

# NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

**PROPERTY NAME:**

<i>Historic</i>
<i>Common</i> Tonopah Mining Company Cottage

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-126
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

**LOCATION:**

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

**CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH**



**CURRENT OWNER:**

<i>Name</i> David K. and Joanna Hamilton		
<i>Street Address</i>		
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>State</i> NV	<i>Zip</i> 89049

**FORM PREPARED BY:**

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<i>City</i> Tempe	<i>State</i> Arizona	<i>Zip</i> 85282	

**PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

<i>Historic Use</i> Residential	
<i>Current Use</i> Residential	<i>Acreage</i> less/one
<i>Architect/Builder</i>	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built 1902	

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

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

This one story frame dwelling is square in plan and is topped by a shingled, hipped roof. Extending the length of the front (west) facade is an independently constructed hipped roof supported by four turned wooden posts. The central entry is flanked by a bay window on one side and a double hung window opening on the other. Exterior details include moulded cornice, boxed eaves, a plain board frieze, and shiplap siding. The original two tone color scheme still remains on all exterior surfaces. A second bay window occurs centrally on the south facade, and is covered with a shingled hipped roof. An early pitched roof addition occurs along the rear wall and is partially enclosed with screening. The house appears to be in sound condition.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This house, constructed by the Tonopah Mining Company in 1902, is an important contribution to the Tonopah multiple resource area. It is significant for its historic association with the Tonopah Mining Company and as one of the earliest frame residences still extant in the community. The Tonopah Mining Co., incorporated in July 1901, became the largest company to control the rich silver mines in Tonopah. The original eight claims discovered by Jim Butler were purchased by the company, which was controlled by eastern capitalists, Arthur Brock and Charles Miller. Its extensive mining operations included the rich Mizpah and Desert Queen Shafts. By 1902 the company was employing over 200 men. Tasker L. Oddie, Butlers original partner and later Governor of Nevada, became the company's general manager. In the summer of 1902 a two story Queen Anne house was constructed for Oddie and superintendent F.L. Siebert on the company's mining ground. Over the next few years eight other structures, including a two story boarding house, were constructed to house the company's employees. This company house was the second of those built and was constructed in November, 1902. Since then Oddie's Queen Anne house has been demolished, and only three of the original company houses still exist. This house is the oldest of those still remaining and has received very little alteration since construction.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Beg at #1 from which pt the SE cor of Sec 35 T3NR42E bears S19°47'E a distance of 1657.7' thence S.56°02'E 100' to cor #2; thence N33°58'E100' to cor #3; thence N56°02'W100' to cor #4 thence S33°58'W100' to cor #1 pt of beg. Parcel of ground on Desert Queen claim S2012

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

Unknown

View

Looking southeast house is in center of photo

Date

c.1906

