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DATA SHEET

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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 Governor's Mansion

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 606 Mountain Street

CITY, TOWN Carson City --- NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Nevada VICINITY OF Nevada

CODE 32 COUNTY Carson City CODE 025

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME State of Nevada, Department of General Services

STREET & NUMBER 305 Blasdel Building

CITY, TOWN Carson City STATE Nevada

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carson City Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 198 North Carson Street

CITY, TOWN Carson City STATE Nevada

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Statewide Historical Preservation Survey

DATE 1975 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Nevada State Park System - 221 Nye Building

CITY, TOWN Carson City STATE Nevada

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	
<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

During 1967 and 1968, the Governor's Mansion in Carson City underwent its first major restoration in 57 years. Under the instigation of former Chief Executive, Governor Paul Laxalt, and with a legislative appropriation of \$78,750 and the considerable aid of private funds, the interior was completely renovated; the exterior modified and restored; the grounds enlarged and landscaped anew. "The mansion now displays the dignity and prestige befitting the home of Nevada's Chief Executive." 1) The entire restoration program was carried out by the architects of the State Public Works Board.

The mansion retains its neo-Classical Revival style as constructed in the Georgian manner. It is a 16-room, 2-story, white frame structure; rectangular in form. The front is dominated by a massive Jeffersonian portico. The full pediment entry roof is supported by six Ionic columns, grouped in 3's at each corner. Similar smaller Ionic columns support the upper gallery, that along with its lower counterpart extends around the structure, in front on the south side and in the rear. The structure rests on a stone base; it has a full basement. The slate shingle roof has a low pedimental pitch. The wide eaves are detailed as classical cornices. The front corners are seemingly supported by full length pilasters detailed in the Ionic Order.

During the restoration process, the configuration of the building was modified. Whereas the original downstairs portion of the building was in the form of a rectangle and the upstairs and roof outline in the form of a "U", under restoration the entire building became a rectangle. The upper and lower front galleries were, at this time, extended to the south and rear sides. A brick fireplace on the south side was removed and a new stone masonry fireplace constructed to serve the same rooms at the rear or west side of the mansion. Many changes were made in window details.

On the interior the first floor contains the grand entry hall, the reception room, a formal dining room, the Governor's study, luncheon room, and the kitchen. The upstairs contains the private five bedroom living quarters for the Governor's family. The basement has a rumpus room besides containing a heating plant and storage areas. At the time the mansion was renovated, adjacent land was procured, and the landscaping extended. A 3-car carriage house was constructed, an existing bungalow remodelled for use by a housekeeper, and an existing garage converted for use of grounds maintenance equipment.

The mansion was originally constructed in its present site during 1908 and 1909 at a bid cost of \$22,700. The architectural drawings and specifications were prepared by George A. Ferris of Reno. His total cost was estimated at \$25,000. Between the period of April, 1907, and September, 1908, when the calls for bids were first placed and the time that the contract was awarded, a considerable struggle ensued to secure a suitable bid. The building was completed during July, 1909, and moved

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES July, 1909-present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Friedhoff, Hoeffrel & Co. -
George A. Ferris; Renovation: Beythan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Construction Co. - Ralph E. Eissmann, AIA,
Chief Architect, State Public Works Board.

The Governor's Mansion is of state significance as the home of the Chief Executive of the state. It is, therefore, a symbol of the power and dignity of the office. The building displays qualities of exceptional design balance, restraint in the use of materials, fine detailing, and a sensitive expression of character.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gale, Frederick C. - The History of the Capitol Building and Governor's Mansion; State of Nevada, 1968.

Daniel, Jean Houston and Price - Executive Mansions and Capitols in America; Country Beautiful, -1969. Distributed by G. P. Putman's Sons - New York.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.76

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING		

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ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The front of the mansion faces North Mountain Street.
The south side abutts on Robinson Street.
The north side abutts private property facing Washington Street.
The rear abutts private property facing East Sunset Way.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE W. E. Wieprecht, Historic Preservation Specialist

ORGANIZATION Nevada State Park System

DATE November, 1975

STREET & NUMBER 201 South Fall Street (Capitol Complex)

TELEPHONE 702/885-4370

CITY OR TOWN Carson City

STATE Nevada

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

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 John T. Richards

TITLE Alternate SHPO

DATE Jan 7-1976

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

Jerry S. ...
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 10/22/76

ATTEST W. ...
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 10/15/76

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7. Description

into that month. It has been occupied continuously since.

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