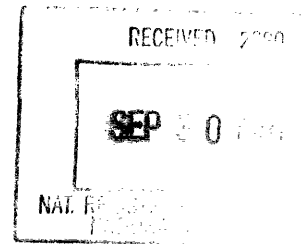


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name BELKNAP HOUSE

other names/site number Barber-Belknap House

2. Location

street & number 1206 N. Nevada St not for publication

city or town Carson City vicinity

state Nevada code NV county Carson City code 510 zip code 89703

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Ronald M. Jones SHPO 8-29-97
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 - determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
 - determined not eligible for the National Register.
 - removed from the National Register.
 - other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 10/30/97

Belknap House
Name of Property

Carson City Nevada
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
	1	structures
		objects
1	2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ single dwelling - house

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling - house

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian - Second Empire

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation granite - rubble
walls wood frame with shiplap siding
roof Mansard with wood shingles
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
XX B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
XX C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Politics and Government

Period of Significance

1875-1905

Significant Dates

1880-1905

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Charles Henry Belknap(1842-1926)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- XX State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Belknap House
Name of Property

Carson City, Nevada
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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4	3	3	8	6	6	0
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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Patricia A. Cooper-Smith

organization owner date July 2, 1997

street & number 1206 N. Nevada Street telephone _____

city or town Carson City state NV zip code 89703

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Peter J. Smith and Patricia A. Cooper-Smith

street & number 1206 N. Nevada Street telephone _____

city or town Carson City state Nevada zip code 89703

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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7. Description:

This property is significant under criteria B as the residence of Charles Henry Belknap, Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court (1872-74, 1880-1905).

This two-story wood frame, shiplap-sided structure has a concave second level mansard roof with arched hooded dormers. The building sits on a sandstone block foundation. Four risers lead from grade to the porch or first level. A one-story porch on the primary facade is supported by four bracketed posts with arched brackets between each supporting member. A ribboned decorative arched verge board is located below the porch cornice. The front door and first level fenestration is symmetrical in plan, though the door is offset with two double hung two over two windows on the first level elevation. Two rectangular bay windows are located on the south facade.

Fenestration is one over one double hung windows and includes two first story bay windows on the south elevation and addition on the south elevation. Soon after Justice Belknap purchased the house he added a one level wing to the west facade, C.1890, which served as a second parlor and dining room. The addition has a gabled roof and otherwise mirrors original construction in material and fenestration Two dormer double-hung windows on the mansard roof rise are symmetrically located on each elevation.

All fenestration on the 1875 structure are two over two double-hung windows. Windows on the C.1890 addition are one over one double-hung windows.

There are two garages on the west end of the property. The oldest, built c. 1920, is a small wood frame gable end structure with wood entry doors on the south elevation and two double hung windows centered on the east and west elevation. This structure contributes to the overall significance of the site. A second garage was built in 1954 and is constructed of concrete block and

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does not contribute to the historical or architectural
significance of the property.

In addition to the two garages there is a C. 1960's fallout shelter, the only known privately built Cold War atomic shelter in Carson City. Partially submerged it has been remodeled and includes electrical service, and plumbing. The current owners are considering its further modification for use as a guest room.

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8. Statement of Significance:

This property is significant under Criteria A due to its association with Henry Hudson Beck, Oscar T. Barber and Nevada Chief Justice Charles Henry Belknap. Constructed in 1875 by Henry Hudson Beck (1835-1907), a businessman, member of the Territorial Legislature of 1864, and Assemblyman to the State Legislature from Washoe County (1865, 1874, 1888, 1894), the house was subsequently sold to Oscar T. Barber, a merchant in Gold Hill and a member of the Nevada State Assembly (1870). Barber sold the house to Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Henry Belknap in 1881. Justice Belknap resided in this structure until 1908 when he moved to California. Located at 1206 N. Nevada Street in Carson City, this property is significant under Criteria C as the Beck-Barber-Belknap House is an excellent example of a two story Second Empire residential structure.

Significance under Criteria A: Henry Hudson Beck (1835-1907) emigrated to Carson City in 1860. He manufactured shingles in the mountains near Carson City, and in 1862 helped build the Ophir works in Washoe Valley. Later he established a shoe business, which gradually merged into a general mercantile establishment. In 1869 Beck married Merren Parker and subsequently had four children.

In 1876, Beck moved to Reno and became involved in the "Lake Mill" which continued to operate until 1892. In 1892, Beck rebuilt the Reduction Works, which had been destroyed by fire, and operated it for eight years. Beck is described as "another of Ophir's leading citizens," and Beck's business expanded to include stores in Washoe, Franktown, and Ophir.

Beck was elected Justice of the Peace in Ophir in 1862 and served for one year. He was elected County Commissioner (Ormsby County) in 1863, was a representative to the Territorial Legislature in

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Beck was subsequently elected to the Nevada State Legislature in 1865, 1874, 1888, and 1894.

Oscar T. Barber was a merchant in Gold Hill. He is listed in the Virginia & Truckee Railroad Directory 1873-74 as "Barber O.T. & Co. (O.T. Barber and D.S. Galatin), dealers in hardware, stoves and tinware, mill and mining goods, Main St., opp P.O." Barber served in the Nevada State Assembly during the 1870 term.

A native of New York, Charles Henry Belknap was born in 1842. He arrived in Nevada in 1865. Belknap was admitted to the State Bar of Nevada in 1869, and first practiced law in Austin and then Virginia City for approximately six years with his partner Charles DeLong. While in Virginia City, Belknap served a term as Mayor of Virginia City. Belknap was then appointed private secretary to Governor Lewis Rice Bradley (Democrat 1871-1878), and is credited with assisting the governor in the passage of the Mining Act of 1871 which imposed a tax on mines. The mining tax was and still is a major source of revenue for Nevada.

In 1872, Governor Bradley appointed Belknap to the Nevada Supreme Court to complete the term vacated by Justice Graber upon the latter's resignation. Justice Belknap ran for election in 1873, but lost to Warner Earll. Justice Belknap later successfully ran for election to the Nevada Supreme Court in 1879, 1885, 1892, and 1898.

Justice Belknap married Governor Bradley's daughter, Virginia Hode Bradley, at the Governor's Mansion on February 23, 1873. The event was described as a "social event." Virginia Hode Bradley Belknap is noted in Justice Belknap's 1926 Nevada Supreme Court Memoriam as "a noble and talented woman who reflected both the steadfast character and the talents of her honorable father."

In 1881, Justice Belknap purchased the property and residence at 1206 North Nevada Street from Oscar T. Barber, a Gold Hill merchant and member of the Nevada State Assembly (1870). Thomas

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Wren's history of Nevada comments that "Judge and Mrs. Belknap with their family have a beautiful home in Carson City and naturally are numbered among its most honored people." An 1897 photograph of Justice and Mrs. Belknap in front of this structure is currently hanging in the second floor hall gallery of the State Capitol.

On January 1, 1905, Justice Belknap retired from the Nevada Supreme Court to the accolades of his colleagues on the bench. Fellow Supreme Court Justice Sardis Summerfield praised Justice Belknap for going "against the current popular belief" in several cases and for "other cases in which he rose to that high degree of judicial firmness, disregarding what might be the evanescent reasons of popular sentiment and adhering to the well-determined principles of the law." Justice Belknap brought to his tenure as Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court a steady hand in jurisprudence in an era when boom development, speculation, and corporate manipulation were the norm.

Criteria C: The Beck-Barber-Belknap House is significant as an excellent example of the Second Empire style of architecture and is one of three extant structures in Carson City. The Second Empire form was a dominant style for American houses constructed between 1860 and 1880. The style was most popular in the Northeast and Midwestern states. It is less common in the West although scattered examples survive in all settled regions of the United States before 1880.

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10. Geographic Data

Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 1, 2, 6, 7 and South ½ of Lots 3 & 8 in block 15 as shown on the Map of Curry's Division to Carson City, Nevada. Located in Book 1 of Maps, Map No.191, File No. 61493. A.P.N. 01-172-02

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Belknap House.

Additional documentation:

Photographs

1. Belknap House
2. Carson City, Nevada
3. Name of photographer Patricia Cooper-Smith
4. Date of photograph June 10, 1997
5. Location of original negative NV SHPO
6. #1 From East Southeast to West Northwest
#2 From Southwest to Northeast

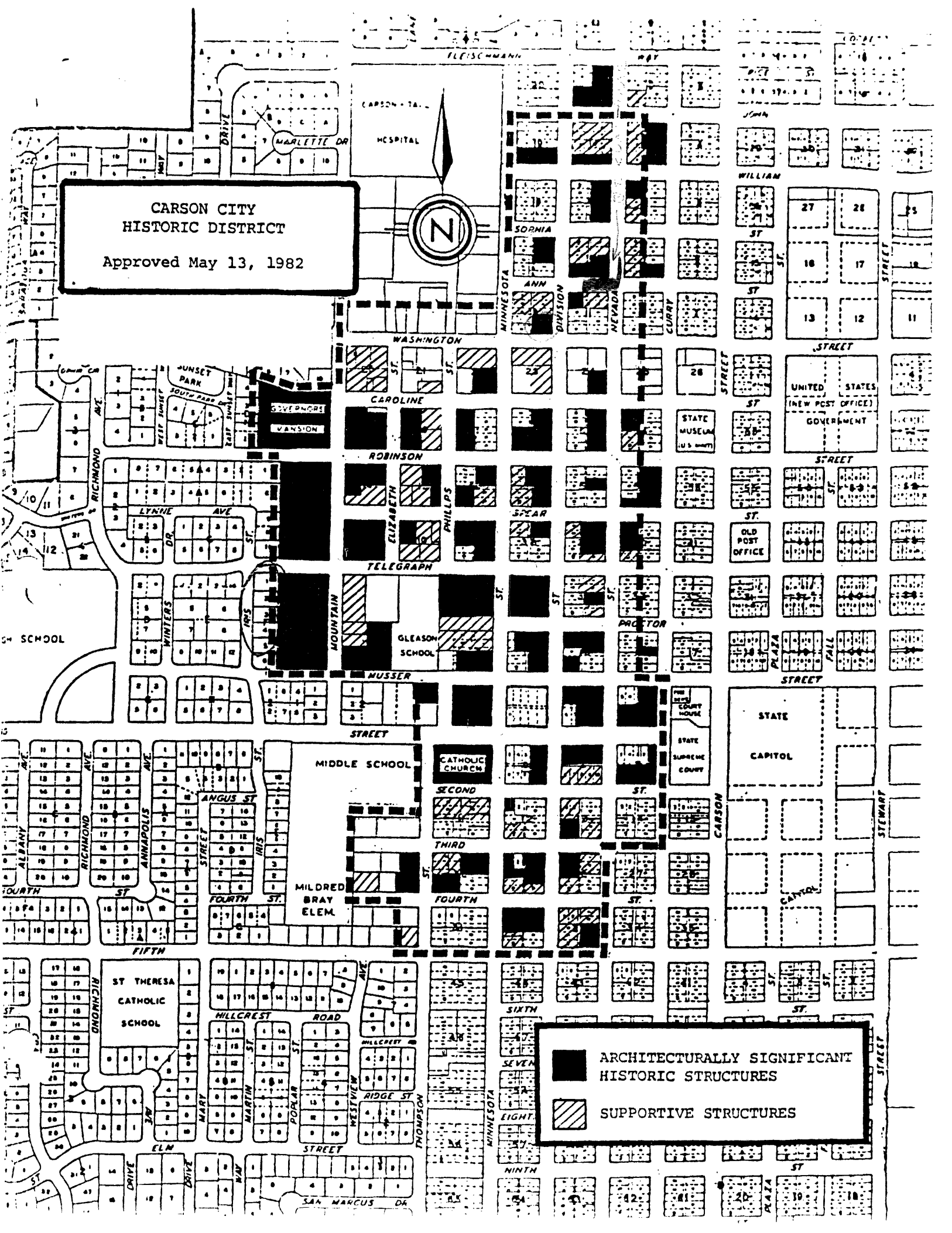
CARSON CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT

Approved May 13, 1982



ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC STRUCTURES

SUPPORTIVE STRUCTURES



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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

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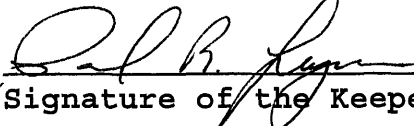
Date Listed: 10/30/97

Belknap House
Property Name

Carson City NV
County State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

10/30/97
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Description:

The fifth sentence in the second paragraph should remove the notation regarding the symmetrical nature of the facade; it is not symmetrical. The first sentence of the third paragraph should be revised to read: "The fenestration consists of one-over-one double hung windows on the rear addition, two-over-two windows on the main house, and two first story bay windows on the south elevation."

The c.1920 wood-frame garage, while compatible, must be considered a noncontributing resource since it dates from outside the period of significance.

Resource Count:

The count is revised to add one noncontributing building, the c. 1920 garage.

Significance:

The correct National Register Criteria are: A and C.
[Insufficient documentation is provided to establish the eligibility of the property under Criterion B. There is little or no information discussing the specific contributions of Justice Belknap to the areas of government and politics, and no discussion of additional sites connected with any of the cited individuals. As the home of a number of influential citizens, the property's significance rests more in its representation of a pattern of history and the appropriate criterion is therefore A.] (Continued)

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Charles Henry Belknap is removed from the "significant person" block, as criterion B is removed (see above).

The significant dates should include: 1875 (construction), 1881 (Belknap purchase), 1890 (additions), and 1905 (end of significant career).

The first sentence of the last paragraph on page 8-5 should be revised to read: "...is one of three extant Second Empire structures in Carson City."

U. T. M. Coordinates:

The correct UTM coordinates are: 11 260870 4339000.

This information was confirmed with Scott Brooks Miller of the Nevada SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)