

# NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

## PROPERTY NAME:

<i>Historic</i> Brann Boarding House
<i>Common</i>

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-145
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

## LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> Bryan Street	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

## CURRENT OWNER:

<i>Name</i> Richard Saver		
<i>Street Address</i> P.O. Box 852		
<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 1906	

## CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



<i>Photo By</i> Jim Woodward	<i>Date</i> July 1980
<i>View</i> Front facade, looking southwest	

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Brann Boarding House is a two and a half story building of symmetrical plan and massing. Constructed of wood frame and horizontal shiplap, the house is covered with a hipped roof which has been recovered with asphalt shingles. Four centrally located, gabled dormers project from the roof. Tall in proportion, each have shiplap side walls and contain a single one-over-one double hung window. The main facade which faces north on Bryan Street is symmetrical about two doorways, one on each level. A two story porch extends the length of this facade and is supported by four routed posts. The balcony is covered with a slightly hipped roof and features a simple wooden balustrade. Modifications to the building are limited to the window openings which have been enlarged to accept contemporary aluminum windows. The modest construction detailing of the Brann house includes moulded cornices, boxed eave, and an original spindlework screen door at the balcony.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Brann Boarding House is noteworthy as the largest wood frame residential structure in Tonopah, and as one of the four boarding houses still remaining in the community. Lodging or boarding houses were the most common answer to housing the working class in most mining boom camps. In Tonopah the first boarding house was one run by Miss Lottie Stimler in January 1901. It centered primarily around the preparation of meals for some eighty miners and consisted of two tents, one for a kitchen and one for a dining room. During the peak boom years at Tonopah, several large boarding and lodging houses were in operation, two to three stories in height and generally of wood construction. The Brann Boarding house, built in 1906 by Mrs. A.J. Brann, typifies that housing type. It contains 18 rooms with central hallways on both levels. The structure exists today as the largest frame boarding house remaining in Tonopah. Despite efforts to enlarge the original window openings, the integrity of the overall house remains intact. It is significant as an architectural type historically associated with the early lifestyle of Tonopah.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Nye County Assessors Records

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 3, Block 4, Richarson Survey 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

View

Date