

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: NEVADA
COUNTY: Carson City
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE APR 16 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
St. Teresa's Rectory

AND/OR HISTORIC:
*** Governor Nye's Mansion** *James W. Nye's* *use this*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
108 North Minnesota Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Carson City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Nevada

STATE: **Nevada** CODE: **32** COUNTY: **Carson City** CODE: **025**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Roman Catholic Bishop of Reno

STREET AND NUMBER:
515 Court Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Reno

STATE:
Nevada

CODE:
32

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Carson City Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
198 North Carson Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Carson City

STATE:
Nevada

CODE:
32

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
August 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
HABS Archives - Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington, D.C.

STATE:
District of Columbia

CODE:
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The residence is a 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ story stone building with a gable roof. No plans exist. A description is given in The Architecture of Carson City, Nevada, SELECTIONS FROM the Historic American Buildings Survey by S. Allen Chambers, Jr. "The exterior has been altered only to minor degree. The front door and surrounding trim are not original, though set in the original frame opening. That portion of the facade covered by the front porch has had stucco applied with simulated joints painted on. The bay window nearest the southwest corner also seems to be an addition. It does not show in the circa 1880 lithograph of the house reproduced in Thompson and West's History of Nevada. It is smaller than the other two bays and does not have the same trim. The rear wing is an addition, but a very early one. The interior finish has been extensively changed though the basic floor plan of the house seems undisturbed. The first floor trim is painted to resemble golden oak and is 'neo-colonial' in conception. It is more than likely dates from the turn of the present century. The southwest bay window and front door trim accord with interior work described herein, and are undoubtedly part of the same redecorating and remodeling scheme."

The property has been well cared for down through the years, and today, the house sits in a park-like setting, well shaded by mature trees.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stewart-Nye residence was successively owned by Senator William M. Stewart and James W. Nye, Territorial Governor of Nevada. Both men were politically active lawyers from New York. Before coming to Nevada in 1859, Stewart had been active in California politics for almost ten years and served as the state's Attorney-General. Nye's political connections in the Lincoln Administration led to his appointment as Governor of the Nevada Territory in 1861.

Both are two of the most important political figures in Nevada's early history. Stewart was almost solely responsible for the establishment of Carson City as the capitol. As a member of the Territorial Council in 1861-1862 and the first Constitutional Convention in 1863 he was responsible for many of the provisions of the State Constitution under which Nevada was admitted to the Union. Nye's good sense, judgement and political influence in Washington saw Nevada through some very difficult times during the Civil War and the transition to statehood in 1864. The two men became fast friends and political allies in Nevada and in December, 1864 were elected as the State's first U.S. Senators.

The Stewart-Nye residence was constructed in the fall of 1860 on a large lot bounded by Minnesota, King and Phillips Streets. Mrs. Annie Foote Stewart was much given to entertaining and their home became a center for parties, meetings and social events of all kinds. After the purchase of the home by Governor Nye in 1862, it became the first Governor's Mansion, albeit unofficial, and a gathering place for political figures.

Stewart served with considerable distinction in the Senate. Stewart is known as the author of the Fifteenth Amendment and the National Mining Law of 1866. In the latter part of his career he became a prominent spokesman for those seeking the remonetization of silver. Both men were strong supporters of President Lincoln and the later Reconstruction policies of Congress.

Nye died in December of 1876, three years after he lost a bid for a third term in the Senate, and the house passed to his two surviving children, Mrs. John Waller and Charles Mason Nye, who sold it in 1882. Chief Justice George F. Talbot lived here for some years and in 1917 it passed to the Roman Catholic Church and is today the rectory for St. Teresa of Avila Church, located across King Street.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Effie Mona Mack, "William Morris Stewart, 1827-1909, "Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, Vol. VII, No. 1, 2 (Centennial Issue, 1964), pp: 1-121.
 Effie Mona Mack, "James Warren Nye, A Biography, "Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, Vol. IV, No. 3, 4 (July-December, 1964), pp. 1-59.
 George Rothwell Brown(ed.), Reminiscences of Senator William M. Stewart OF Nevada, New York and Washington D.C.: The Neale Publishing Co., 1908.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39°	09'	52"
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One Acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Eric R. Cronkhite, State Historic Preservation Officer

ORGANIZATION: **Nevada State Park System** DATE: **March 14, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
201 South Fall Street, Nye Building, Room 221

CITY OR TOWN: **Carson City** STATE: **Nevada** CODE: **32**

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name **Eric Cronkhite**

Title **S.H.P.O.**

Date **1-13-75**

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

W. H. ...
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **4/16/75**

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **APR 8 1975**