

# NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

## PROPERTY NAME:

<i>Historic</i> Irving McDonald House
<i>Common</i>

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-112
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

## LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> 191 Booker	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

## CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



## CURRENT OWNER:

<i>Name</i> Joe III and Cathleen Clifford		
<i>Street Address</i> P.O. Box 908		
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>State</i> Nv.	<i>Zip</i> 89049

## FORM PREPARED BY:

<i>Name</i> Janus Associates	<i>Date</i> Sept. 1980
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<i>City</i> Tempe	<i>State</i> Arizona
	<i>Zip</i> 85282

## PROPERTY INFORMATION:

<i>Historic Use</i> Residence	
<i>Current Use</i> Residence	<i>Acreage</i> less/acre
<i>Architect/Builder</i> Contractor, J.W. Smith	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built 1906	

<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
<i>View</i> Facing North	

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Irving McDonald house is a one and a half story structure of cut and dressed stone. Situated on a lot at the corner of Booker and Bryan Streets, the plan, rectangular with a rear (south) addition, measures roughly 30 feet wide by 38 feet deep. The roof hipped and covered with asphalt shingles, is slightly bellcast at the eaves. A cross gable which extends at north-south orientation, features dormers with walls covered with shiplap siding and tall rectangular windows. The porch, also with a hipped roof, extends along the north and east sides, supported by box columns. The porch deck is of wood, and where infill has not occurred the original low frame railing is intact. Windows on the original stone facade are tall, rectangular and double hung while those on the walls of the porch infill are smaller casement windows. The rear addition consists of an extension at the west with an adjoining garage. A stone retaining wall is at the property line along the southeast corner.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Irving McDonald House is significant for its historical association with a leading Tonopah businessman, Irving McDonald and also as a good example of local stone residential construction. Irving McDonald, a senior member of the survey and engineering firm of McDonald and Moran, opened up an office on his arrival in Tonopah in 1904. He later served as land attorney for the state of Nevada, having been appointed by the land department at Washington. Aside from his success in his profession, McDonald had extensive mining interests in Manhattan and other nearby towns. In 1906, McDonald had his home built by contractor J.W. Smith, in the western section of town referred to as Nob Hill. He retained ownership of the house until 1925. The Irving McDonald House is also noteworthy as an outstanding example of a stone residence constructed during Tonopah's peak development years. Modifications, a rear addition to the west, (including a large garage) and infill of the porch area on the southeast, do not severely alter the original character of the house. A stone retaining wall at the property line was also built at a later date. The Irving McDonald House is important for its lengthy historic association with a prominent Nevada citizen, and as a fine local example of stone residential construction. This property is worthy of preservation and is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Beatty, Bessie, Who's Who In Nevada, Home Printing Co. Los Angeles, Calif. 1907  
Tonopah Bonanza, 1903-1912

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 1 and 10 feet of Lot 2. Block 15, Richarson's Survey 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

Unknown

View

Facing west at the intersection of Booker and Bryan

Date

c1907

