

NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

PROPERTY NAME:

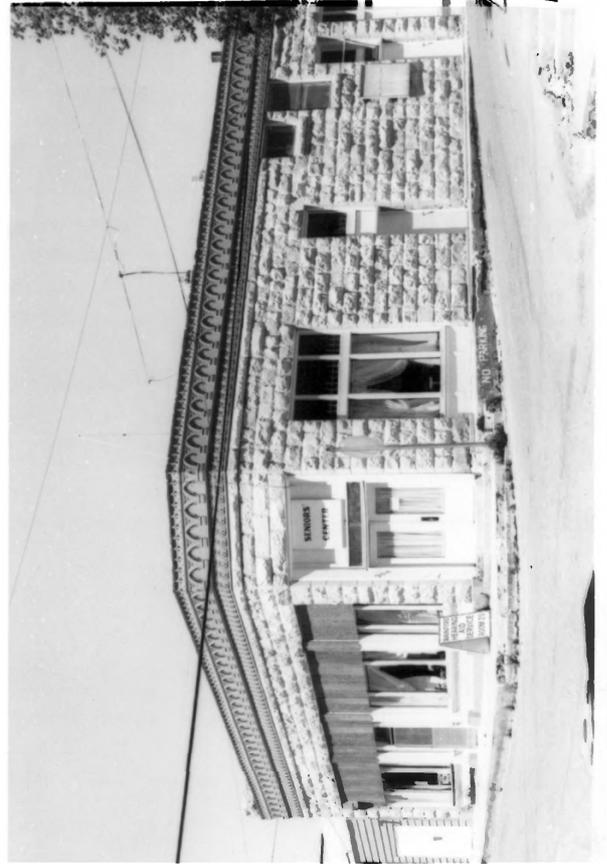
<i>Historic</i>	
Brokers Exchange/Tonopah Divide Mining Co.	
<i>Common</i>	Building

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i>
	TON-109
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i>
	Building

LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i>	
209-251 Brougher	
<i>City</i>	<i>County</i>
Tonopah	Nye

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



CURRENT OWNER:

<i>Name</i>		
Nye County, Justice Court and Civic Center		
<i>Street Address</i>		
Nye County Courthouse		
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
Tonopah	NV	89049

FORM PREPARED BY:

<i>Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	
Janus Associates		Sept. 1980	
<i>Street Address</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
2121 S. Priest Suite 127		967-7117	
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>	
Tempe	Arizona	85282	

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

<i>Historic Use</i>	
Commercial	
<i>Current Use</i>	<i>Acreage</i>
Quasi Public	less/one
<i>Architect/Builder</i>	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i>	
Built 1905, Remodeled 1919	

<i>Photo By</i>	<i>Date</i>
Jim Woodward	July 1980
<i>View</i>	
Looking northeast at main facade	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Brokers Exchange/Tonopah Divide Mining Company Building is a single story, coursed ashlar structure located at the northwest corner of Brougher Avenue and St. Patrick St. Originally constructed with two stories, the building was remodeled in 1919 after fire had destroyed the upper floor. The building contains four storefront bays along the Brougher Avenue facade. They are separated by original decorative cast iron columns, now encased in wood. A single doorway in one bay separates three part plate glass windows on the remaining bays. The prism glass top lights along this facade have been covered with wood siding. Along the St. Patrick Street facade, four original openings were re-used in the 1919 remodel. Two openings were filled with matching cut stone. The splayed corner entry way contains paired doors and a transom. A cast plaster frieze extends along the parapet of both facades and features a repetition of Gothic geometrics and floral patterns. The structure is well maintained.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Broker's Exchange/Tonopah Divide Mining Company Building is significant for its historic associations with the financial and mining development of Tonopah and for its architectural qualities. The building was constructed in the summer of 1905 by W.J. Douglass, Frank Golden and B.F. Edwards as an office building and brokerage house. The brokerage firms of Harry Epstine and the Mims-Sutro Company occupied the ground floor along with the real estate office of prominent citizen Sidney R. Moore. Patrick McCarran, Tonopah lawyer and later U.S. Senator also occupied offices on the second floor. The original two story stone structure burned in 1912, the result of a fire which also destroyed the Tonopah Block on the opposite corner and damaged the adjacent Bass building (TON-118). The stone walls of the burned structure remained standing until 1919 when the Tonopah Divide Mining Company purchased the property. Prominent businessmen George Wingfield and Cal Brougher held controlling interest in the company which was profiting from the development of the Divide Mining area south of Tonopah. The economic resurgence which followed prompted the Wingfield-Brougher interest to reuse the Brokers Exchange building as an office. The second story was removed, the building was reroofed and capped with a striking decorate plaster frieze. Today the building provides a community focal point and is used as a senior citizens center. Its unique architectural detailing and its historic association through time demand its recognition.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- Tonopah Bonanza, 1905, 1906
- Tonopah Daily Times, 1919
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

1/2 Lots 1 and 2, Block G., Richardson Survey 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

Unknown

View

Looking Northeast at main facades

Date

c1906

