

NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

PROPERTY NAME:

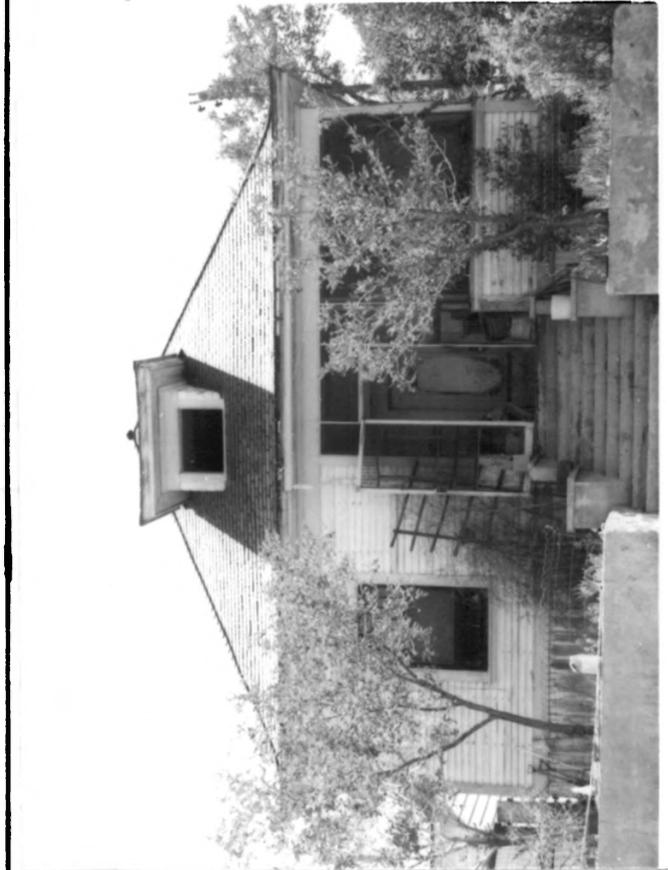
<i>Historic</i> Zeb Kendall House
<i>Common</i>

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-113
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> 159 University Avenue	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH:



CURRENT OWNER:

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PROPERTY INFORMATION:

<i>Historic Use</i> Residential	
<i>Current Use</i> Residential	<i>Acreage</i> less/one
<i>Architect/Builder</i>	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built 1906	

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

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Zeb Kendall house is a single story frame and clapboard structure situated on a sloping site on the west side of University Avenue. Both the house form and its detailing depict the influence of the popular Neo-Colonial residential style, and its original integrity remains almost completely intact. Rectangular in plan, this four room house is surmounted by a truncated hipped roof covered with original wood shingles. The roof features bellcast eaves, a moulded cornice, and enclosed soffits. A single hipped roof dormer, with details to match the main roof, exists centrally on the front slope. Two fluted wood columns with simple moulded capitals support the main roof over an inset corner entry porch. This porch element is the only noticeable departure from the overall symmetry of the house. A low frame wall with screening defines the porch which is approached from the street by a series of concrete steps. The entry door is distinguished by a large glazed oval with moulding and carved scrollwork. The original spindle-work screen door has been moved to the screened perimeter of the porch. Window openings are discrete and feature cornice moulding with double hung windows; multiple diamond pane top sash over single light bottom sash. Although the house suffers from some lack of maintenance, its original construction and detailing remains unaltered.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The house at 159 University Avenue is significant for its historic association with Zebenezzer "Zeb" Kendall. The house is also noteworthy for its architectural merits as one of the best preserved Neo-Colonial wood frame residential structures in Tonopah. Kendall had come to Tonopah in April, 1901 from Delamar, Lincoln County to work one of the earliest leases in the Tonopah district. When the leasing period ended in 1902, Kendall and a partner, Colonel Breen, operated the Palace Hotel which was the first hostelry in Tonopah. In 1904 he opened the January lease, one of the first in the Gold-field area, which helped precipitate that districts tremendous mining rush. In 1909 Kendall was elected state senator representing Nye County and served consecutive terms until 1917. After a move to San Francisco in 1919, Kendall purchased the Consolidated Virginia Mining Company's dormant holdings at Virginia City and reworked the tailings from the mine's 19th century operations. He died in Virginia City in February, 1954. Zeb Kendall had his house constructed in Tonopah late in 1906 shortly after he sold his interest in the original Palace Hotel. The house is constructed in the Neo-Colonial style a popular early twentieth century residential mode stemming from the Georgian Revival movement. Although most houses in Tonopah's boom period took this format, this structure is one of the few remaining frame and clapboard examples still retaining its original integrity. Few modifications to the original structure contribute to its importance as does its association with one of Tonopah's most active citizens.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Block 14 Lot 15 Richardson's Survey 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

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Date