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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions on How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Minden Elementary School
other names/site number: Minden Grammar School

2. Location

street & number 1638 Mono Avenue not for publication _____
city or town Minden vicinity _____
state Nevada code NV county Douglas code 005 zip code 89423

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility, meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally _____ statewide X locally. (____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Ronald M. James, SHPO 1-8-08
Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. (____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
____ See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
____ See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register

____ other (explain): _____

John Edson H. Beall 2-19-08
Signature of Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

School Buildings in Nevada MPS

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Education Sub: School

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Education Sub: School

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Renaissance Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete
roof composite shingle
walls brick, masonry
other wood, glass

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) **See continuation sheets.**

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
 B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
 C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
 D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
 B removed from its original location.
 C a birthplace or a grave.
 D a cemetery.
 E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
 F a commemorative property.
 G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Education
Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance 1918-1958

Significant Dates _____

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) _____

Cultural Affiliation _____

Architect/Builder W.O. Lewis; C.G. Sellman Construction

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) **See continuation sheets.**

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data

- State Historic Preservation Office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Name of repository: Douglas County School District Offices

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.72 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	11	260235	4315100	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)
See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Carson City state NV zip code 89701

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Douglas County School District
street & number 1638 Mono Avenue
city or town Minden State NV zip code 89423

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Section 7 Page 1

Gardnerville Elementary School
Name of Property
Douglas County, Nevada
County and State

Section 7: Description

The Gardnerville Elementary School was constructed in 1928, designed by school principal C.C. Meneley. It is an example of Neoclassical design, and maintains its historic integrity in terms of location, design, workmanship, feeling, and association. There are three non-contributing school-related buildings on the same parcel owned by Douglas County Schools that were added in the modern era. There is also a historic fence along the front of the lawn in front of the original school building.

The Gardnerville Elementary School is located on Toler Avenue in Gardnerville, Nevada, in the S ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 33, T13N, R20E. The building is U-shaped with one story and a basement. The foundation is concrete and rises above-ground approximately 2.5 feet. There are small vented windows along the sides of the building into the basement. The windows to the main floor are six-over-six double-hung sash, and appear to be original to the building. The lintels are brick, laid vertically, and the lugsills project outward.

The front portico has a gabled roof and pediment supported by four Doric columns. The pediment has a circular vent at its center. A set of glass-paned metal double doors is centered under the portico roof. Six-over-six double-hung wooden sash windows frame the doorway on either side. A fanlight is above the doorway. The rear double doors to the school are located at the center of the rear, with a twelve-pane clearstory overhead. Both the front and rear doors have concrete stairs leading up to them, the front stairs with brick piers on either side. A concrete handicap access ramp has been installed near the front entry. A second handicap access ramp has been added onto the rear of the school, on the inner west side of the "U." The space at the rear of the building has been paved with asphalt for a basketball court and four square courts.

The exterior of the building is of red brick. The brick-laying style resembles the common bond style with header courses and stretcher courses, with a vertical stretcher course along the top of the foundation. At each end of the front façade, the regular brick pattern is adorned with a rectangle of vertically-laid bricks. The wooden trim is painted white. The building is adorned with a three-part entablature with an encircling friezeboard and molded cornice. A rain gutter runs along the edge of the cornice for drainage. The original roofing material has been replaced with a red sheet metal covering, a required, fire-safe upgrade to prevent snow from accumulating on the roof. The pitch of the roof is low. Although the roofing material is modern and not original to the building, it does not affect the overall integrity significantly.

There are two other buildings built sometime between 1981 and 2005, the last date noted in the Douglas County Assessor's office for new construction of "a school building" at the property (Douglas County Assessor's Office, personal communication November 2007). However, the assessor's information on the parcel is incomplete or inaccurate—they list the construction date of the school as 1976.

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Section 7: Description (cont'd)

The two additional buildings also have low-pitched roofs but are not built in a Neoclassical style. One, that incorporates a large windowless gymnasium on the west end, is situated immediately east of the original school, facing Toler Avenue (F2). The other modern building, "Building 3," is to the rear (north) of them, oriented along the eastern edge of the parcel (F3).

There is a portable "modular" building (F4) immediately south (at the rear) of the Gardnerville Elementary School that was added sometime before 1981, when an architectural surveyor noted the presence of the structure. It is non-contributing.

The front fence may be original to the buildings, but is at least fifty years in age, and is complimentary to the Neoclassical style of the school itself. Two concrete pillars are one on either side of the front walkway that leads from the sidewalk to the main entrance. The fence is constructed of painted wooden posts and metal piping for crossbars. It contributes to the overall integrity of the property.

Section 8: Significance

The Gardnerville Elementary School is significant under Criterion C, in the area of significance of Architecture. Built in 1928, the Gardnerville Elementary School is a well-preserved regional example of Neoclassical style in a Custom Architect-designed school. It is similar in design to the original Douglas County High School, built in 1916 also in a Neoclassical style. The high school is now the Carson Valley Cultural Center and Museum.

The Gardnerville Elementary School is also significant under Criterion A, for its role in Education, and Community Planning and Development. It was the first primary-only school built in Gardnerville, replacing the former grammar school that served all ages of students.

Gardnerville Elementary

Originally the Gardnerville Grammar School, the first school in Gardnerville, was a two-room structure built in 1892. In 1909, a two-story wooden structure was built at the same site; the upper floor was Carson Valley's first high school (Record-Courier [RC] 6 Sept 1979:3-10).

School bonds were sold in 1928 to raise funds for a new school in Gardnerville. The local newspaper, the *Record-Courier*, noted at a cost of \$28,000, the new elementary school was one of the most modern in the

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Section 8: Significance (cont'd)

state (also reflecting community pride in their new school). It was designed by the school principal C.C. Meneley, who also had some architectural training.

It appears the former two-story wooden school building and the one-story brick, Neoclassical school occupied the same site for a few years. In 1931 C.C. Meneley bought the old school structure, re-using the lumber and moving a section of the building to his adjacent home lot on Toler Avenue.

History of Gardnerville

Carson Valley was first explored by Captain Joseph Walker, who passed through in 1833 with a party that was trapping along the streams and tributaries of the West. He plotted a route over the Sierra Nevada range that crossed the mountains between Carson Valley and Placerville, California. Walker's trail became the principal route for the great western movement that came a decade and a half later.

The first settlement in Nevada was a trading post established in Carson Valley at the base of the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada (McBride 2002). In 1851, Mormon settlers under the direction of Colonel Reese, built a store, hotel, and farm to serve the pioneers and gold-seekers crossing the mountains. The place was first called Mormon Station, but in 1855 it was renamed Genoa.

In addition to the Mormons, Carson Valley was settled by a number of German farmers from the Westphalia region of Germany, who established ranches to the east and southeast of the first settlement in Genoa, and contributed to the later development of the valley's other towns of Gardnerville (1879) and Minden (1905). Carson Valley agriculture received a big boost from the discovery of the Comstock Lode in 1859 and the resulting demand for food supplies for the mining towns that sprang up in western Nevada. During the Comstock boom years of 1860-1879, agriculture in the area flourished (Harmon 2003).

The town of Gardnerville, located southeast of Genoa in an area designated as the East Fork Township, was established by Lawrence Gilman. Gilman purchased a tract of land along the East Fork of the Carson River from John and Mary Gardner in 1879. Gilman moved a building, known as the Kent House, from its original location between Genoa and Wally's Hot Springs. He changed the name of the Kent House to the Gardnerville Hotel, and added a blacksmith shop and a saloon to serve the surrounding ranches. In 1881, Gilman purchased another tract of the former Gardner property from Henry Van Sickle, and began selling parcels. Gilman named the town Gardnerville after John Gardner. The Gardnerville post office opened on June 28, 1881, with Gilman as postmaster. The new town, located along the Esmeralda/Bodie road,

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Section 8: Significance (cont'd)

thrived as it supplied the mines to the south. By 1899, Gardnerville's Main Street boasted several hotels, shops, and saloons, livery stables, and other businesses. As well as being a center of commerce, Gardnerville was also a social center for the German and Scandinavian ranchers. The Valhalla Society was formed in Gardnerville in 1885 to disseminate information to immigrants to the area (Rocha 2002).

The neighboring community of Minden was established in 1905 to become the new terminus for the Virginia & Truckee Railroad. Today these two towns are only separated by city limit boundaries on maps; they are seamlessly connected by continuous streets and buildings today.

Section 9: Bibliography

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McBride, Terri

2002 Exploration and Early Settlement in Nevada Historic Context. In *Nevada Comprehensive Preservation Plan*, edited by W.G. White, R.M. James and R. Bernstein. On file at the State Historic Preservation Office, Carson City.

Record-Courier

1979 And the rest is history. Gardnerville, NV. 6 September:3-10

Rocha, Guy L.

2002 Town Named after Couple, not Businessman. *Reno Gazette-Journal*, December 22.

Section 10: Geographical Data

Boundary Description

The entire parcel, including the playgrounds and all school-related buildings, is surrounded with chain link fences. To the west of the school is wetlands, immediately north and east are residential neighborhoods, and along the south of the parcel is Toler Avenue.

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Section 10: Geographical Data (cont'd)

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all land historically associated with the Gardnerville Elementary School parcel, Douglas County Assessor's parcel number 1320-33-402-059.

Photo Log

Digital images on file at the NV State Historic Preservation Office

Photo Number	Description	Photographer/Date
1	Gardnerville Elementary (F1), front façade, facing north	T. McBride/December 28, 2007
2	Angled front façade, facing north-northeast	T. McBride/December 28, 2007
3	West façade, facing southeast	T. McBride/December 28, 2007
4	Rear of original school (F1), facing south	T. McBride/December 28, 2007
5	Non-contributing modular (F4), facing east	T. McBride/December 28, 2007
6	Non-contributing addition (F3), facing east-southeast	T. McBride/December 28, 2007
7	Non-contributing addition (F2), facing east-northeast	T. McBride/December 28, 2007

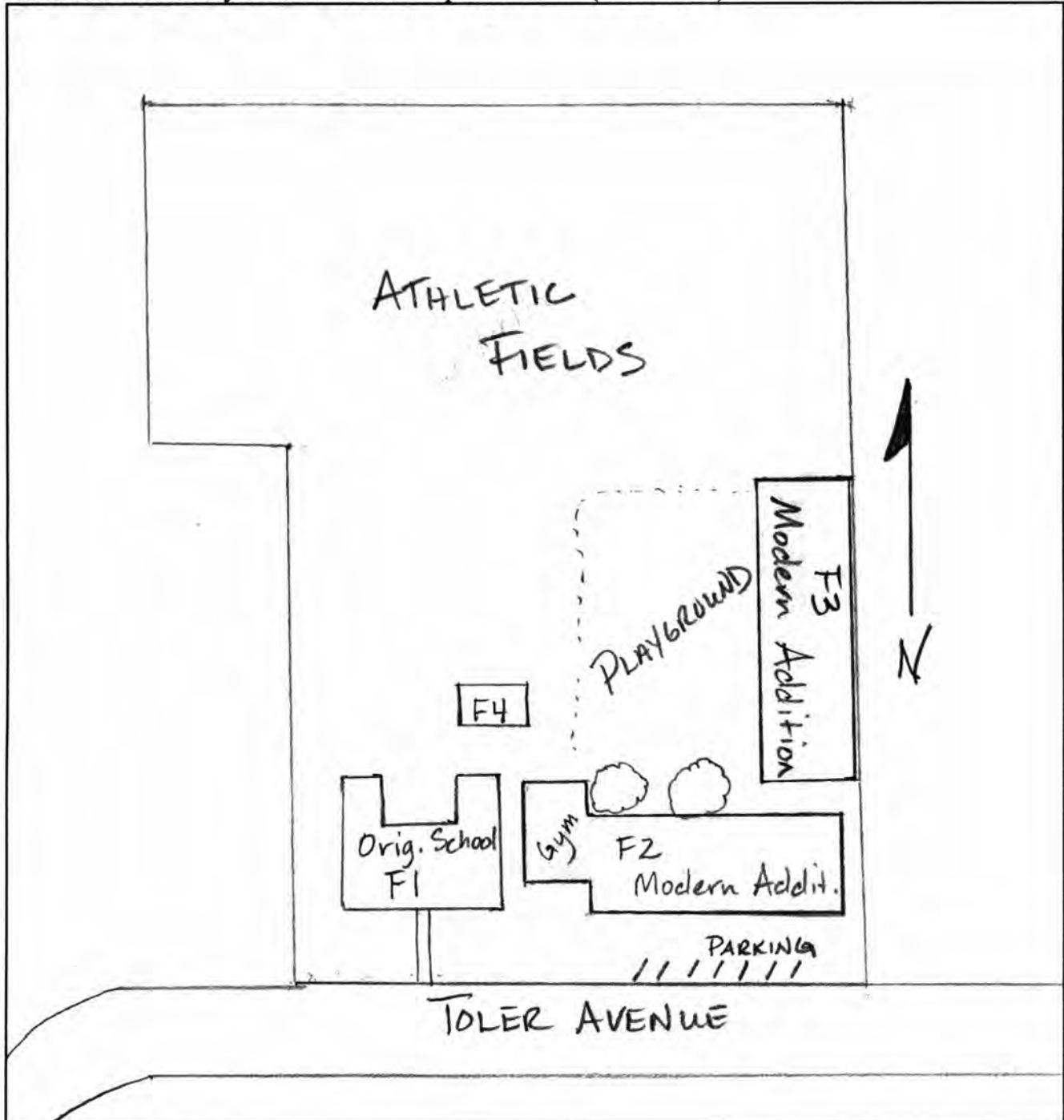
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Attachment: Sketch Map

Gardnerville Elementary School: Sketch Map of Site Plan (not to scale)



Douglas County, Nevada

Assessor's Parcels
Douglas County Assessor

Map Legend

	Parcel Boundary	000	Parcel Number
	Sub'd Boundary	110	Parcel Sub/Seq Number
	Easements	100	Parcel Acreage
	Town Boundary	B L X A	Parcel Block Number
	Township/Range/Section	1	Parcel Lot Number
	Open Space/Conserv. Eas.	100	Parcel Address
	Receiving Area		

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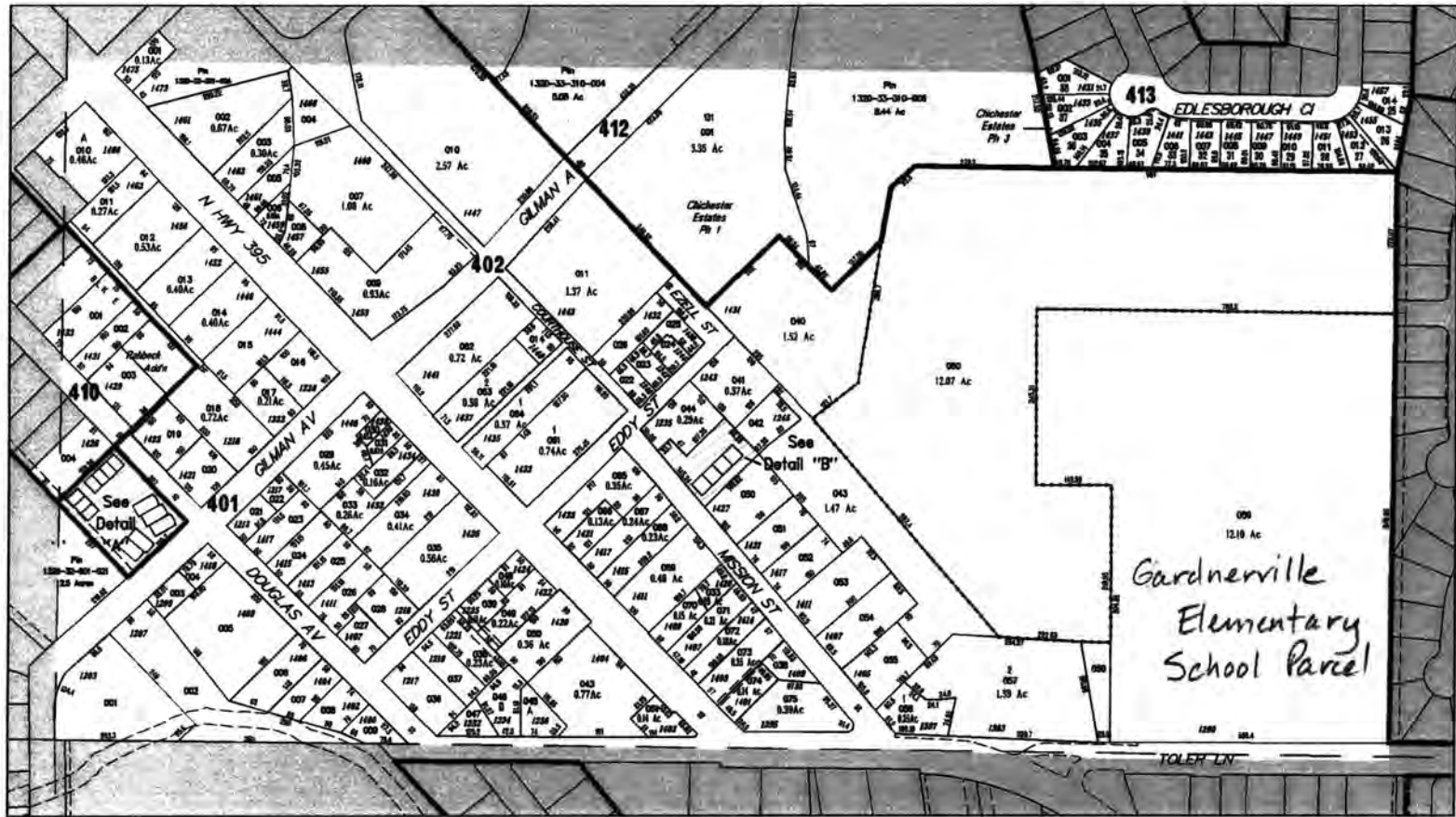
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SCALE: Not to Scale
REVSD: 1/14/2007



NOTE: This map is prepared for the use of Douglas County Assessor, for assessment and illustrative purposes only. It does not represent survey of the premises. No liability is assumed as to the sufficiency or accuracy of the data delineated hereon.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Minden Elementary School
NAME:

MULTIPLE School Buildings in Nevada MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEVADA, Douglas

DATE RECEIVED: 1/10/08 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/30/08
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/14/08 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/23/08
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 08000034

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 2-19-08 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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national Register**

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.





"School Buildings in NV"
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Minden Elementary
Douglas County, NV
Photo #2



"School Buildings in NV"
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Photo #3



"School Buildings in NV"
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Minden Elementary
Douglas County, NV

Photo #4

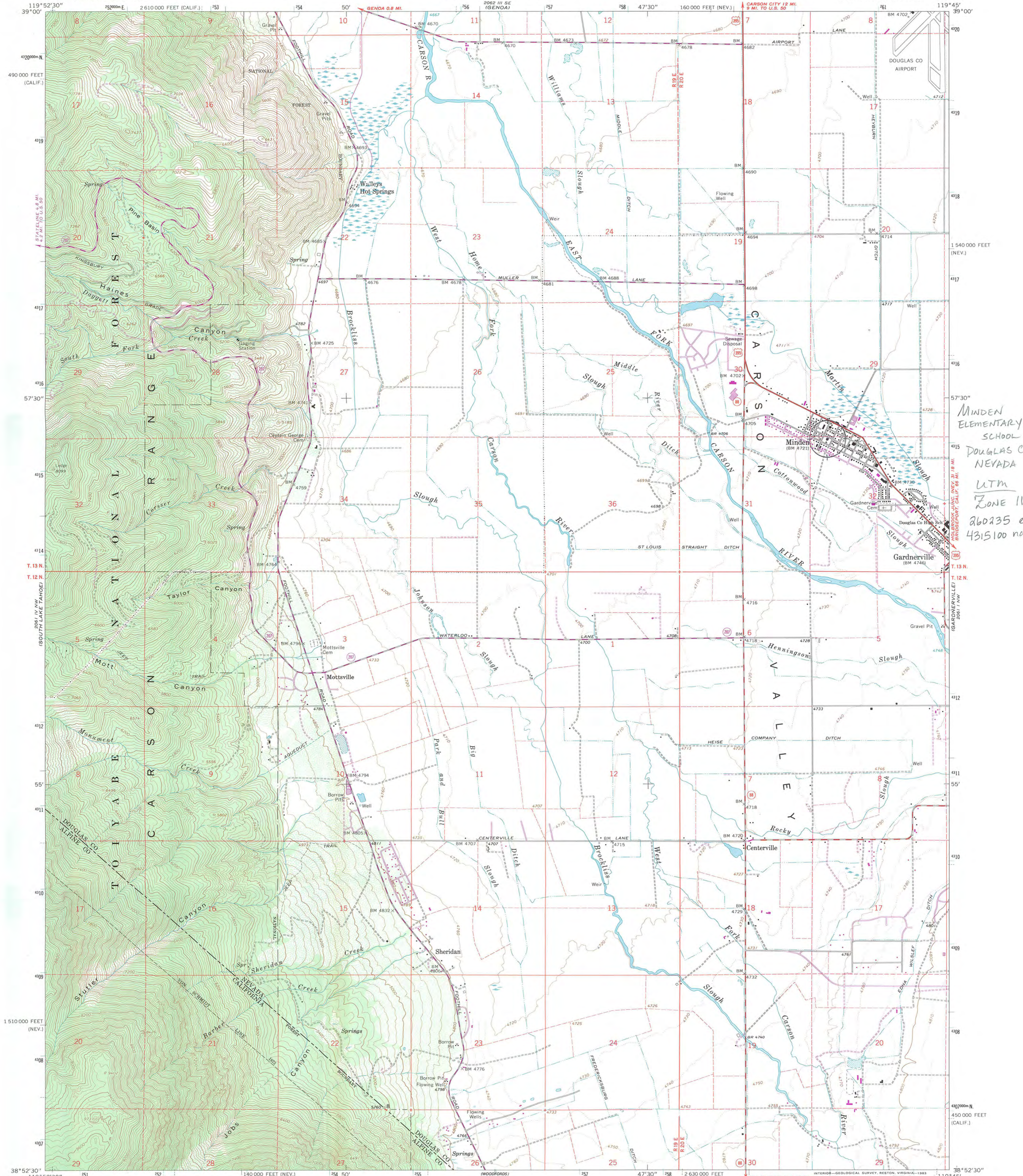


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Minden Elementary
Douglas County, NV
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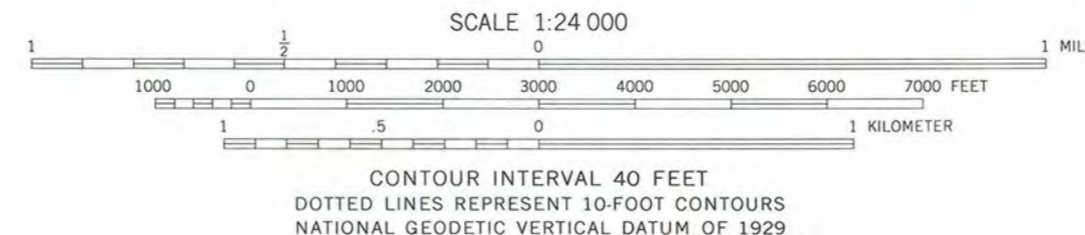
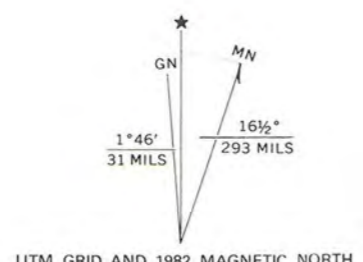


"School Buildings in NV"
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Minden Elementary
Douglas County, NV
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photographs taken 1967. Field checked 1968
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Nevada coordinate system, west zone
and California coordinate system, zone 2
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 11, shown in blue
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 13 meters north and
87 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines
Where omitted, land lines have not been established
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map



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taken 1980 and other source data. This information not
field checked. Map edited 1982.

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