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Ore discoveries, the convenience of wood and water, and a naturally fine location caused the selection of the town site. It is situated just inside the Toiyabe National Forest on a sloping plateau of the Toiyabe mountain range at an altitude of 8000' in picturesque surroundings. There are also some BLM holdings and some patented mining callims. Access is by dirt road, State Route 82, approximately 25 miles from its intersection with State Route 8A.

The town's 3 miles of streets, with wood and stone sidewalks, were partially shaded by maples, locusts, and balm of Gilead trees. Spring water was and is abundant for all purposes and nut-pine, cedar and mountain mahogany are found within 8 miles of town.

With the ample supply of wood, water, rock and clay the townspeople constructed many substantial stone and fireproof brick buildings. The town contained 4 stores, 2 saloons, 5 restaurants, 1 livery stable, a post office, an assay office, bank, school, telegraph office, 2 newspapers, and a blacksmith shop. The town of 2000 people 1874) supported its own racetrack, Monitor Park.

The town now contains the ruins of mills, stores, and residences. A small population lives there today.

The immediate need is for protection from further destruction and/or deterioration. The entire townsite of 440 acres is included in this request.

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With numerous mines in the vicinity and rapid developments that were being made, Belmont attracted wealth and population. By the time Belmont became the county seat in 1867, it had become an important mining and milling area and trading center for settlements in a radius of 100 miles. In 1868 it was the most flourishing town in eastern Nevada.

The combination of declining ore values and new discoveries in White Pine County reduced the population at Belmont. It declined until rich discoveries in 1873 again caused another boom.

Production continued until 1887 when most of the mines were shut down. 1900 only a few businesses and a score of people were left. In May, 1905, the county seat was moved to Tonopah. The extensive Belmont dumps were reworked in 1907-08 and production during the WWI years fed the new Highbridge

Over \$6 million in ore was processed at Belmont. Mill.



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The following buildings are the best remaining structures.

Courthouse: This building was constructed in 1874 for \$34,000. It is a red brick structure of two stories, with a cupola on top. The bricks used in its construction, and the large stones making up the foundation, were both local products. It is in fairly good condition, but some deterioration has occurred. The high glass windows are gone, as well as all interior furnishings. The courthouse is an interesting example of nineteenth century architecture. Historically, it is one of the few remaining unoccupied courthouses of the period. A prime threat to this structure is the present commercial value of used red brick.

Cosmopolitan Saloon: This wooden structure, built around 1870 stands on Main Street, opposite the courthouse. Besides being a saloon, it was used as a music hall and many performers appeared there.

Monitor-Belmont Mill, and Combination Mill. The most outstanding feature of the two mills are their smokestacks. These are of brick and reach fifty to sixty feet into the air.

