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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Charles H. Burke House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 36 Stewart Street
CITY, TOWN: Reno
STATE: Nevada
VICINITY OF: _____
CODE: 32
COUNTY: Nevada
CODE: 031
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: 36 Stewart Street Partnership
STREET & NUMBER: 6555 Plumas Street, #140
CITY, TOWN: Reno
STATE: Nevada 89509
VICINITY OF: _____

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washoe County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER: 117 South Virginia Street
CITY, TOWN: Reno
STATE: Nevada 89501

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Reno Cultural Resources Survey, Phase II
DATE: 1983
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: City of Reno Planning and Community Development Department
CITY, TOWN: Reno
STATE: Nevada

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Summary

The Charles H. Burke House, owner-designed and owner-built in 1908 as Burke's family residence, is a richly-ornamented example of a turn-of-the-century, "transitional", residential structure derived from the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles. The house is the most architecturally significant of the remaining original residences in a currently mixed use neighborhood, now one block from City Hall in Reno. The building is in excellent condition and is in the process of conversion from a residence into law offices.

Site

The Burke House, on the southwest corner of Stewart and Center Streets, originally the southern edge of town, now sits just south of downtown Reno in a high traffic, mixed use neighborhood. Center Street is a major northbound street, one block to the east of Virginia Street, the "main street" of Reno. Stewart Street is the southern boundary of the City Hall complex, just to the east. The house sets back slightly in the center of its corner lot. The original landscaping (lawn, flowers, bird bath, etc.) remains on the streetsides. On the west side, the lawn has recently been removed to allow for a parking lot to serve the offices.

Exterior

This one-and-one-half story, wood framed, narrow clapboard clad house is rectangular in plan. Resting on a fieldstone foundation with a full basement, the main floor is several feet above ground level. A wide sill board separates the basement and first story level; cornerboards frame the building. The facade presented on the north end is fronted with a one story porch recessed under a projecting, pedimented, gabled roof. The first floor of the facade is pierced by a compass bay with a triple, double hung, multi-over-one light window; a wood door with an oval, beveled glass light; and a small, fixed, multi-light window with diamond-shaped lights. All window and door surrounds are wide and topped with a molded, projecting cornice or cap. First story window types include paired and single, diamond-shaped, multi-lights-over-one, and are double-hung. There is a recessed, one story, slanted bay on the east side of the building ornamented with overhanging brackets. Each gable pediment is pierced by a Palladian window.

The cross gable roof with projecting eaves is clad with modern, wood shakes, and the boxed, molded cornice is ornamented with dentils and frieze. The north gabled end features a completely enclosed triangular pediment while the east and west side gabled ends are ornamented with eave returns. The building's outstanding feature is its Colonial Revival front porch, with triple Ionic columns at the porch corners, paired Ionic columns on either side of the central stairway, and a single Ionic column where the porch meets the building face. Each column rests on a tall, wooden pedestal ornamented with recessed panels. Turned balusters support the handrails.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Burke/Burke

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Summary

The Burke House is primarily, locally significant for its architecture. It is an excellent example of a substantial house built at the turn-of-the-century using elements of the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles. The secondary local significance of the property is its association with Charles H. Burke, a primary force in the development of southeast Reno. Burke, a real estate broker and quality builder, designed and built this house as well as many of the houses in his "Burke's Addition" subdivision chartered in 1907 in southeast Reno.

Architectural Significance

Built in 1908, the Burke House is an excellent example of a substantial turn-of-the-century, "transitional", residential structure employing materials, massing, and details of the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles. Burke himself designed and built the house, the best of the few of its type and style remaining anywhere in Reno. It is in excellent condition and retains most of its visual and structural integrity.

Associative Significance

Charles H. Burke (1865-1944) immigrated from Liverpool, England to Reno via Los Angeles around 1890. Initially, he worked as a horseshoer and blacksmith in downtown Reno. He entered the real estate business in the first decade of the 20th century and developed "Burke's Survey" in 1902 and "Burke's Addition" in 1907, both in southeast Reno. At this time, most development was north of the Truckee River. "Burke's Survey" was a two block subdivision recorded in 1902 by Burke and incorporated into the "Ryland Addition". The survey was bounded by East Liberty on the north, Sinclair Street on the west, Moran on the south, and the Virginia and Truckee Railroad on the east. "Burke's Addition" was filed by the Wells Estate Company in 1907. This 34 block subdivision was bounded by Cheney and Ryland on the north, Wells and Locust on the west, Vassar Street on the south and Kirman on the east. Burke, along with another developer, Wheeler, acquired the franchise for a trolley line down Wells Avenue to promote their subdivision. Reno Traction, purveyor of most trolley service in Reno at the time, arranged to take over the franchise and began construction of the line in 1909. The new line extended from the existing track at Virginia and California eastward along Moran Street and then south on Wells Avenue. Service began in 1910.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

QUADRANGLE: Reno, Nevada
(1967 - photorevised 1982)
SCALE: 1:24000

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 1	2, 5, 8	5, 6, 0	4, 3, 7, 8	1, 6, 0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
C					

B					
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Ryland's Addition, east 93 2/3 feet of Lots 11 and 12 in Block B.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ana Koval and Patricia Lawrence-Dietz

ORGANIZATION

Rainshadow Associates

DATE

August 1983

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 352

TELEPHONE

(702) 849-1438

CITY OR TOWN

Carson City

STATE

Nevada 89702

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Ronald W. Jones, Deputy April 19 '84

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Delores Byers

Entered in the
National Register

DATE

5-31-84

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

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The only exterior alterations are the heavier wood shakes replacing the roof's original wood shingles and the addition of a blacktop parking lot on the west side.

Interior

The house has extensive, original interior woodwork such as the dark paneled dining room with built-in cabinets, the original staircase, and the original door and window moldings. Some modifications have been made to accommodate the offices but most of the room configurations and interior details remain in near original condition.

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"Burke's Addition" enjoyed a steady growth as many modest homes were built. Burke is reputed to have designed and built many of the homes in the subdivision. Charles Burke donated land to the City in the southwest for both a school and firehouse. He donated a block for a school on which now stands the City Hall complex. He also donated the corner of Liberty and Center for a firehouse, on which the Washoe County Library now sits.

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