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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 Carson Valley Improvement Club Hall

AND/OR COMMON C.V.I.C. Hall

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 1606 Esmeralda Ave.

n/a NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Minden VICINITY OF n/a CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

STATE Nevada CODE 32 COUNTY Douglas CODE 005

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" 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 Town of Minden

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 205

CITY, TOWN Minden VICINITY OF n/a STATE Nevada 89423

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Douglas County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 1616 Eighth St.

CITY, TOWN Minden STATE Nevada 89423

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE The Architectural Heritage of Carson Valley

DATE 1981  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Nevada SHPO, 201 S. Fall St.,

CITY, TOWN Carson City. STATE Nevada 89710

# 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		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Carson Valley Improvement Club (C.V.I.C.) Hall, located in the town of Minden, Nevada, was erected between May and October of 1912. Described as "one of the finest halls and club rooms in the state of Nevada" by a local paper, the hall has continually served the residents of Minden and Carson Valley as a center for social and community affairs since its grand opening dance the night of November 15, 1912. Situated at the edge of the commercial district, the two story brick building represents a vernacular style with simplified Classical Revival elements. The building retains a very high degree of integrity.

Oriented to the North, the C.V.I.C Hall occupies a county-owned parcel (AP#25-200-39), located on the south side of Esmeralda Avenue - the main commercial street in Minden. The parcel is rectangular, with 75 feet of frontage and a depth of 105 feet, and is located in Sect. 32, T13N, R20E, M.D.B.&M. Surrounding uses include residential as well as commercial.

The two story brick building is rectangular in shape, 50 x 105 feet, and contains approximately 7, 270 sq. ft. The exterior walls are structural brick masonry, laid in an American Bond style, with seven stretcher courses for each tie course. The building rests on a concrete footing and stem wall foundation. All windows and doors are wood framed, and the windows are double hung sliding sash. The roof is a low pitched hip. The semi-elliptical arched double door entry with a fan tympanum forms the central motif for the bilateral symmetry of the front facade. The cornice of the parapet walls is accented by projecting rowlock brick work, as are the window sill courses. Additional areas of herringbone brick patterns accent the facade on the second story. The variety of brick work reflects a high degree of craftsmanship and creates a pleasing yet not overstated formality.

The interior of the building is composed of a large hall terminating in a full width stage. The main hall is reached through a small foyer flanked by kitchen and restroom facilities. The second story is composed of an additional kitchen, a meeting room, and a balcony overlooking the hall and stage. The second story is reached by modest exposed stairways on either side of the main hall.

Alterations to the building have been minimal and include the bricking in of three of the original window openings. the installation of a modern heating and cooling plant in the basement necessitated the construction of an exterior brick chimney at the rear of the building, and the installation of a dropped ceiling in the main hall to accomodate the duct work. Alterations also include the construction of a ticket booth between the foyer and the main hall.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE
___1500-1599	___AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	___EDUCATION	___MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
___1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1912

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Carson Valley Improvement Club (C.V.I.C.) Hall is significant to the town of Minden, and the Carson Valley as a whole as a focal point of community activities. The costs of construction were raised by the public sale of 1,000 subscriber shares valued at \$10.00 each. The land was donated by the H.F. Dangberg Land and Live Stock Company. The Dangbergs were significant property owners and ranchers in the Carson Valley. The Hall provided a facility for large social gatherings and community celebrations as well as activities such as town meetings and voting headquarters. Built of regionally-produced red brick in a vernacular Classicized style, we believe that the building is eligible under Criteria A and C. As a significant gathering place for the citizens of Minden, Gardnerville, and Douglas County, it has made a contribution to the evolution of the Carson Valley. As a distinctive type of architecture with a high degree of integrity, the building is also significant.

The town of Minden was created as a result of the southerly extension of the Virginia and Truckee Railway. Because of the prohibitive costs of land in the town of Gardnerville, the railway terminated two miles north on land donated by the Dangberg family. The railway terminus then became the basis for the "planned community" of Minden. Famed Nevada architect Frederick J. DeLongchamps designed many of its buildings. The C.V.I.C. Hall was one of the first major buildings erected in the new town.

The town of Minden has never been incorporated, but has derived its status and maintained its integrity through a succession of organizations, all of which were housed in the C.V.I.C. Hall. Beginning with the Carson Valley Improvement Club (1912-1920), becoming the Minden Commercial Club (1920-1932), and finally the Town of Minden (1932-present), these entities acted as the local governing body and liason to the Douglas County Commissioners for the citizens of Minden. Items such as the administration of the municipal water company, the development of the fire department, and the management of street improvements, all were tasks handled by the succession of organizations.

Currently, the regular meetings of the Minden Town Board are held in the C.V.I.C. Hall as well as a myriad of community activities ranging from meetings of the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.), to the local chapters of the 4-H and Girl Scouts. Commencement ceremonies for the local schools are also held there.

The simplified exterior design is typical of Minden commercial and public buildings. Function al, with sparse detailing, these buildings reflect a lifestyle that eschewed pretentious display. The use of texture for visual diversity is seen in much of the architecture in Minden. The C.V.I.C. Hall, as a rare intact example of this type of structure in the state and is worthy of consideration as a Register property.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dangberg, Grace; Carson Valley: Carson Valley Historical Society, 1972.  
 \_\_\_\_\_; The Architectural Heritage of Carson Valley: Douglas County  
 Planning Department, Minden, Nevada, 1981.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, The Record-Courier: May 10, 17, 31; July 26; August 30; October 11;  
 November 15, 22 - all in the year 1912. Published in Gardnerville, NV.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. .18 ac. (7,875 sq. ft.)

UTM REFERENCES Minden Quadrangle

Scale 1:24000

A 

1	1	2	6	0	5	2	0	4	3	1	5	0	3	0
ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B 

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The east 25 feet of lots 1,2,3, & 4 and all of lot 5 and lot 6 of  
 Block I, Town of Minden, County of Douglas, State of Nevada

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

STATE	none	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Larry Wahrenbrock, Consultant

May, 1983

ORGANIZATION

Design Concepts West

DATE

(702) 883-1650

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 664

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Carson City

STATE

Nevada 89702

# 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

*Robert D. Wasteneys*

TITLE *State Historic Preservation Officer*

DATE *24 June, 1983*

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

*Melva D. Jones*

Included in the  
National Register

DATE *8/4/83*

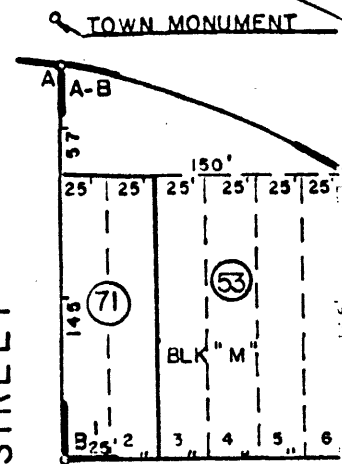
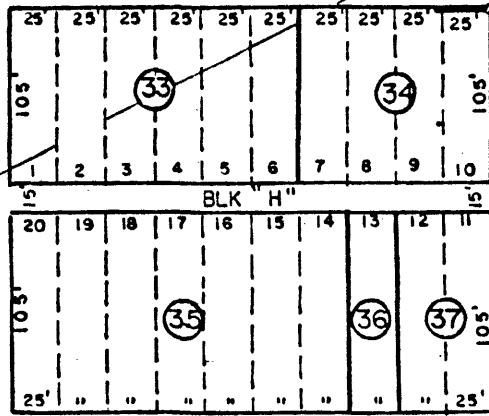
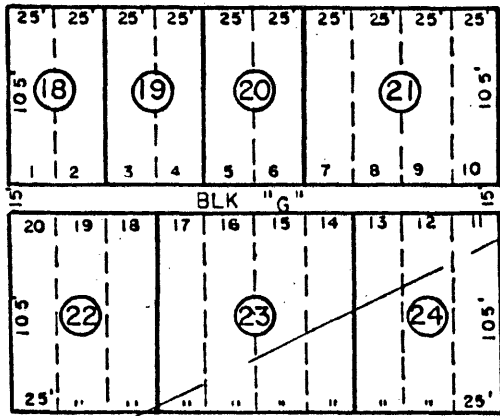
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DATE

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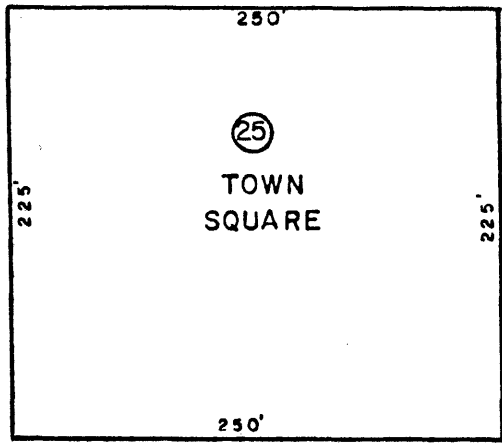


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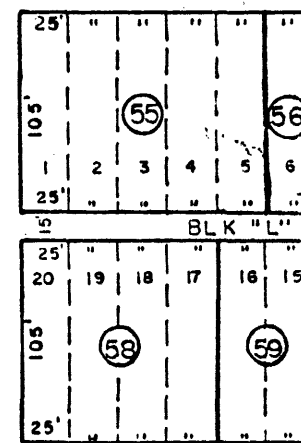
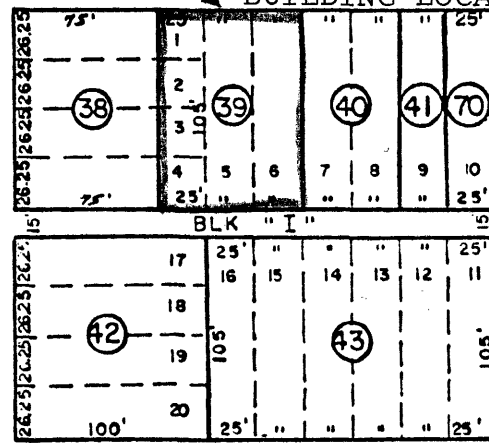
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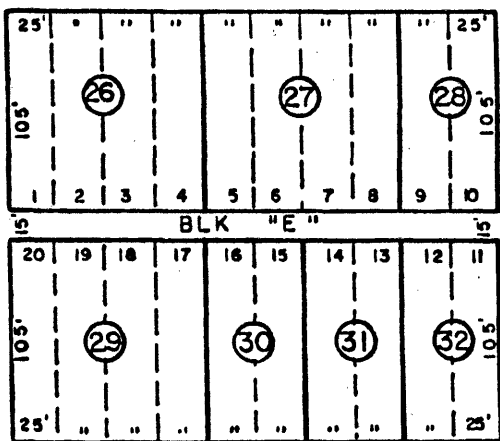


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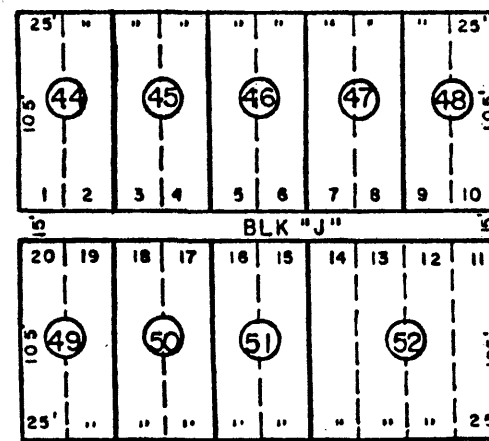


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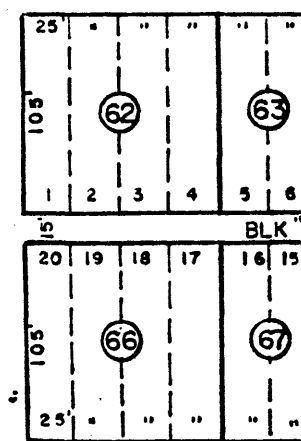
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FIFTH



FOURTH



COUNTY

ROAD

R.M. TOWN OF MINDEN (A)  
R.M. ALTERATION OF BLOCK "M",  
TOWN OF MINDEN (B)

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