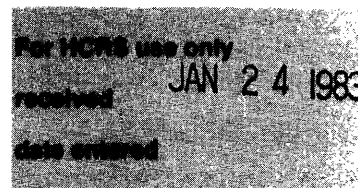


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 The Nortonia Boarding House

and/or common ---

2. Location

street & number 150 Ridge St. n/a not for publication

city, town Reno n/a vicinity of congressional district 2

state Nevada code 32 county Washoe code 031

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Peter C. and R. Neumann

street & number P. O. Box 1170

city, town Reno n/a vicinity of state Nevada, 89504

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washoe County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Reno state Nevada

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title not represented has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The structure is a wood frame building, two and a half stories in height and essentially Queen Anne in style. It stands in an area of primarily apartment house, office, and commercial uses. The structure has been converted to commercial use itself. The structure has been resurfaced with composition siding and experienced some minor additions, but otherwise, retains its integrity and image.

The two and a half story structure is Queen Anne in style with some Colonial Revival elements. The rounded bays, multi-formed roof and circular porch reflect the mixture of forms popular to Queen Anne design. The proportion and character of the balustrades, balusters, and columns of the porch suggest Colonial Revival influences. The foundation is stone.

The roof line is varied with intersecting gable forms and surfaced with composition shingles. Three dormer windows project from east, west, and north elevations. The gable ends are fish-scale shingled and contain double hung windows. The gabled forms of the roof surmount two story rounded bays, also containing double hung windows. The west-facing bay also possesses a rounded cornice line.

The L-shaped porch contains a rounded projecting outside corner with a balustrade of turned posts and slender turned columns. The roof supported by the columns forms a balcony with an identical balustrade topped with small wood balls.

Windows are double hung and with simple moldings.

The building has been resurfaced in composition siding and some additions have been made. A small one story gabled addition projects from the rear on the east. A hip roofed extension occurs at the rear or south which may be original or an early extension. Due to resurfacing, it is not possible to determine whether the dormers may be a later addition. Their form and placement tend to indicate they are later additions to the building. A lean-to shaped structure has been added onto the hipped roof extension. A fire escape has been added to the rear of the building.

A contemporary concrete block garage is free standing at the rear of the property along the alley.

The building stands on a corner lot with an asphalt covered parking lot to the east and an alley and garage at the rear. Some mature fruit trees stand on the west. Small shrubs and a little lawn occur at the sidewalk.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c.1900-1904

Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Nortonia Boarding House possesses cultural as well as architectural values. The Queen Anne structure is one of the best remaining representatives of the style in Reno. The circular balustraded porch is the most dramatic, attractive, and in Reno, unusual architectural feature. The rounded bay detail appears on buildings elsewhere in Reno, and seems to almost be the trademark of a local builder.

Compositionally, the building is varied. The juxtaposition of different forms adds to the visual interest of the design, and rather typifies the Queen Anne style. The splendid circular porch echoes the circular bay motif, adds a counterpoint of texture, and makes the total composition dramatic and unusual.

The structure served as an early Reno boarding house, The Nortonia. The structure appears to have been built between 1900 and 1904, probably by Mrs. Annie Rogers. In 1906, the property was sold to a man named Norton. At this time, the building was converted to multiple residential use and became the Nortonia Boarding House. Early additions to the building may have been made at this time.

The structure is an interesting early example of a phenomenon rather common in cities of that time. There were many boarding houses, during that era, often managed by widows, that housed both transient and stable elements of the population that were either unwilling or unable to occupy an individual home.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Sanborn Insurance Map for Reno; 1904
 Reno City Directory; 1907
 Founder's Title Company of Nevada, Title and Deed Records
 University of Nevada at Reno, Biographical files

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 95.2'X118.1' (.22 Acre)

Quadrangle name Reno

Quadrangle scale 7.5'

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Washoe Co. Assessor's Parcel # 11-164-01
 Located at the SE corner of Ridge and Hill Streets, this 95.2 (Ridge Street frontage) X 118.1 (Hill Street frontage) parcel is the original site and location of this residence.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county N/A code

state N/A code county N/A code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Historical Environment Consultants date June, 1982

street & number 2306 J Street, Penthouse telephone (916) 446-2447

city or town Sacramento state California 95816

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature James M. Hamrick

title Alternate SHPO date Jan. 14, 1983

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 2/24/83

J. Melores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

