

NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

PROPERTY NAME:

<i>Historic</i> H.A. McKim Building
<i>Common</i>

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-136
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> S.W. Corner of Main & Oddie Street	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



CURRENT OWNER:

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PROPERTY INFORMATION:

<i>Historic Use</i> Commercial	
<i>Current Use</i> Commercial	<i>Acreage</i> less/one
<i>Architect/Builder</i> E.E. Burdick, Stone Mason	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built 1906	

<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
<i>View</i> Looking Southwest at main facade	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The H.A. McKim building is a two story commercial structure constructed of stone. Situated on a corner lot the building measures 30' across the Main Street facade and 66' along Oddie Avenue. Both street facades are of coursed ashlar while the rear and party walls are built of quarry stone. An additional two story extension of the building to the rear is built of frame with a pressed metal finish. Design and detailing of the exterior is derived from the NeoClassical Revival Style with the main facade symmetrical about a central rectangular pediment at the parapet. Stone work above the first level stonefronts is supported by a massive steel girder and three slender cast iron columns. Independently constructed behind the columns is a contemporary glazed storefront which has replaced the original three bayed storefront and central entry. Two openings on the second level contain paired double hung windows and are detailed with flat arched voussoirs and keystones. A simple metal cornice extends the length of both facades. Openings at the Oddie Avenue facade are primarily on the second level and are symmetrically located, paired or independent double hung windows. The frame extension with its pressed metal skin simulating coursed ashlar, also features evenly located window openings.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The McKim building is one of the most significant commercial structures along Main Street, both for its architectural qualities and its lengthy historic association with the H.A. McKim Mercantile business. Hiram Albert McKim, a Eureka, Nevada businessman, arrived in Tonopah in 1904 bringing both his family and his dry goods, boot and shoe stock. By July 1906 he began the construction of permanent business quarters on the southwest corner of Main and Oddie Streets. The stone structure was erected by carpenter craftsman J.J. Finley and stone mason E.E. Burdick. Burdick was also responsible for the stone work on the Nye County Courthouse and St. Marks P.E. Church. The H.A. McKim Company was to become the largest store of its kind in Central Nevada, surviving both the panic of 1907 and the unstable economic conditions which followed over the next twenty years.

The McKim building provided a strong anchor to the lower end of the Central business district just as it does today. Its relatively few modifications and well crafted stonework distinguish the building as one of the best preserved commercial structures in Tonopah.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Tonopah Bonanza, 1906, 1911

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 16, Block A, Richardsons Survey 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

View

Date