

# NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

## PROPERTY NAME:

<i>Historic</i> Tonopah Liquor Co. Building
<i>Common</i>

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-132
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

## LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> Main Street	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

## CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



## CURRENT OWNER:

<i>Name</i> Monte Carlo Resort, Inc.		
<i>Street Address</i> P.O. Box 1006		
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>State</i> Nv.	<i>Zip</i> 89049

## FORM PREPARED BY:

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION:

<i>Historic Use</i> Commercial	
<i>Current Use</i> Commercial	<i>Acreage</i> less/one
<i>Architect/Builder</i>	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built 1905	

<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
<i>View</i> Looking west at Main facade	

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Tonopah Liquor Company Building is a two story coursed ashlar stone structure with tall, vertical proportions. Designed in the NeoClassical Revival tradition, it employs symmetrical proportions about a central axis. Accenting this symmetry at the parapet is a large pediment detailed with stone cornice moulding and pommels. Three openings at the second level are detailed with flat arched voussoirs and keystones. Two openings contain double hung windows and the third, an original paneled door with transom. A broad metal cornice extends the length of the facade and is detailed with classical moulding and large modillions. The storefront bays have been altered but the transom lights remain intact although covered over. Interior second level offices and rooms are unmodified, and the painted ceiling in the first floor is still intact. The structure is in sound condition.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

The Tonopah Liquor Company Building is significant primarily for its architectural value as the finest example in craftsmanship, design, and detailing of local commercial stone architecture. When Tonopah's boom economy could support the construction of substantial commercial buildings, the Tonopah Liquor Company, built in 1906 was one of several impressive stone structures which lined the west side of Main. Today, fires, neglect, and demolition have reduced that number to four. The Tonopah Liquor Company building remains as the best preserved example of design and workmanship of a stone commercial facade. Most impressive is its attention to NeoClassical Revival design elements including an imposing pediment, deep cornice and symmetrical proportions. Its craftsmanship is evident in the stonework of the coursed ashlar facade with flat arched voussoirs and keystones at the window heads, and pediment with stone cornice and pommels. The original storefront has been modified up to the toplights, but the original interiors remain intact including the polychrome ceiling on the first floor. The Tonopah Liquor Company building should be preserved for its contribution to the stone architecture of Tonopah.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Nye County Assessors Records  
Tonopah Bonanza, 1906

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

Lot 5, Block A, Richardsons Survey, 1907

**ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH**

*Photo By*

*View*

*Date*