

NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

PROPERTY NAME:

<i>Historic</i> Combellaack Adobe Row House
<i>Common</i>

Township/Range/Section	Inventory No. TON-156
Quad/County Map	Classification Building

LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> Central Street	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



CURRENT OWNER:

<i>Name</i> Lester W. Banta		
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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 1903	

<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
<i>View</i> Front facade, looking northwest	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The row house on Central Street consists of three adjacent one story rooms. The north pair are identical measuring 12 feet wide by 25 feet deep, while the south room measures 15 feet wide by 20 feet deep. The building is constructed of rubble and adobe poured in place, forming the exterior walls. Surfaces were originally plastered but portions have fallen away or have been replastered. The flat roofs are hidden by parapets on the north, south and east walls.

The main facade faces onto Central Street and features three bays, each consisting of a door and window. The openings are wood frame, windows are double hung and entrances have a transom above a four panel door. The doorway at the central bay has been enclosed with contemporary shingles and the north doorway has a non-original gabled canopy and concrete steps.

The row house is in need of maintenance.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Combellack Adobe row house is significant for its historic association with the early development of Tonopah and for its architectural qualities as a housing type and particular method of construction.

This utilitarian row house is built of "cast in place" adobe walls (rather than block construction) which was the locally preferred and more expedient method of construction. The buildings exposed walls still demarcate the lines of the framework used in its construction. The building was built on Central Street in one of Tonopah's oldest developed areas. After the townsite was plotted, Central Street became one of the first roadways to be built upon. One block to the west of Main Street, and extending from Brougher to Oddie Avenue, Central had become well developed by 1904. Most structures were residential and built up to the property lines. In early 1903 this three room adobe row house was built by the Tonopah Extension Mining Company to house mining employees. By 1905 ownership was transferred to J.M. Combellack who had occupied the adobe since its construction. Little is known of Combellack, but the house remains important as the earliest existing example of adobe residential construction in Tonopah. Additional association with the Tonopah Extension Mining Company and as a particular housing type and method of construction merit this building recognition.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Nye County Assessors Records

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 22, Block G, Richardson Survey 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

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Date