own expansion purposes. The owners have been instructed to relocate the building or demolish it.

The building was moved to its current location in 1971 and listed in the National Register in 1972. The building was originally located in downtown Reno on the corner of California Avenue and South Virginia Street (469 South Virginia Street). The Convention Center site is three miles south of downtown in an area of recent commercial development. The Lake Mansion was eligible for listing despite the move because of its exceptional significance.

The building continues to be an important local historical resource. With word of the threat to the mansion, the mayor of Reno and members of the City Council sponsored a search for a new location that would preserve the mansion. With the assistance of the Reno Historical Resources Commission, several prospective sites were evaluated for their effects on the significance and integrity on the resource (see attached correspondence). The City-owned parcel at the northeast corner of South Arlington Avenue at Court Street, in downtown Reno, was deemed to be the best location for the mansion. The parcel was offered to the owners of the mansion for 99 years at a lease of \$1.00 per year.

The parcel is less than one-third mile from the mansion's original location. It is surrounded by historic homes of similar size dating from the 1910s and 1920s, and modern in-fill structures. The building will be facing north on Court Street, directly opposite the historic Frisch House and diagonally across Arlington Avenue from the historic McCarran House. The parcel is one block from the Truckee River and Wingfield Park, and two blocks from historic downtown resources including the Washoe County Courthouse, the Virginia Street Bridge, the Riverside Hotel, and the Downtown Station Post Office, all listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Proximity to the historic neighborhood and downtown area is an important aspect of integrity location, feeling, association, and setting. The parcel is also located in Reno's developing arts and culture district, and the mansion's presence in this district is greatly desired by the community. Since the building will be moved intact, the other aspects of integrity will not be impacted. The site work necessary to make the building functional in its new location will take into account the historical integrity of the building and will include period landscaping and fencing. ADA ramps and other accessibility features will be sensitively incorporated into the site design.

Despite the fact that the Lake Mansion will be a lone nineteenth-century building in a twentieth-century neighborhood, the scale and massing of the mansion is in keeping with the surroundings and will not

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Request for approval to relocate

### 7. Description, continued

adversely affect other buildings. The parcel onto which the mansion will be moved has never had a building on it. It was originally part of a parcel acquired by J.W. Hall in 1925. Mr. Hall built a house on the extreme southeast portion of the property and the subject parcel was part of Mr. Hall's landscaped yard. Mr. Hall's property was subdivided in the 1970s. His house remained, and the subject parcel was paved for a city parking lot. There are no known archaeological resources in the area.

The Lake Mansion will be moved July 11, 2004 by Lynn House Movers of Yerington, Nevada. The porches will be removed following thorough documentation. The main body of the house will be loaded onto a flat-bed truck and will follow the most direct route, taking into account power lines and traffic concerns. The new site will have been prepared in advance to include the excavation of a daylight basement, so that upon arrival the house will be immediately placed on its foundation. The porches will be reattached and landscaping and final site work will be completed. Until the "eviction" of the mansion by the RSCVA, the mansion served as the offices of VSA Arts of Nevada. Following the move, the mansion will provide offices, gallery and studio space, and storage for VSA, and will serve as a cultural center for public and civic events, and weddings. The mansion at its new location is being touted as Reno's First Address.

### 8. Criteria Consideration B

The Lake Mansion retains its eligibility under Criteria Consideration B for several reasons. First, the Lake Mansion is significant under Criterion C for its architectural style. The move will not effect its architectural values and the building will fully retain integrity of design, materials, and workmanship. Further, the building will regain integrity of location, feeling, association, and setting that it had lost in its present location. Secondly, the building is the last remaining expression of the role Myron Lake played in the founding, and growth and development of Reno, and is significant under criteria A and B. In 1861, Myron Lake, who purchased the mansion in 1879, began operating a toll bridge and inn at the Truckee River at what is now Virginia Street. Over the next few years, Mr. Lake acquired a considerable amount of land in the area, which at the time was only sparsely settled. In 1868, when the Central Pacific Railroad (CPRR) selected the Truckee River route for its segment of the transcontinental railroad, Myron Lake offered the CPRR 160 acres of land near his toll bridge if they would locate a station there. The offer was accepted and the depot and subsequent townsite were named Reno. Hence, Myron Lake is a considered to be the father of Reno.

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Boundary Description**

The National Register boundary of the relocated Lake Mansion includes the 0.40-acre parcel identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 011-155-08, Washoe County, Nevada.

**Boundary Justification**

Resource boundaries include all land commonly associated with the lot identified as Washoe County, Nevada APN 011-155-08.

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Request for approval to relocation

**Photographs of proposed new location and buildings in the vicinity**

Property Name:	Lake Mansion
Proposed new location:	Southeast corner South Arlington Street and Court Street
Photographer:	Mella Rothwell Harmon
Date:	January 2004
Location of Negative:	State Historic Preservation Office 100 N. Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada
Photograph 1:	Subject parcel at southeast corner of South Arlington and Court Street Facing northwest
Photograph 2:	McCarran House at northwest corner of South Arlington and Court Streets, located diagonally across South Arlington from the proposed move site Facing northwest
Photograph 3:	Bungalow across South Arlington to the west of the proposed move site Facing west
Photograph 4:	Historic homes along Court Street across South Arlington to the west of the proposed move site Facing west
Photograph 5:	The Frisch House across Court Street to the north of the proposed move site Facing north

