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#568 Arthur, Charles and E. N. Lewis House, ill. 16.

4. Owner: Thomas Johnson, P.O. Box 2677, Las Vegas, N.M.

7. Description: Stuccoed foundation of unknown material; clapboard with end boards; wood shingle and ternplate roofs; small enclosed eaves with frieze boards; 1/1 double-hung windows with board surrounds and molding cornices; single door with transom; gable stickwork, lumberyard classic columns.

This wood frame house stands between the Johnsen Mortuary and the Elks Club in an area of residences and institutional buildings. (See Buildings #512 and 518, for fuller description of the area.)

8. Significance: Built between 1892 and 1895, this Wood Vernacular house has an interesting combination of features. First, the porch with its hipped roof and classical columns reflect the influence of the local World's Fair Classic Style which developed after 1898. It therefore was probably added after the original construction, possibly between 1908 and 1913 when the rear room was added. The symmetry of front openings (reinforced by the porch) is contradicted by the asymmetric of roof composition. Wall dormers were not common locally, but are widely seen in communities to the northeast along the railroad.

The first residents were the Lewises: Arthur, a painter; E.N., a dairyman; and Charles, a cowboy. Fifteen years later, it had become a boarding house with residents' occupations ranging from barber and salesmen to domestic, retired, and tourist.

10. Acreage: under 1. UTM Reference: 13 480330 ~~3838690~~
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Boundary: Lots 20-23 of Block 12 of the Las Vegas Town Company's Addition.