

NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

PROPERTY NAME:

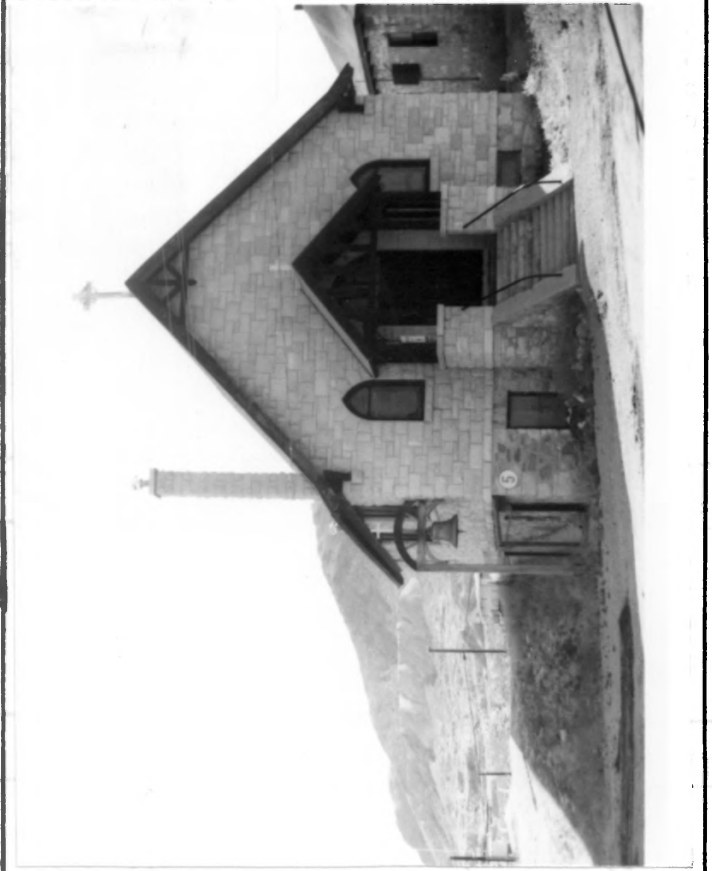
<i>Historic</i> St. Marks P.E. Church
<i>Common</i>

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-119
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> 210 University	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



CURRENT OWNER:

<i>Name</i> The Episcopal Bishop Diocese of Nevada		
<i>Street Address</i> P.O. Box 447		
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>State</i> NV	<i>Zip</i> 89049

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PROPERTY INFORMATION:

<i>Historic Use</i> Church	
<i>Current Use</i> Church	<i>Acreage</i> less/acre
<i>Architect/Builder</i> G.B. Lyons, Architect E.E. Burdick, Stone	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built 1907	

<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
<i>View</i> Front Facade, facing northeast	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The St. Marks P.E. Church is a single story stone structure with a full basement. Built on a sloping site, the dimensions are 33' by 60' and it stands 40' high. The stone is random ashlar at the first story and is rough cut at the foundation wall. The steep gabled roof, consists of two parallel sections both with bellcast eaves. Asphalt shingles cover the roof and have replaced the original wooden shingles. The architectural treatment of the eaves, gables, windows and entryway exhibit Victorian and Gothic influences. A gabled overhang at the front entryway features decorative Gothic arches within a rectangular matrix of heavy timbers. Trim at the gable head is characterized by a collar beam and king post. Diagonal braces with purlins occur at the flare of the eaves. Crosses surmount gables of both the entry overhang and the main body of the roof. Gothic windows at the front facade have stone sills and radiating voussoirs. Windows at the side walls and at the foundation are flat arched. The front entryway, also a Gothic arch, consists of double doors with tracery. A belt course extends partially around the building. Capped chimneys of stone project from both east and west roof slopes. A cornerstone above the belt course at the west end of the front facade is inscribed with "St. Marks P.E. Church, April 18, 1906." Minor modifications on the west wall include a small canopy at the basement entryway and timber framework on which a large bell is suspended.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The St. Marks P.E. Church is significant as one of the best constructed stone buildings in Tonopah. It is also noteworthy for having been built by local stone mason E.E. Burdick. He was responsible for the stone masonry work of the Nye County Courthouse (TON-123), the H.A. McKim Building (TON-136) and the Tonopah Club Building (demolished). Its well-crafted detailing and method of construction exhibits some of the finest craftsmanship to be found in Tonopah. Construction of the church began in February 1906 under the supervision of G.B. Lyons, a local architect, and R.M. Henderson, contractor. The cornerstone was laid on April 18, 1906, and dedication took place almost a year later on April 2, 1907. Besides its use as a religious edifice, the church basement served as a meeting place for the Ladies Guild of Tonopah. The stone building to the east on the lots adjacent to the church was also built by E.E. Burdick as his residence and later became the St. Marks P.E. Church parsonage (TON-120). The St. Marks P.E. Church exists today as the best remaining example of the stone craftsmanship of E.E. Burdick and is worthy of preservation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Tonopah Bonanza, 1906
Tonopah Daily Sun, 1907

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 5, Block 6, Richardson's Survey, 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

Unknown

View

Main facade, looking north

Date

c. 1907

