

# NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

**PROPERTY NAME:**

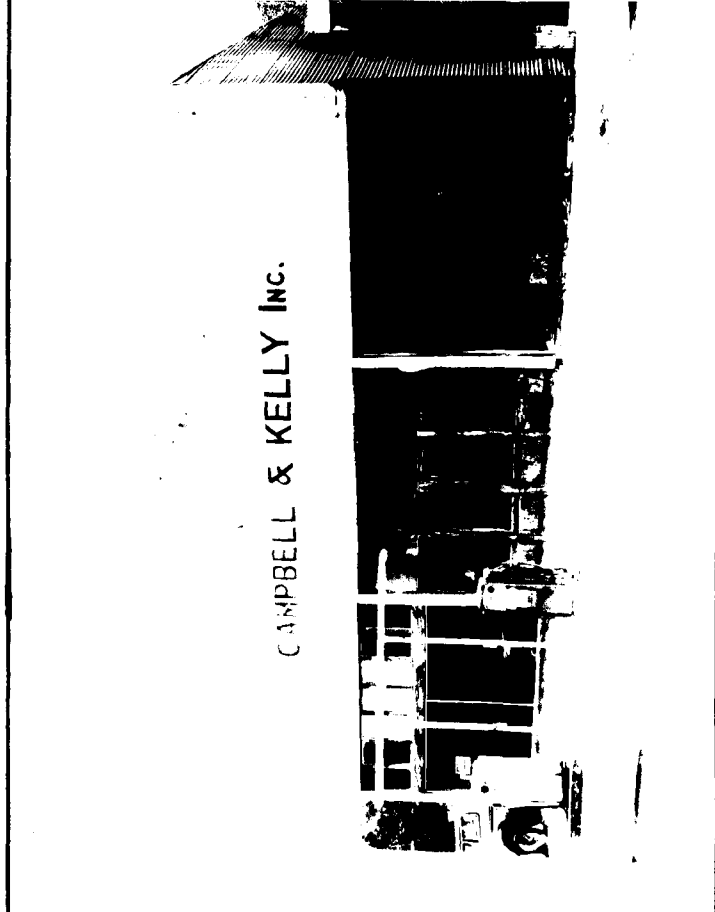
<i>Historic</i> Campbell and Kelly Building
<i>Common</i>

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-154
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

**LOCATION:**

<i>Street Address</i> Corona/Main Street	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

**CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH**



**CURRENT OWNER:**

<i>Name</i> Horace J. Campbell		
<i>Street Address</i> P.O. Box 431		
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>State</i> NV	<i>Zip</i> 89049

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**PROPERTY INFORMATION:**

<i>Historic Use</i> Commercial	
<i>Current Use</i> Commercial	<i>Acreage</i> less/one
<i>Architect/Builder</i> Unknown	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built ca. 1912	

<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
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<i>View</i> Front facade looking Northeast
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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Campbell and Kelly building is a single story commercial structure with tall proportions. Set back from the front property line, the building measure 42 feet across the main facade and 58 feet in depth. The exterior of the building is clad in metal siding; a pressed rusticated stone pattern on the north and west (front) walls, and corrugated sheets on the other surfaces. The roof is flat and slopes to the rear of the structure. A simple metal cornice adorns the top of the main facade, terminated at each end by simplified console. The storefronts consists of three similar bays, each constructed of wood framing, original doors, display windows, panels and transoms remain intact although weathered. The display window at the north bay has been altered with larger fixed glazing, but does not detract from the historic architectural integrity of the structure.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Campbell and Kelly Building, built CA 1912, is important for its architectural value and method of construction and for its association with one of Tonopah's oldest businesses.

The building bears the names of H. P. Campbell and Rube Kelly, two important citizens most associated with the development of machine works and foundry operations in Tonopah. In June 1907 Horace P. Campbell and Rube Kelly took over the existing Tonopah Foundry and Machine Works, (located west of this building on the northern slope of Mt. Oddie) and incorporated the business as Campbell and Kelly, Inc. Their business became the largest foundry operation in the district, providing machinery work to most mines in the area. They engaged in boiler making, black-smithing, casting, as well as conversion of steam powered hoist engines to electrical operation. The firm also produced the Campbell and Kelly pumps used in most cyanide mills in the area. Their services eventually extended to automobile engine repair and sales. About 1915 Campbell and Kelly purchased this commercial building on Main street to provide for the expansion of their automobile sales and service operations. The building is a fine example of metal clad commercial construction with the original store fronts and other detailing still intact.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Scrugham, James G., ed., Nevada, a Narrative of the Conquest of a Frontier Land, American Historical Society, Chicago & New York, 1935

Tonopah Daily Sun, 1907

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 7, Block K, Richardsons Survey 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

View

Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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Campbell and Kelly Building

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As the Tonopah Foundry and Machine Works are no longer extant, the Campbell and Kelly Building is most associated with H.P Campbell and Rube Kelly, the men responsible for the development of the foundry and machine works operations in Tonopah. As the men developed the automobile sales and service business in the Foundry and Machine Works, and as there are no other remnants of that early commercial enterprise in Tonopah, we believe that the building can convey associations for both. As one of only three metal buildings extant in Tonopah, the others also having been nominated, we feel that the building retains a high degree of integrity and is a good example of a type of construction.