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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

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Low M. Meder House

AND/OR COMMON

same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

308 N. Nevada Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Carson City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Nevada

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nevada

CODE

032

COUNTY

Carson City

CODE

025

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ms. Patricia Moran

STREET & NUMBER

308 N. Nevada Street

CITY, TOWN

Carson City

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nevada 89701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Recorder's Office, Carson City Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

c/o County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Carson City

STATE

Nevada 89701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey Nev. 13-27

DATE

1973

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

### Architectural Description:

General description- plan is irregular in shape with major axis aligned east-west. The front entry faces east. Overall dimensions are 60 feet by 28 feet wide.

An off-center hall connects five rooms plus an addition to the rear (west). Rooms are essentially arranged in pairs in a linear fashion from front to rear. The south wall has a square bay window which steps out from the plane of the wall. A similar bay window interrupts the plane of the front (east) wall.

Foundation- ashlar stone block.

Structure- wood frame.

### Facade Description:

1. Walls-shiplap siding with water table above sill line/ false wood quoins at corners/ cornice has frieze, double brackets and dentil range (brackets on projecting square bay windows are detailed with turned wooden "drops").

2. Windows-double hung with lights in 2/2 arrangement/ moulded wood panels below bay windows/ other windows have flat trim with projecting cornice moulding at head.

3. Entry door-features transom and two round headed fixed glass panels with moulding trim.

4. Roof (s)-hipped roof over center of house, gabled over entry portion, and shed roof with false front over addition

House has been subject of measured drawings by HABS ( Nev. 13-27).

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES **c. 1876\***

BUILDER/ARCHITECT **unknown**

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The **Lew M. Meder House** is nominated primarily for its architectural contribution to the Carson City scene. The style is indicative of a once popular architectural expression which predominated the older portions of the city. Such examples are becoming scarcer each year as pressures to develop new businesses, casinos and parking lots increase.

\*Date is an estimate made by Robert L. Hartwig, HABS, based on research of local styles; plus the fact that the Meder House does <sup>not</sup> show in the "Bird's Eye View" of Carson City, 1875.

If Mr. Hartwig's estimate of construction is correct, then the house may have actually been built by a J. T. Freddy who purchased the property from Jacob Tobriner in 1875 for \$1,000. Freddy sold the same property to Lew M. Meder in 1884. However, the price recorded, \$1,275, does not seem to reflect the added value of the house.

*The property is regarded as significant in view of its selection by the Historic American Buildings Survey for documentation by measured drawings. In addition, the Meder House possesses architectural importance in an area of the community which contains a number of late nineteenth century residences. Potential for the creation of an historic district is high.*

*The Meder House is nominated, in addition to the reasons stated above, in order to evoke community interest in protecting Carson City's remaining Victorian residences. It is also hoped that the nomination will generate community interest in creating an historical district, a move which has been slow in gaining momentum.*

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic American Buildings Survey, NEV 13-27, Washington, D.C.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 acre

UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |             |               |   |      |         |          |
|---|------|-------------|---------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 1 1  | 2 6 0 8 6 0 | 4 3 3 8 5 9 0 | B |      |         |          |
|   | ZONE | EASTING     | NORTHING      |   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C |      |             |               | D |      |         |          |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Meder House occupies lots 5 and 6 and the north half of lots 7 and 8 of Block 34, Proctor and Green Division of Carson City.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Fink, Architectural Historian

August 23, 1977

DATE

ORGANIZATION

Nevada State Parks System

(702) 885-4370

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER

201 S. Fall Street

CITY OR TOWN

Carson City

STATE

Nevada 89701

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Kimberly Wood*

Kimberly Wood

TITLE Administrator, Division of Historic Preservation and

DATE

August 26, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY *Archeology*

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*W. H. ...*

DATE

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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST *Charles ...*

DATE

7-31-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER