

NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

PROPERTY NAME:

<i>Historic</i> Hugh H. Brown House	
<i>Common</i>	

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-151
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> 129 Ellis	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



CURRENT OWNER:

<i>Name</i> Dale R. Smith		
<i>Street Address</i> P.O. Box 533		
<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> Unknown	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built 1906	

<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
<i>View</i> Front facade looking east	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Hugh Brown house is a one story poured-in-place "adobe" mud building. The roughly square shaped plan measures 40 feet to a side and is topped by a gently sloping pyramidal roof. A centrally located inset below the roof on the main facade originally served as an entrance porch. Currently an enclosed, hipped roof veranda extends across that facade. Simple wood frame double hung or casement windows are located along the wall planes. An opening on the south wall has recently been enlarged and the original roof has been covered with asphalt shingles.

Other modifications are minor and the house is well maintained.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The adobe residence at 129 Ellis is significant for its historic association with prominent Tonopah attorney, Hugh H. Brown. Brown had arrived in Tonopah in 1903 to open a local law office for a San Francisco law firm for which he was junior partner. He became attorney for the Tonopah Mining Company, the conglomerate headed by Arthur Brock which held controlling interest in most of the claims in the area. By 1907 Brown represented all of the Brock holdings including the Tonopah and Goldfield Railroad and the Tonopah Belmont Mining Company. Other clients included the Mine Operator's Association and the Tonopah Banking Corporation. His wife, Mrs. Marjorie Moore Brown was the successful promoter of the Tonopah Public Library (TON-117). The Hugh Brown house was completed in early 1906 and was constructed of adobe tamped into framework for the exterior walls. It was built in "University Heights" in the neighborhood of Brown's contemporaries, T.L. Oddie, Uri B. Curtis, Irving McDonald and George A. Bartlett. This large adobe house has undergone some modifications but its historic integrity remains intact or is recoverable. For its association with Hugh Brown, the structure is worthy of preservation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Brown, Mrs. Hugh, Lady In Boomtown, American West Publishing Company, Palo Alto, Ca. 1968
Tonopah Bonanza 1905-1906.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 11, Block 51, Richarson Survey 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH	
<i>Photo By</i>	
<i>View</i>	
<i>Date</i>	