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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 HOME RANCH

AND/OR COMMON DANGBERG RANCH

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 25

CITY, TOWN Minden *W of Minden* VICINITY OF Nevada-at-large

STATE Nevada CODE 32 COUNTY Douglas CODE 005

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Nevis Industries, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER 3199 East Onstott Rd. P.O. Box 1154

CITY, TOWN Yuba City VICINITY OF California 95991

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Douglas County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Minden STATE Nevada 89423

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dangberg Ranch is located in Carson Valley, approximately one mile south-west of Minden. The land was first settled by H. F. Dangberg, Sr. who built the original portion of the present house in the early 1860's. At one time the ranch was among the largest in Carson Valley, numbering 48,000 acres. A total of 33.7 acres are being nominated, together with the ranch house the associated outbuildings herein described. The main house is situated in a picturesque setting, surrounded by many large trees, with a view of the Sierra Nevadas' to the west.

The Dangberg Ranch consists of the following buildings:

Main House

The house is a 1 1/2 story rectangular, mainly wood frame structure, with a colonnaded front porch. The gable ends face east and west, and one-story wings project from both the north and south sides. Excepting the south wing of brick, the siding is shiplap with some clapboard, painted white. Endboards decorate the corners.

Through the years the house has been enlarged a number of times by the addition of a second floor several bedrooms and baths, and a library and dining room. A new kitchen, together with a pantry and eating room for the ranchhands, was also added. Some time during the 1915-16 period, a living room of masonry construction was added to the south side.

The house features elements taken from the Greek Revival style. Across the facade, or east side of the central rectangular portion, is a one-story screen-enclosed porch. Twelve Doric columns support the flat porch roof with its simple balustrade above. The main door is a wood and glass type, enframed by sidelights. The facade is seven bays wide. The windows are 1/1 sash, with plain molded trim.

An enclosed balcony supported by three square posts, projects from the center of the rear wall of the house at the second story level. Underneath this balcony is an attractive wood panel door covered by a Victorian type screen door. It is enframed by side and transom lights and topped with a simple lintel.

The north wing is five bays wide and one bay deep, with an open porch across the east side. The shed style porch roof is supported by six square posts. A small ell, one bay wide and deep, projects from the center of the rear wall of this wing. The windows are 1/1 sash, the doors on the east side are four panel wood. The north side door is wood and glass.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES: 1860/1870's / 1915-1916 BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown/unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dangberg Ranch was one of the most prominent ranches in the Carson Valley during the 1860-1930 period. It is significant as one of the few older ranches which still retains a large number of original associated outbuildings in fair to good condition.

No place was better known in Carson Valley than the "Home Ranch" where H.F. Dangberg, or "Dutch Fred" as he was called, and his son H.F. Dangberg, Jr., lived for many years. The senior Dangberg settled in Carson Valley in 1856 and it was from here that he directed all the activities of his fast growing company and its holdings. Later organized into the H.F. Dangberg Land & Livestock Co., which was composed of Mr. Dangberg's heirs, it became the largest ranch in Carson Valley, numbering 48,000 acres of land. They ran immense herds of cattle, raised horses and pigs, grew hay, and slaughtered not only their own stock for market, but did butchering for their neighbors as well. In 1904 Mr. H. F. Dangberg, Sr. died.

In the early 1900's the H.F. Dangberg Land & Livestock Co. embarked upon a building spree, both at the ranch and on company land the firm later called Minden. The new town was the terminus for the Virginia & Truckee Railroad's new extension completed in 1906. Under the direction of H.F. Dangberg, Jr., a number of buildings were erected in Minden during the next ten years. Noteworthy are a number of brick buildings that Mr. Dangberg commissioned Frederic J. Delongchamps, the foremost architect of Nevada, to design. Among them are the Minden Wool Warehouse, Minden Inn, Minden Butter Mfg., Co. and the Dangberg Office Building. The county seat was transferred to Minden from Genoa in 1916.

The architect, while supervising the construction of these buildings, was a frequent overnight guest at the Home Ranch. It was at this same period that a number of additions and new buildings - all brick and of his design - were erected on the property, i.e., new living room, slaughter and hide house, cook's quarters, main gate and the two garages.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dangberg, Grace, "Carson Valley", Carson Valley Historical Society, 1972. Various clippings, pamphlets, manuscript material housed in the Nevada Historical Society, Reno; Special Collections, Univ. of Nevada-Reno, and the State Library, Carson City, Nevada.
 Angel, Myron (ed.) Reproduction of Thompson & West's History of Nevada - 1881. Introduction by David F. Myrick. Berkeley: Howell-North 1958. Page 373.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 33.741 acres

UTM NOT VERIFIED

UTM REFERENCES

A | 11 | 2 | 5, 8 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 4, 31, 4 | 60, 0 |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 C | 1, 1 | 2 | 5, 8 | 1, 0, 0 | 4, 31, 4 | 0, 0 |

B | 1, 1 | 2 | 58 | 4, 6, 0 | 4, 3 | 14 | 3, 6, 0 |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 D | 1, 1 | 2 | 58 | 1, 4, 0 | 4, 3 | 14 | 7, 8, 0 |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This parcel of land is located in a portion of NW1/4 SW1/4 and SW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 31, T.73N., R. 20E. and NE1/4 SE 1/4 and E1/2 NE1/4, Section 36, T. 13N, R. 19E., M.D.B. & M. in Douglas County, Nevada, and more fully described on the attachments included herein.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Richard C. Datin, Historian

June 13, 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Historic Preservation Program, Univ. of Nevada-Reno 784-6704

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Anthropology Dept.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Reno

Nevada

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

Djime Rodden

TITLE

Administrata

S.H.P.O

DATE

5 December 1979

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12/5/80

ATTEST

Patrick Ardus

DATE

12/4/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The south wing is of brick with rows of stretchers alternating occasionally with a row of stretchers and headers. The windows on the east side are 1/1 sash, while the windows on the south and west wall are smaller fixed types. Above the structural openings is a decorative row of radiating bricks. This wing is two bays wide and deep.

The main house and wings are covered by a medium pitch, wood shingles, gable roof, with a boxed cornice and frieze. Four irregularly placed tall chimneys project above the roof.

The Dangberg Ranch house is a fairly modest type with simple lines. The most outstanding feature is the colonnaded front porch. Overall, it is unobtrusive in scale, while individual in design.

Stone Cellar

Adjacent to the main house, the 1 1/2 story building held the vast amounts of food required to feed the small army of helpers. Probably erected in the 1870's, its sandstone walls are a unique feature, together with the cut stone floor, screened storage cabinets, and exposed two-wire lighting, the building is in remarkable condition and still in use. The stone came from the State Prison quarry located at Carson City, site of where much of the building materials for the early state buildings was quarried.

Laundry

Constructed some time in the early 1900's of shiplap siding, the one story structure was used exclusively as the laundry for the ranch.

Bunkhouse

Since this 1 1/2 story building has exterior walls of shiplap siding nailed with square nails, it apparently dates from the 1870's or 1880's although there is no information available to determine the exact date of its construction. It is a dormitory-like structure which provided quarters for the cowhands. Broken windows, missing back door, torn siding are just a few examples of its neglected condition.

Main Gate

This gate consists of two ornamental brick structures. It once formed the entrance to the main house. The road is no longer in use and the brick work has fallen into disrepair. It was originally put up in 1915-1916.

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Cook's Quarters

This small one-story brick building was originally built during 1915-1916 for housing several of the Indian help. In time, it became the living quarters for the Chinese cook. Now it is used as storage.

Slaughter & Hide Houses

These two brick structures replaced an earlier and smaller slaughter house located on the same site. Constructed during 1915-1916, the Dangberg Co. slaughtered not only their own animals but those belonging to the adjacent ranchers. Buildings include a cold storage room, smokehouse, abattoir, rendering room, kettles and feeding pens. Loss of a portion of the composition roof of both structures has caused the T&G ceilings to deteriorate and fall down.

Barn

Erected in the early 1870's by Mr. Dangberg, this barn is one of the largest still remaining in Carson Valley. The main posts and beams are all hand hewn with mortise and tenon joints pegged with wooden dowels. The ranch work horses and Mr. Dangberg's prized show horses were housed here. The center section has a wooden plank floor while the side portions are of dirt. Loss of many of its roofing shingles from high winds is causing the barn to deteriorate. It is no longer in use except for storage by the lessors.

Garage No. 1

This two car brick garage was built during 1915-1916 to house the family automobiles. The hinged garage doors are hung from the same type of overhead rail used in the slaughter house to move the carcasses into cold storage. The lessees use the building to store their cars.

Garage No. 2

Constructed at the same time as the garage listed above, this one differs as it was used as a root cellar in addition to having a garage area. The small quarters upstairs was habitated at one time by the Chinese cook before he moved to the present building heretofore described as the cook's quarters. The root cellar dirt floor is below grade and consists of wooden racks for storing foodstuffs. It is not in use today except for storage of some miscellaneous material.

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Pump House

This small brick structure may have been erected earlier than the other brick buildings of the 1915-1916 era. It still houses the machinery which supplies the main house with domestic water.

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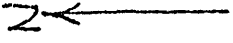
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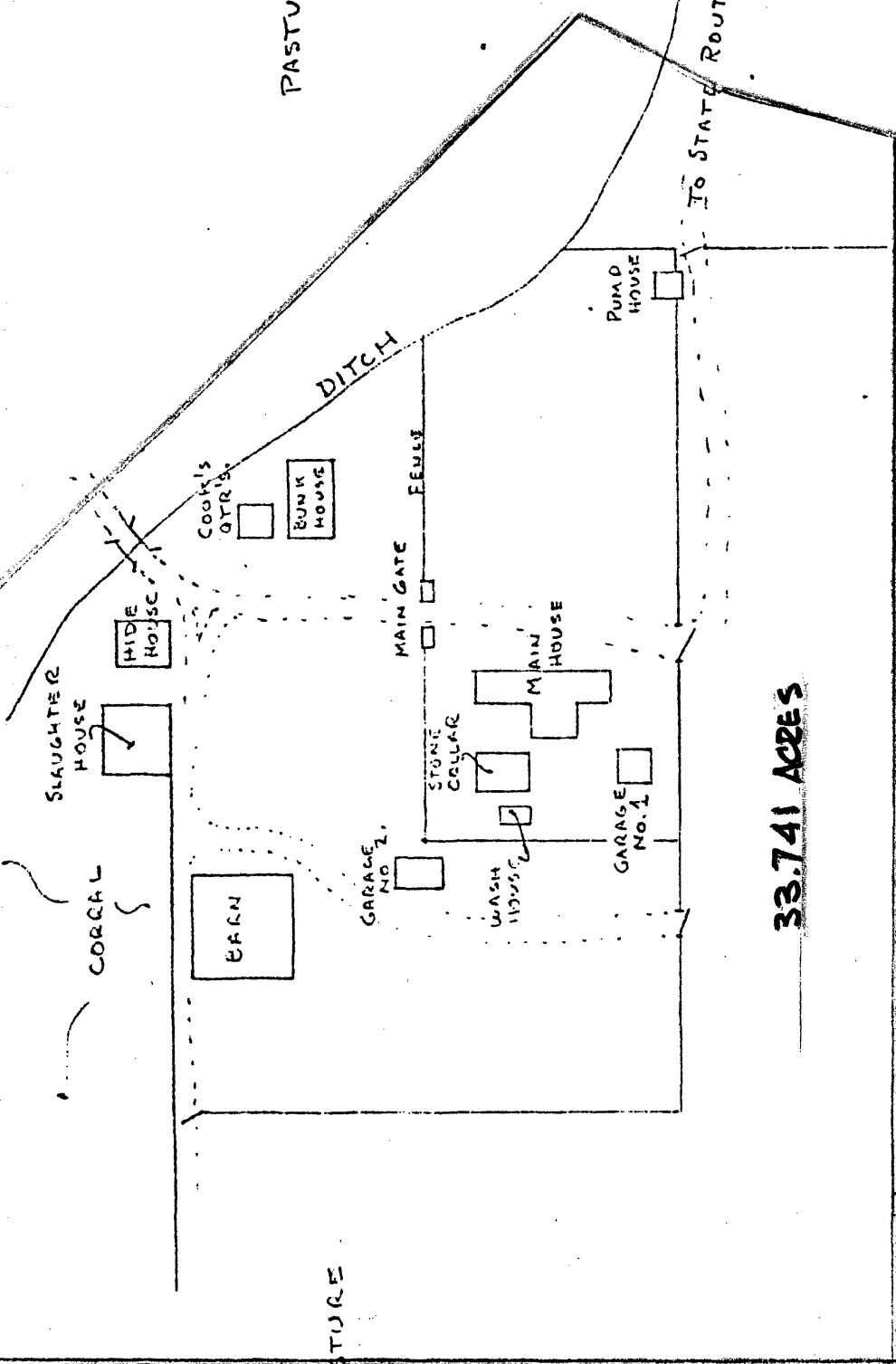
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In the ensuing years the Dangberg Company thrived until the 1930's when the Nation was hit by the depression. The company managed to survive but in 1946, Mr. H. F. Dangberg, Jr. passed away. In 1978, heirs of Mr. Dangberg, Sr. sold the company to Nevis Industries, Inc., who in turn sold the firm's cattle. It is now in the process of subdividing various sections of the ranch. The 33.7 acres site, which comprises the complex of buildings described herein, was leased to the daughters of H. F. Dangberg, Jr., and at the time the last survivor dies the Home Ranch will be offered to Douglas County for the purposes of a historical park.



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TO STATE ROUTE 488



33.741 ACRES

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DANGBERG RANCH
 KEY PLAN OF HOME RANCH
 CARSON VALLEY H.P. & A. PROJECT
 SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4, SECT. 36, T13N, R1
 PARCEL NO. 17-190-0's G

COMPILED BY
R. C. DAVIN

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