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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

MINDEN FLOUR MILLING COMPANY

AND/OR COMMON

SAME

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

6th
Corner of Sixth St. and U.S. Hwy 395

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Minden

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nevada 89423

CODE

COUNTY
Douglas

CODE

025

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Bently Nevada Corp. (in escrow with applicants 8/4/78 to or before 2/1/79) ✓

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 157

CITY, TOWN

Minden

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nevada 89423

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Douglas County Assessor's Office

STREET & NUMBER

121 Eighth St.

CITY, TOWN

Minden

STATE

Nevada 89423

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 flour mill building is a central 3-story brick-walled, 32' x 48' structure with full basement and attic. Attached to the central building are frame and corrugated sheetmetal shed structures on three sides which are from one to three stories in height. Adjacent to the fourth side are four 45' high by 23' diameter steel silos which are covered with a single 46' by 46' sheet metal roof and are connected to the central brick building by a 3½-story corrugated sheet metal enclosure. The overall exterior dimensions of this rectangular complex are 56' by 141'.

The brick and the mortar between are in exceptional condition. Even upon close examination there are essentially no cracks or signs of deterioration in the red bricks or the cement mortar. The condition of the corrugated sheet metal sidings of the attached sheds shows some signs of rusting, deterioration and wear and tear, but is in fairly good condition overall, especially when considering the age of the building (approximately 72 years).

The masonry structure contains a total floor space of app. 3600 sq.ft., shed additions (added in 1908) another 3300 sq.ft., and the area between the four silos grosses another 1600 sq.ft.

Each of the three floors in the brick structure consists of 2-inch nominal tongue-and-groove decking on 3" by 12" rough-sawn joists. Heavy 14" by 14" timber posts and beam supports carry the floor loads down to the basement. A considerable amount of strengthening, with additional posting and beams, was installed when the mill was converted to a feed mill in 1942 to support additional grain bins and large, steel molasses storage tanks.

The only known difference between the original and present external appearance is that most of the sides of the 1-story, covered loading dock on the south (Hwy 395) side were at one time covered with sheet metal siding (probably for protection from inclement weather).

The structure is (apparently) the tallest and most imposing structure in all of the Carson Valley. The end walls of the masonry structure (brick parapets) extending well above the roof lines, as well as the tall silos, present an imposing and handsome picture to all who may pass near it.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- (A) Carson Valley by Grace Dangberg - Historical sketches of Nevada's First Settlement; contains an extensive bibliography;
- (B) The Carson Valley Historical Society, 1972 (contains bibliography);
- (C) Period newspapers and records found at the Carson Valley Library. The Record Courier (Gardnerville) 12/8/05 3/16/06 3/23/06 4/18/06 4/20/06 7/6/06 7/27/06 8/1/06 9/7/06 9/21/06 10/19/06 5/29/07 4/19/07 8/9/07 \$30,000 cost 9/13/07 electric to Gardnerville 10/04/07 10/18/07 1/10/08 8/28/08

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.77 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME MINDEN, NV-CA.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES
 260A 1, 1 2, 6 5, 80 43, 15 2, 0, 0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 C
 E
 G

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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 F
 H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

U.S. Hwy 395 on the south, Sixth St. on the west, concrete planter box to the north and midline extension of Fifth St. on the east.

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

Donald M. and Michael D. Keagy

Sept. 13, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Sierra Shadows Restaurant and Bar

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 189

TELEPHONE

(702) 782-4714

CITY OR TOWN

Genoa

STATE

Nevada 89411

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

Tamela Crowell

TITLE ADMINISTRATOR, Division of Hist. Pres. & Arch.

DATE 26 September 1978

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

Charles Atkinson
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11-14-78

ATTEST: *W. Ray Luce*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE Nov. 14, 1978

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Cont.)

American carpentry and masonry. This workmanship is rare to nonexistent in later construction. The masonry, bearing-wall type of construction seen in this mill building was replaced in the early 1920's by steel buildings. The concrete foundation was an innovation for its time, replacing the accepted stone or masonry foundations being used elsewhere.

The 45-foot-high steel grain-storage silos reflect the early industrialization and mass-production developing within the United States. The building remains as one of the early examples of this type of construction in the West. The steel segment plates were fabricated by the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Co. and transported by transcontinental railroad to Reno and thence via the newer Virginia and Truckee (V & T) Railroad to Carson City. Finally, the plates were carried via horse-drawn freight wagons to Minden and field assembled at the site. Without railroads for transportation, this could not have been practical.

The present condition of the building is worthy of note. The high quality of materials and craftsmanship in the original construction, combined with the dry climate and excellent care of the building, renders it nearly in its original condition. The masonry walls, both brick and mortar, are remarkably well-preserved. The brick was fired in a kiln adjacent to the site and was laid up with a high quality cement mortar. The huge supporting timbers, the clear pine bin walls and chutes (the bins constructed with rough-cut 2" by 6" pine boards laid side by side), and other construction materials are of size and quality not available today.

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Most, if not all, of the principal machinery and chutes in the building are still intact. Included are rope-driven wheels in the power transfer system, a huge bull-wheel with wooden gear teeth and wedges, vibrating screen separators, screw conveyors, a pellet machine, vintage Allis-Chalmers machinery, and fabric-belt bucket elevators of several sizes.

The Minden Flour Milling Company building is located in a unique complex of other historical sites. Approximately 125 feet to the north of the mill is the handsome one-story brick Minden Butter Manufacturing Company building (1908 to 1959). The space between the Mill and the Butter Co. (now devoted to vehicle parking) contained the railroad right-of-way of the historic V & T Railroad. The railroad served the agricultural and business enterprises of the Carson Valley from Minden to points north from 1906 to 1950 when the railroad was abandoned. On the adjacent corner of Sixth Street and U.S. Hwy 395 stands the brick one-story building of the Dangberg Land and Livestock Co., established by the founder of the town of Minden. The lettering over the entrance door properly identifies the building as to its original and present use by that pioneer company.