

# NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

## PROPERTY NAME:

<i>Historic</i>
<i>Common</i> Board and Batten Miners Cabin

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-141
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

## LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> Oddie Avenue	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

## CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



## CURRENT OWNER:

<i>Name</i> Houston Oil and Minerals, Co.		
<i>Street Address</i> P.O. Box 1232		
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>State</i> NV	<i>Zip</i> 89049

## FORM PREPARED BY:

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION:

<i>Historic Use</i> Residential	
<i>Current Use</i> Residential	<i>Acreage</i> less/one
<i>Architect/Builder</i>	
<i>Construction/Modification Dates</i> Built ca. 1905	

<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
<i>View</i> Looking west	

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

This wood frame structure is built on a moderately sloping site at the base of Mt. Oddie. Constructed on two adjacent levels it is clad in board and batten siding and covered with double pitched and shed roofs. The original wood shingle roofing exists on the pitched roof, and corrugated metal sheets now cover the shed portion of the structure. A lone metal stove pipe projects from the main body of the house. The cabin features independently situated window openings of varying sizes. Doorways penetrate both east and west gable walls of the structure. The opening on the east is covered with a small pitched roof canopy and serves as the main entrance. It is approached from a wooden stairway extending down the slope of the hill. The cabin is moderately maintained, and suffers some deterioration due to weathering. The site features include a separate stone cellar covered with a corrugated metal roof, a picket fence, and some mature landscaping.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The board and batten structure on Oddie Avenue is the best preserved example of a frame miners cabin extant in Tonopah. Hundreds of such structures, constructed not only of wood but of stone, rubble, and adobe once dominated the mining ground on the lower slopes of Mount Oddie. Over the years fires, neglect, and modern development have destroyed many of those structures but of the ones remaining this building typifies the setting, construction method and lifestyle inherent in the miners cabin district of Tonopah. Built on a sloping site with split level massing, the house features shed and pitched roofs, stove pipe penetrations, and simple window openings. Its site with a separate stone cellar, picket fence and exterior wood stairway also contributes to the historic integrity of the house. The preservation of this board and batten miners cabin serves to interpret the overall economic, social, and architectural pattern of development of historic Tonopah.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Nye County Records Office, Deeds

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Possessory claim on Buckboard Lode near Oddie Avenue and Water Street

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

Jim Woodward

View

Looking North

Date

July 1980

