

NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

PROPERTY NAME:

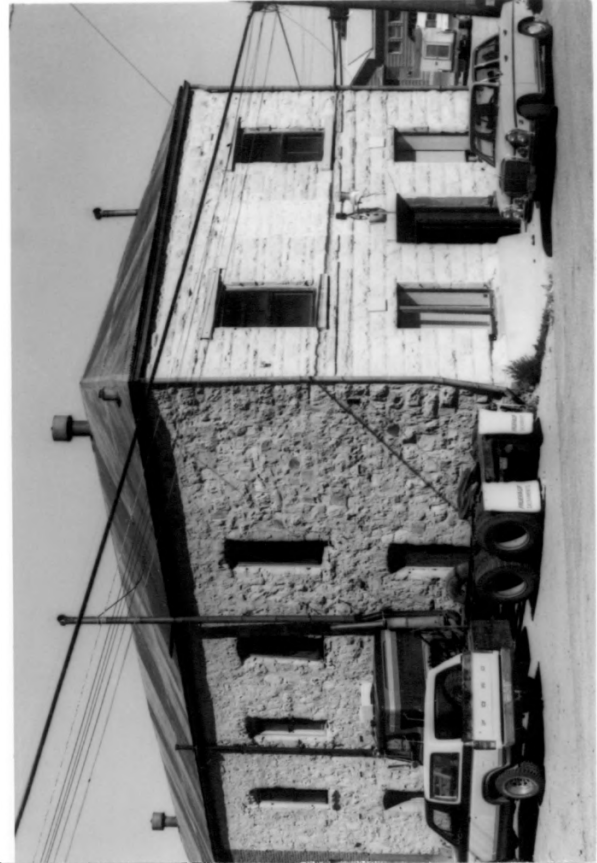
<i>Historic</i> Bass Building
<i>Common</i>

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-118
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> 119 St. Patrick	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



CURRENT OWNER:

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PROPERTY INFORMATION:

<i>Historic Use</i> Rooming House	
<i>Current Use</i> Offices	<i>Acreage</i> less/one
<i>Architect/Builder</i>	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built 1904, modified 1913	

<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
<i>View</i> Oblique looking northwest	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Constructed in two parts, the Bass Building is a two story structure measuring 30 feet wide by 100 feet in overall length. The structure is surmounted with a low pitched hipped roof covered with sheets of corrugated steel. The front 60 feet of the building, constructed in 1904, is built of stone. Its front facade features coursed dressed stone rising to a height of 24 feet. Both levels of this facade originally contained a pair of windows separated by a doorway. The door opening on the second level has been filled with stone (ca.1917). The side walls are built of randomly laid stone and contain four evenly placed segmental arched window openings at each level. Sash on the second floor are double hung, while the openings on the ground floor have been boarded with plywood. An extension to the original stone structure was added in 1913 and is built of wood framing with the exterior clad in steel siding pressed in the configuration of coursed ashlar. Its massing and proportions match the earlier structure. The building is in moderate physical condition suffering from some weathering and deterioration. The qualities of its historic appearance remain intact.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Bass Building is significant for its contributions to Tonopah's architectural heritage as one of the earliest existing stone structures in the community. Built originally as a lodging house by A.A. Bass in 1904, it stands today as the third oldest commercial stone building in Tonopah. Although simple in massing and detailing, its method of construction exemplifies the local transition from the rustic workmanship of this material (as seen in the Wieland Brewery and the Golden Block) to the refinement of crafted stone construction. Important architectural features include dressed stone, flat arches, and applied keystones above the openings on the main facade; juxtaposed with random stone construction and the use of segmental arches to support openings along the side walls. Bass who had constructed the original Palace Hotel in conjunction with Zeb Kendall, in 1902, had this structure constructed in the winter of 1904. In July 1912 a major fire gutted the "Bass House" and destroyed several other structures including the adjacent stone Tonopah Block. By 1913 Bass had the interior of his structure rebuilt and took the opportunity to extend the length of the original building some forty feet. The addition was constructed of frame with simulated stone pressed metal siding. By 1917 the building was used as offices for the Telephone Company with a fraternal lodge occupying the second level. The importance of the Bass Building in the historical interpretation of local stone architecture merit its protection and preservation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Nye County Assessors Records
Tonopah Benanza, 1901, 1902, 1907, 1912
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 14, Block F, Richardsons Survey, 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

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View

Rear of building
looking southeast

Date

July 1980

