

NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

PROPERTY NAME:

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| <i>Historic</i> Judge W.A. Sawle House | |
| <i>Common</i> | |

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| <i>Township/Range/Section</i> | <i>Inventory No.</i> TON-116 |
| <i>Quad/County Map</i> | <i>Classification</i> Building |

LOCATION:

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| <i>Street Address</i> 155 Central | |
| <i>City</i> Tonopah | <i>County</i> Nye |

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



CURRENT OWNER:

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| <i>Name</i> Phillip and Dorothy B. Egoscue | | |
| <i>Street Address</i> Box 1048 | | |
| <i>City</i> Tonopah | <i>State</i> NV | <i>Zip</i> 89049 |

FORM PREPARED BY:

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| <i>Name</i> Janus Associates | <i>Date</i> Sept. 1980 |
| <i>Street Address</i> 2121 S. Priest Suite 127 | <i>Phone</i> 967-7117 |
| <i>City</i> Tempe | <i>State</i> Arizona |
| | <i>Zip</i> 85282 |

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

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| <i>Historic Use</i> Residence | |
| <i>Current Use</i> Residence | <i>Acreage</i> less/acre |
| <i>Architect/Builder</i> | |
| <i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built 1904 | |

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| <i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward | <i>Date</i> July 1980 |
| <i>View</i> Front facade, facing southwest | |

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Judge W. A. Sawle house is a single story structure of frame and shiplap construction. The house is "T" shaped in plan set perpendicular to the street, thus creating a recess at the front facade. An intersecting hipped roof covers the main structure and a veranda extends around the three wall planes of the main facade. It is covered with a moderately pitched hipped roof and supported by six routed wood posts. Wood details at the porch include jig-cut brackets and a turned balustrade. Two entrances exist along the main facade, one on each parallel wall plane. Each are complimented by a single two over two double hung window. Other windows are discrete and also two over two double hung sash. Openings are detailed with plain board casings and cornice moulding. The niche at the rear of the house has been unfilled ca. 1909. All other elements and details remain unaltered.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The house at 155 Central is significant for its historic association as the residence of prominent early local citizen Judge W. A. Sawle, and as one of the best maintained, unmodified frame cottages in Tonopah. The house was constructed in 1904 by Justice of the Peace W.A. Sawle and served as both his residence and office. Sawle was responsible for construction of the first permanent Justice Court building in Tonopah. It was a large frame structure which existed behind the present Mizpah Hotel. One of Tonopah's most notable early citizens, Judge Sawle was Nye County recorder and auditor in 1906, was also active in the Order of the Eagles, and held extensive mining and business interests in Manhattan. He is also noted as being the father of the first child born in Tonopah. The Sawle house is one of the finest local examples of an early frame cottage and represents a stylistic combination of Neo-Colonial and late Victorian Architecture. Unmodified, the house features typical "T" shaped massing, irregular verandah and turned and jig-cut woodworking. The house is worthy of preservation for both its architectural and historical significance.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Tonopah Bonanza 1905-1906
Nye County Assessors Records

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 25, Block F, Richardsons Survey 1907

| ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH | |
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| <i>Photo By</i> | |
| <i>View</i> | |
| <i>Date</i> | |