

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC I.O.O.F Building, Mason Valley

AND/OR COMMON same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Yerington

n/a VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2

STATE

Nevada

CODE
32

COUNTY
Lyon

CODE
019

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	n/a <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Lloyd A. Hoopes

STREET & NUMBER

3501 Maryland Parkway, #82

CITY, TOWN

Las Vegas

n/a VICINITY OF

STATE

Nevada 89109

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Lyon County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Yerington

STATE

Nevada 89447

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 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 Mason Valley Odd Fellows Building, erected between 1913 and 1914 is located on Main Street in Yerington, the Lyon County seat. It is situated among structures of similar age, close to the Courthouse and city park. While lacking certain decorative details on the exterior, the building nonetheless retains a high degree of integrity. Its original uses included commercial on the lower floor and Lodge functions on the upper. Current uses include commercial, bus depot, business offices on the upper floor, and a ballroom. It was designed by noted Nevada architect Frederick J. DeLongchamps.

It is located in Section 15, T13N, R25E, M.D.B. & M., Lot 2, Block 3 Assessors page #01-19. The front of the building faces Main Street. Side entrances to the bus depot and upper floor offices are located on the Van Ness Avenue elevation. It is further situated on the same block as the Lyon County Courthouse, also a DeLongchamp design and listed on the National Register.

The foundation and walls of the 60 x 120 foot long building are of poured concrete. The east (front) facade and north facade are faced with brick laid in American Bond. Walls are generally flat and visual textural effects are provided by string courses and a minimal parapet decoration. Extant metal supports indicate that a sheet metal cornice once appeared on the east and north elevations. Additionally, evidence on the lower floor walls indicate that either a porch or canopy also appeared on the east and north elevations. No photographic evidence exists to document these features. With the exception of the door hardware, the storefronts on the east elevation are original. Window configurations on the second floor are primarily one/one sliding sash in simple frames with arched, brick lintels. On the north elevation, multi-paned windows are the dominant treatment. The shed addition housing the depot is not original but no date is known. The roof is flat with asphalt covering.

Original interior organization was comprised of two large interior spaces servicing the storefronts. The second story, reached by a stair on Van Ness, leads to the ballroom. Additional stairs lead to the third floor, which originally housed the banquet room and kitchen. This space has been renovated into office space. All interior wood finishes are intact, although some of the original plumbing fixtures have been removed.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1913

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Frederick J. DeLongchamps

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The I.O.O.F. Building, Mason Valley, is significant on several counts. One, it figures prominently in the development of the City of Yerington; two, it represents a type of building that is rarely found intact in Nevada ; and three, it was designed by noted Nevada architect Frederick J. DeLonchamps. Contexts used in the evaluation of this resource include: Architecture of Frederick J. DeLongchamps; Development of Yerington as the Lyon County seat; Fraternal groups and their role in community development in the United States.

In March, 1913, subscriptions were solicited for the erection of the Mason Valley Odd Fellows Building. The site, close to the recently completed Courthouse, was donated and plans were conceived for a 20-25000, two story structure to house commercial functions on the lower floor and various Lodge functions on the second. The Odd Fellows, characteristically, even offered the use of their facilities to other fraternal groups (Masons & Knights of Pythias). This building was to become the earliest community-oriented structure in Yerington, which after 1910, had become the Lyon County seat. After the transfer of the seat, the city grew rapidly and the necessity of this type of building became increasingly evident. It is typical of the Odd Fellow organization that they responded to the need. Their philanthropic activities in the areas of education and the care of orphans and widows in the late 19th and early 20th cenutries are well documented.

In December, 1913, the cornerstone was laid. Many persons of importance to the I.O.O.F. traveled from various parts of the United States to attend this event. Completed in 1914, the building played an important part in the growth of the city of Yerington, having served both business and social needs.

While surely one of his most modest designs, it is obvious that Frederick DeLongchamps skilled design sense is in evidence. Neatly divided into bays, the building would have presented a balanced, yet dignified appearance with its decorative elements intact. It is probable that he wished to have th building complement his recently completed, Classically-inspired Courthouse. As the state's most prodigious and prestigious architect, DeLongchamps left an enduring legacy of simple yet competently designed buildings which contribute highly to the historic built environment in Nevada. Educated in Reno and apprenticed in SanFrancisco, DeLongchamps had a remarkably prolific career , having designed a preponderance of public buildings in Nevada. He was the only officially designated "state architect" and has been much honored by his peers.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Yerington Times. 1913. March 29, September 27, December 6, December 20.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME Yerington

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Continuation Sheet attached.

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

STATE none CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Lloyd A. Hoopes / James Hamrick - Nevada SHPO

ORGANIZATION Owner

DATE May 1983

STREET & NUMBER 3501 Maryland Parkway, #82

TELEPHONE (702) 733-4992

CITY OR TOWN Las Vegas

STATE Nevada 89109

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL xx

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

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 6-24-83

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST:

Entered in
National Register

DATE 8/4/83

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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CONTINUATION SHEET

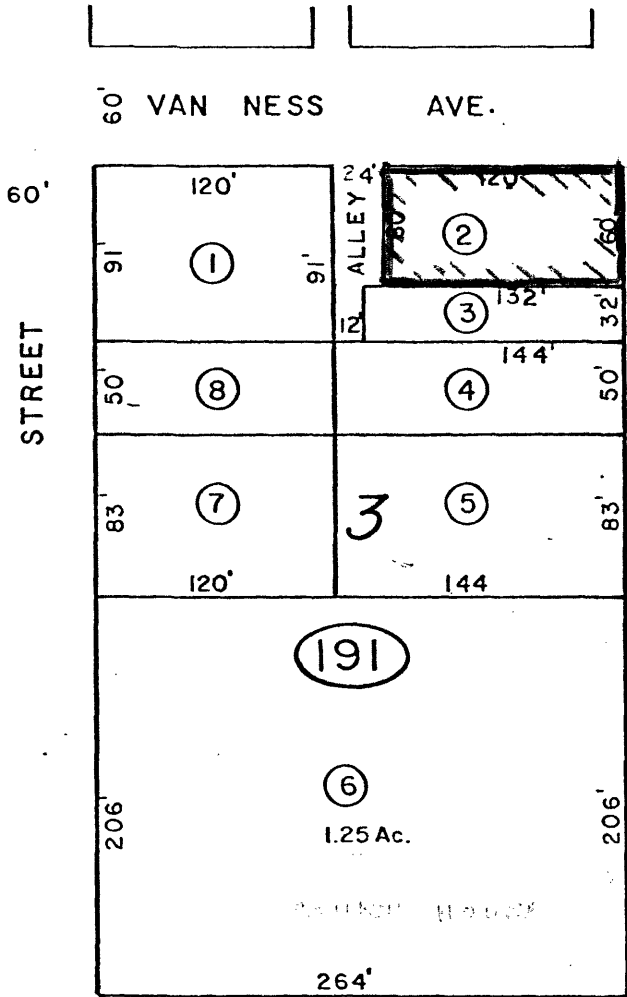
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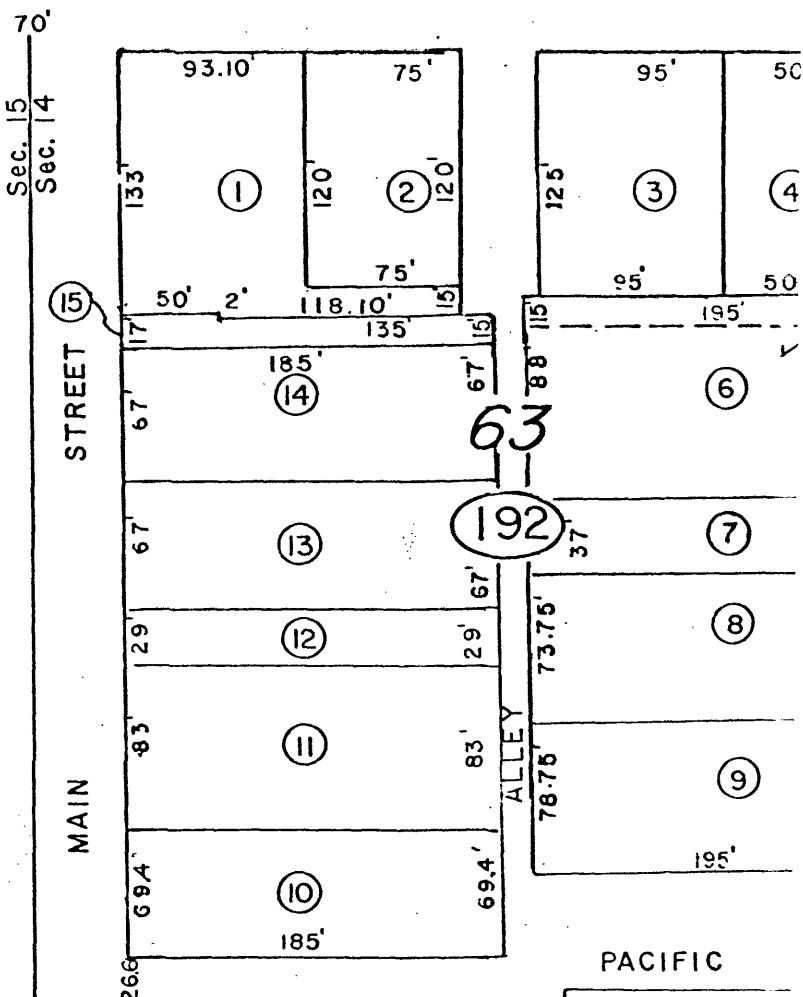
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Beginning at the NE corner of Block 3 of the Barton Addition to the City of Yerington, and at a point 30 feet west and 1433 feet north from the SE corner of Section .15, T13N, R25E M.D.B. & M. Said point of beginning being further described as the intersection of the west line of Main Street and the South line of Van Ness Avenue; thence southerly 60 feet; thence at right angles west 120 feet to the east line of an alley running through the center of said Block 3; thence northerly along the east line of said alley 60 feet to the south line of Van Ness Avenue; then easterly along this south line a distance of 120 to the place of beginning.

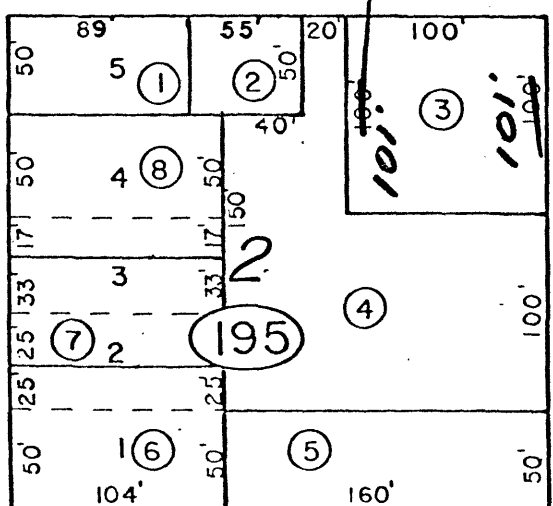
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1" = 100'

