

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Nevada	
COUNTY: Douglas	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 16 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Town of Genoa Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:
 Mormon Station (Fort)

2. LOCATION *7 mi. SW of Minden on NV 57, in town of Genoa*

STREET AND NUMBER:
Portion of town of Genoa, 12 miles SW of Carson City and 7 miles

CITY OR TOWN:
NW of Minden, Nevada (see attached maps)

STATE Nevada	CODE 32	COUNTY: Douglas	CODE 005
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Various private and public plus Nevada State Park System

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Douglas County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
Minden Nevada 0143

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Nevada Historical Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1966-67 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Western Studies Center, Desert Research Inst. Univ. of Nevada

STREET AND NUMBER:
Stead Facility

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
Reno Nevada 32



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

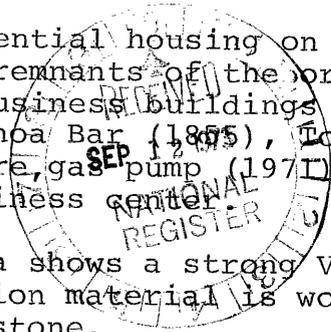
Genoa is an unincorporated community of 115 persons, situated on the west side of Carson Valley, at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, at an elevation of 4,786 feet m.s.l.

It may be further described as a rural community, with tree shaded gravel streets laid out in an irregular manner. A replica of the old Mormon Station, with its log cabin and timber palisade stockade, old Courthouse across the road, dominate the center of the community.

Several disasterous fires have somewhat altered earlier appearances, but basically, Genoa has changed little in character down through the years.

Genoa has a growing fringe of residential housing on large lots. The town core contains some remnants of the original town center plus open space where business buildings once stood. The Masonic Hall (1858), Genoa Bar (1855), Town Hall (1920's), Firehouse (1971), the store, gas pump (1971), and Courthouse (1865) dominate the business center.

The architectural character of Genoa shows a strong Victorian influence. The principal construction material is wood, with a slight intermixture of brick and stone.



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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1850 to present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Genoa is the first white settlement in what is now the State of Nevada. It was founded as a trading post in 1850 and expanded upon in 1851 by "Colonel" John Reese. That same year a squatter's government was organized. Then called Mormon Station, it began life as a trading post astride the California Emigrant Trail, with an ample supply of good water and vast lush meadows nearby.

It was originally colonized by Mormons from the State of Deseret.

Mormon Station became a part of the government for the Territory of western Utah in 1854. In 1855 Orson Hyde arrived as probate judge to organize Carson County. He changed the name to Genoa.

The Mormons were called back to defend Salt Lake City in 1857, and gentiles acquired their property by legal, and illegal, means.

The first steps to create a separate Territory of Nevada were undertaken in Genoa.

In 1864 Nevada Territory became a State, and Genoa became the first county seat of newly-created Douglas County.

In 1916 Genoa lost the county seat to Minden.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Nevada - 1881, Thompson & West.
 Nevada Historical Sites, Mordy.
 Nevada Ghost Towns and Mining Camps, Paher.
 History of Carson Valley, Dangberg.

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 SE 11/25 4 100/4320 200
 SW 11/25 3 450/4320 220

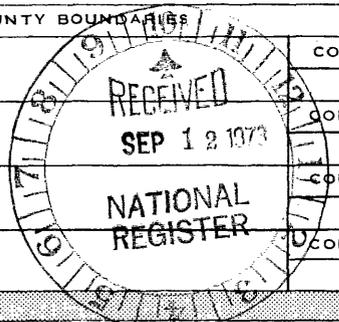
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	39°	00	.42"	119°	50	.49"			
NE	39°	00	.42"	119°	50	.22"			
SE	38°	59	.56"	119°	50	.22"			
SW	38°	59	.56"	119°	50	.49"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 129.5

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N.A.			
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Henry H. Haight III

ORGANIZATION: Town Board of Genoa DATE: 3-22-73

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 171

CITY OR TOWN: Genoa STATE: Nevada 89411 CODE: 32

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Ciri Corchillo

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 8-21-73

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Al Morton
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/16/75

ATTEST:

Wm. H. ...
 Keeper of the National Register

Date: APR 14 1975

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7.

THE REPLICA OF MORMON STATION AT GENOA, NEVADA

*"A seasonal trading post was first established at what is now Genoa by H. S. Beattie in 1850 to do business with the immigrants from the Carson branch of the California Emigrant Trail. In the spring of 1851, about 20 Salt Lake City businessmen, including a man named John Reese, built a trading station at the site, which also became one of Woodward and Choppening's Overland Mail Stations. These men constructed a log cabin and a stockade. The original name of the post was 'Mormon Station'.

In 1854, Brigham Young, Governor of the Utah Territory, which Nevada was then a part, created a government for western Utah (Nevada). Orson Hyde, a prominent Mormon, was appointed Probate Judge to organize Carson County. Hyde renamed Mormon Station 'Genoa', because of the area's resemblance to the mountainous Italian coastline, where he had been on a mission for the Mormon Church."

1. The cabin with its various alterations and additions, stood until 1910. That year, a fire destroyed most of Genoa and the cabin. The land stood vacant from then until 1947. In 1945, under the instigation of Representative Otto Hussman of Douglas County, the legislature appropriated \$5,000.00 to build a replica of the original Reese cabin. The State Highway Department was given the task of researching the design and Edward S. Parsons, Department Architect, was given the specific task of drawing a set of plans based on his own research.

Research was performed by studying photographs of the original cabin and noting landmarks therein. From these, camera positions were determined and new photographs were taken to match the sitings of the old. An archeological dig was then made to confirm the site of the old cabin.

Logs were cut close to Genoa and a bare building completed for \$5,000.00. Subsequent appropriations provided electric lighting and display shelves and cases, plus a small section of the stockade fence.

On September 5, 1957, Douglas County deeded the land and building to the State of Nevada for a Historic State Monument. In the spring of 1964, the stockade fence was extended to enclose the grounds as had the original; displays were reorganized and a small campground provided on adjacent lot acquired in 1961 and from an abandoned street deeded to the State in 1963. The monument covers 2-1/2 acres.

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Mormon Station (continued)

A new master plan for development and operation of the monument is underway.

*Nevada Historical Sites, Mordy and McCaughey

Errata:

1. Henry Cordes and family moved a house into the Mormon Station site shortly after the 1910 fire. The home sat near the corner of Nixon and Main. A barn sat near the present cabin site. These buildings were moved off the property two years prior to the building of the cabin replica in 1947.



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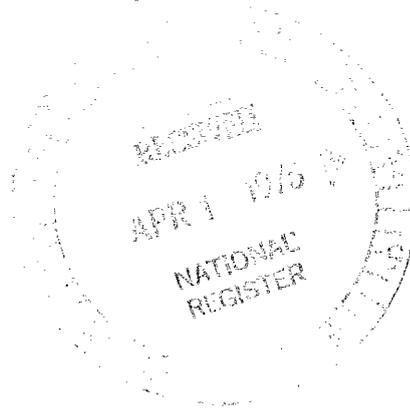
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A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS - GENOA
(present names)

Map
No.

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|----|---|--------------|
| 1 | Courthouse - 2 story masonry & brick | 1865 |
| 2 | Sierra Shadows - 3 story brick | 1856 |
| 3 | Trimmer - 2 story frame wood | 1885 |
| 3a | Trimmer - small 1 story stone | 1859 |
| 4 | Juchtzer - 2 story frame wood | 1858 |
| 5 | Pink House - 2 story frame wood | 1856 |
| 6 | Town Hall - 1 story frame wood | 1894 |
| 7 | Young (part) - 1 story frame wood | 1858 |
| 8 | McConnell - 1 story frame wood | 1858 |
| 9 | Walker - 1 story frame wood | 1854 |
| 10 | Huber - 2 story frame wood | 1870 |
| 11 | Meyer-Kassel - 1 story frame wood | 1858 |
| 12 | Green - 2 story brick | 1855 |
| 13 | Falcke - 2 story frame wood | 1859 |
| 14 | Giovacchini - 2 story frame wood | 1855 |
| 15 | Atchison - 1 story frame wood | 1890 |
| 16 | Dempster - 2 story frame wood | 1885 |
| 17 | Strandberg (B) - 1 story frame wood | 1858 |
| 18 | Plunkett (B) - 1 story frame wood | 1875 |
| 19 | Genoa Bar - 1 story brick & masonry | 1855 |
| 20 | Bommarito - 1 story stone | 1858 |
| 21 | Masonic Hall - 2 story brick | 1858 |
| 22 | DeRoutz - 2 story frame wood | 1872 |
| 23 | Crouse - 1 story frame wood plus attic | 1870 |
| 24 | Terry (part) - 1 story stone | 1860 |
| 25 | Miluck - 2 story frame wood | 1898 |
| 26 | Ralston - 1 story frame wood | 1880 |
| 27 | Cemetery | early 1860's |
| 28 | Big Barn - frame wood | 1898 |
| 29 | Haight - 1 story frame & partial attic wood | 1883 |



119° 50' 49"

39° 00' 42"

SCALE 1" = 600'

DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA

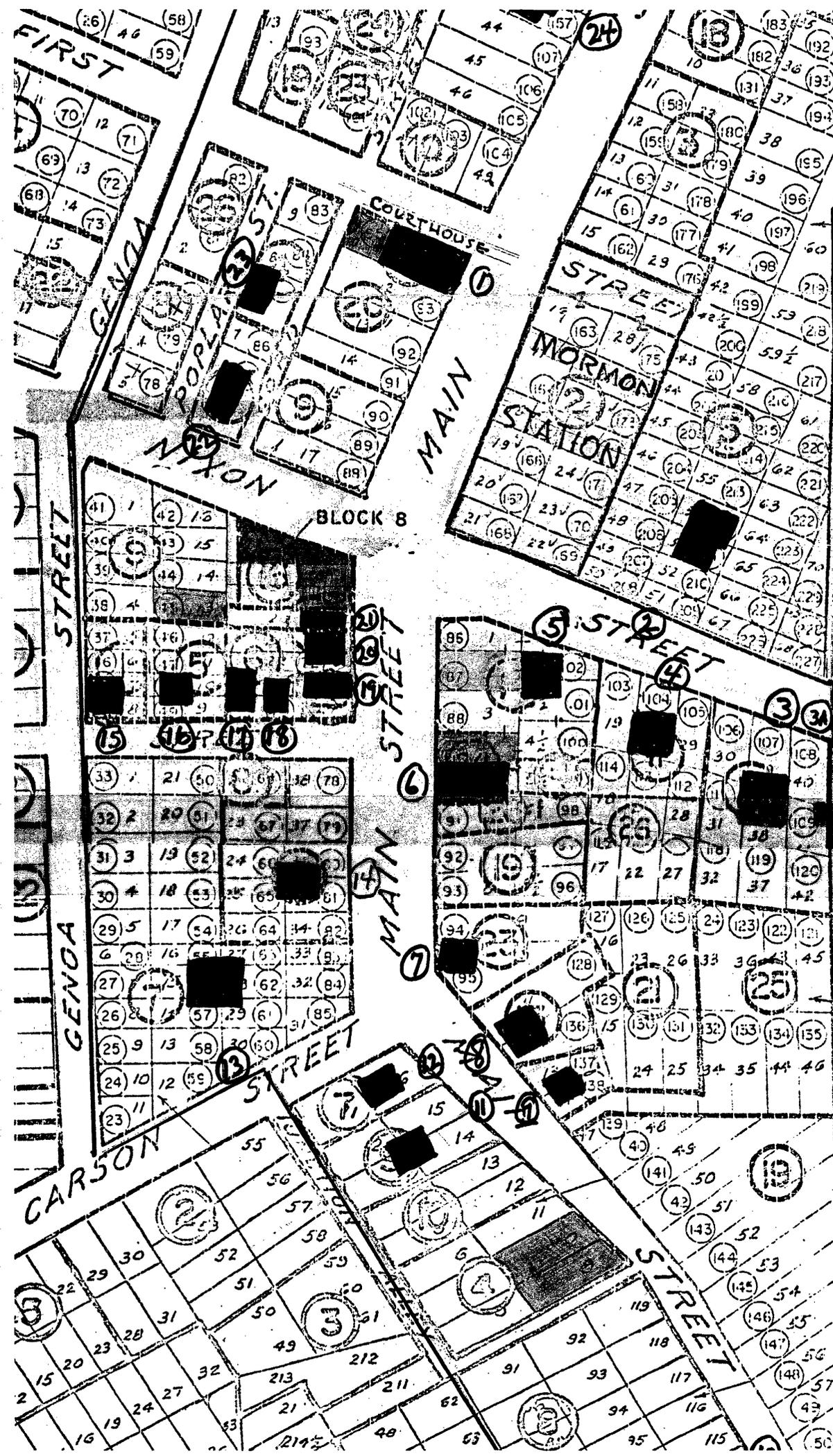
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ASSESSOR'S MAP

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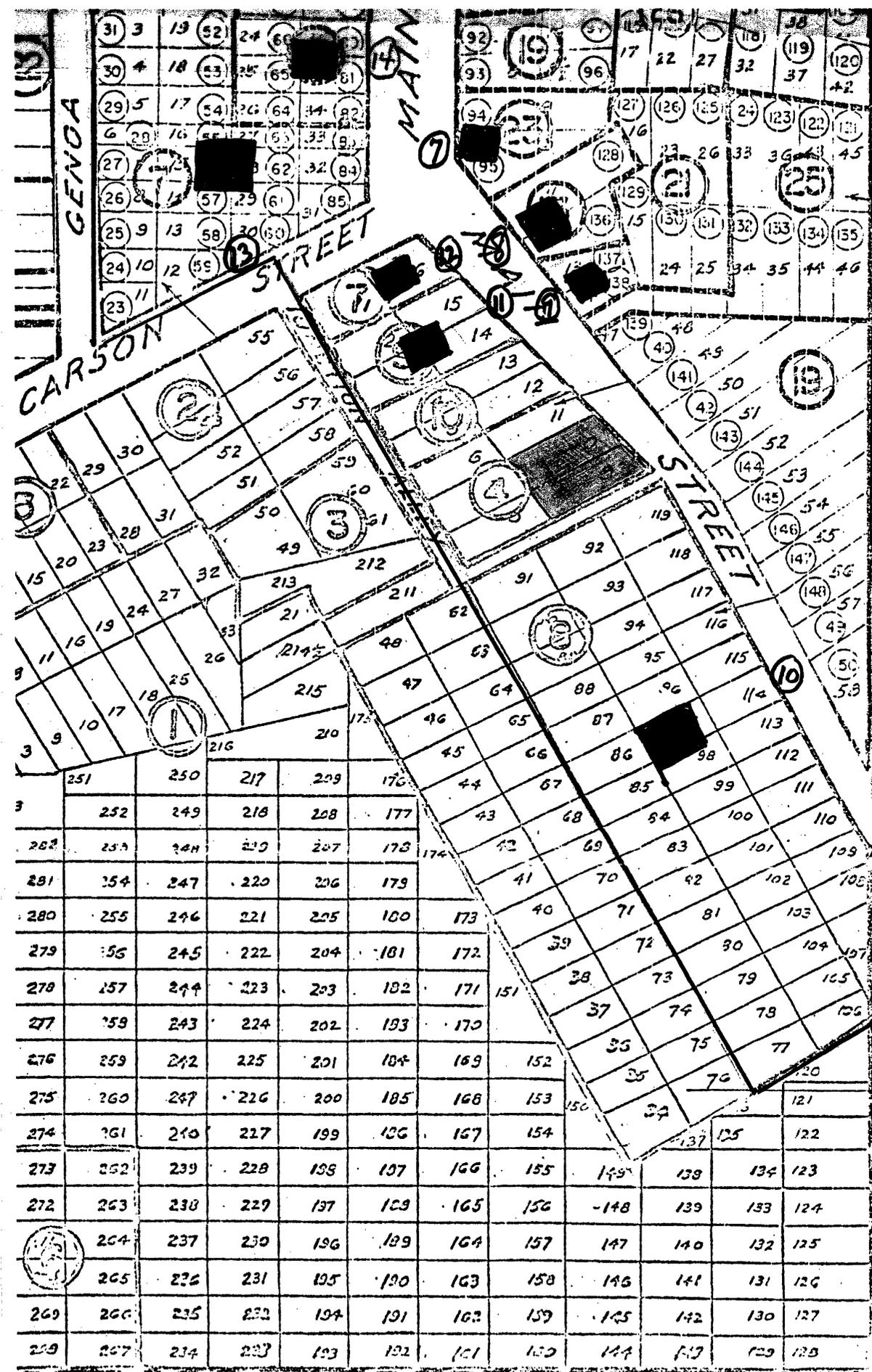


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- 15-Atchison 1890
- 16-Dempster 1885
- 17-Strandway (B) 1858
- 18-Blonkett (B) 1875
- 19-Genoa Bar 1855
- 20-Bonmarito 1858
- 21-Masonic Hall 1858
- 22-DeRunte 1872
- 23-Crouse 1870
- 24-Terry-Part 1860
- 25-Miluck-Moved
From Virginia City in 1872
- 26-Rotation 1870
- 27-Cemetery Early
1860s
- 28-Big Barn 1898
- 29-Haight 1883

■ - INTRUSIONS



- 26-Railroad 1870
- 27-Cemetery Early 1860's
- 28-Big Barn 1898
- 29-Haight 1883

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38°59'56"

119°50'22"

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SCALE 1" = 200'