

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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**

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HISTORIC

Raycraft Ranch

AND/OR COMMON

Same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Highway <sup>05</sup> 395, north of Carson City, facing the Eagle Valley  
Childrens Home

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT *Carson City*

CITY, TOWN

Carson City

XX VICINITY OF

Nevada

STATE

Nevada

CODE

32

COUNTY

Carson City

CODE

510

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

*owned by Co. absorbed by Carson City 1965*

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. Aram Harootunian

STREET & NUMBER

1372 Holmby Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Los Angeles

VICINITY OF

STATE

California

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carson City Assessor's Office, Carson City Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

198 North Carson Street

CITY, TOWN

Carson City

STATE

Nevada

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The area where the first flight in Nevada took place, the Raycraft Ranch, was a working ranch at the time of the flight and is currently used as pasture land. At the time of the flight, the landing field was, in fact, a harvested hay field. There is still an occupied dwelling on the ranch, a few wooden huts, stables, and a few trees.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION
—1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	—ARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
—1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		X INVENTION		Aviation

SPECIFIC DATES June 17-23, 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first airplane flight in the state of Nevada took place on June 23, 1910, at the Raycraft Ranch near Carson City. The flight is of national historical significance because all previous flights throughout the country had been made at or near sea-level and it was thought that powered flight at such an altitude, 4,675 feet, was impossible.

Ivy Baldwin, a nationally-known parachutist and balloonist, made the flight in a 48-horsepower Curtis-Paulam biplane. The flight also involved experimentation with the proper strength fuel, again because of the altitude.

Arrangements for the flight had been made by Carson City's Carnival Committee early in June for the City's Sagebrush Carnival scheduled for July 3, 4, 5, 1910. The Committee preferred such a flight rather than the carnival sideshows usually featured at such celebrations.

Baldwin, three mechanics and the airplane arrived by rail on June 17, and within a few days the machine had been put together. High winds delayed the first trial flight until June 23, but the tryout was a success, Baldwin attaining an altitude of 30' and a distance of one-quarter mile before a faulty steering mechanism brought him down. Repairs were made and he made a second flight in the early evening, reaching an altitude of 50' and covering one-half mile before returning to the starting point.

The success of Baldwin's flight encouraged other Nevada communities to engage flyers and aerial barnstormers for their own celebrations in later years and did much to further interest in flying, both from a recreational and a commercial point of view.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hazel Hohn, "Nevada's First Airplane Flight," The Nevadan, V.13, No.5, February 3, 1974, p.31.  
Carson City News, June 17, 1910, 1:3-4; June 19, 1910, 1:5-6; June 24, 1910, 1:2-4, 4:1.  
Carson City Daily Appeal, June 20, 1910, 1:3-4; June 23, 1910, 1:1-2; June 1910, 1:1-2.  
 Letters: Hazel Hohn to Eric Cronkhite, Nevada State Park System, December

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 334.15 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	11	2 6 00 4 5	4 3 42 0 15	B	11	2 6 00 4 5	43 4 2 03 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	11	2 6 00 8 0	4 3 41 0 30	D	11	2 6 0 08 0	43 4 0 09 5

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Along Raycraft Ranch's eastern boundary skirts U.S. Highway 395 South, approximately 1/2 mile. The Eagle Valley Road is the northern boundary of the property with a small parcel of land extending from this boundary. Along the eastern boundary, Foothill Road extends 1/2 mile, then cuts off from the property.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE  
 Phillip I. Earl, Curator of Exhibits, Nevada Historical Society

ORGANIZATION  
 Nevada Historical Society

DATE  
 November 17, 1975

STREET & NUMBER  
 201 South Fall Street

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  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 *J. P. Richardson*

TITLE *Acting SHPO* DATE *Dec 15-75*

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
Acting <i>W. J. [Signature]</i>	DATE <i>5/4/76</i>
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
ATTEST: <i>Charles [Signature]</i>	DATE <i>5.3.76</i>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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1973; Hazel Hohn to Phillip I. Earl, Nevada Historical Society, June 28,  
1974.

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