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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Arendt Jensen House

other names/site number Reid Mansion

2. Location

street & number 1431 Ezell Street

not for publication N/A

city, town Gardnerville

vicinity N/A

state Nevada

code NV

county Douglas

code 005

zip code 89410

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
2	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
2	_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

*Ronald M. James*  
Signature of certifying official

*1/18/89*  
Date

Historic Preservation and Archeology  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.

*Druce J. Noble, Jr.*

*3/8/89*

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

*for* Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic - Single dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic - single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals

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Colonial Revival

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

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walls Wood Weatherboard

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roof Asphalt

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other 

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The nominated site includes a Colonial Revival style dwelling and garage located on a landscaped, residential lot in the town of Gardnerville, Douglas County, Nevada. Both dwelling and garage are contributing elements to the property.

The Arendt Jensen House is a two-and-one-half-story, frame dwelling constructed c. 1910 by Arendt Jensen, a prominent Carson Valley banker and merchant. The symmetrical, Colonial Revival-style building survives intact and is currently used as a Bed and Breakfast.

The dwelling's design adopts a "Denver Square" form enriched by elaborate Colonial Revival ornamentation. The building is supported by a coursed, concrete block foundation and rises to a hipped roof punctuated by pedimented gable dormers. The building's roof terminates in a flat deck delineated by an open, wooden balustrade. The extended roof line of the building is marked by a wide dentil cornice. The building includes two, brick, exterior-end chimneys with straight stacks and corbelled caps.

The building's wall planes are sheathed in narrow, wooden siding defined by narrow cornerboards with stylized capitals. The three-by-two-bay dwelling includes paired, one-light-over-one-light, sash windows enframed by simple board surrounds defined by slightly projecting hoods and sills.

The principal elevation of the dwelling (SW) includes a slightly projecting central bay located beneath the central, gable, roof dormer. The principal entrance to the building is located on the first story of the projecting bay and includes a single light, wooden door enframed by single-light, sidelights and transom. The first story of the house is spanned by an open, wooden porch supported by stylized Neo-Classical columns and an open balustrade incorporating turned balusters. The porch terminates in a flat roof defined by a deep dentil cornice, projecting eaves and balustrade.

The southeast building elevation includes an open, semi-circular porch supported by columns and balustrade identical to those of the primary elevation porch. The southeast elevation porch similarly incorporates a flat roof with deep cornice and balustrade.

The interior of the building adopts a modified Georgian plan with central stairhall and flanking chambers. Interior finishes are stylistically derived from the Colonial Revival style and survive intact.

A single story, wood garage, constructed c. 1910, is located northeast of the dwelling. This two bay building terminates in a hipped roof with projecting eaves similar in form to that of the main house. The garage wall planes are sheathed in narrow, wooden siding delineated by wooden cornerboards with Neo-Classical capitals.

## 8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1910

Significant Dates

c. 1910

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Arendt Jensen House is an architecturally significant dwelling locally important for the quality of its design. Constructed c. 1910 by Arendt Jensen, a prominent Carson Valley merchant, the Colonial Revival style building survives intact and in a high state of preservation. The Arendt Jensen House is unique in the town of Gardnerville, Nevada in its scale and architectural sophistication.

The Jensen House was identified as one of Gardnerville's "most outstanding buildings" in a comprehensive architectural survey of the Carson Valley conducted by the Douglas County Planning Department in 1981. The report accompanying this survey identifies the architecture of the community as late 19th and early 20th century Eclectic characterized by modest vernacular buildings embellished by mass produced, Victorian period ornamentation.

### HISTORIC CONTEXT

The town of Gardnerville was founded in 1879 by Lawrence Gilman of Genoa when he moved the Kent House from Genoa to a seven-acre tract of land on the east fork of the Carson River. Gilman purchased the land from a homesteader named John M. Gardner, in whose honor he named the town.

In its new location the Kent House was renamed the Gardnerville Hotel. As the town prospered as a ranching supply center, hotels, shops and saloons were added. By 1889, Main Street included two livery stables, a woodworking shop, a boarding house, a tin shop, three general merchandising stores, a hall, four saloons, a meat market, furniture store, a drug and confectionary store and two hotels.

Development was encouraged in the town's early years by the construction of a stage road connecting Carson City and Bodie, California. Gardnerville served as a stage stop for the 24-horse freight teams traveling this route. Gardnerville subsequently became a shipping center for agricultural products destined for surrounding mining camps.

Gardnerville's role as an agricultural and commercial center continued through the early twentieth century as businesses were added to the community's service sector. As part of this development Arendt Jensen opened the Douglas County Farmers Bank in 1902. In addition, Jensen operated a General Store.

Gardnerville's town plan adopts a gridiron form oriented along a northwest - southeast axis. Main Street serves as the primary commercial artery with residential development extending to the northeast and southwest. The town is dominated by low scale development ranging in height from one to three-stories. The majority of the town's building stock dates from the late-nineteenth-century and is composed of commercial and residential buildings characterized by simple vernacular forms embellished by elaborate, mass produced ornamentation. Early twentieth century development is similarly modest in scale and reflects simple adaptations of Nationally popular architectural styles.

The Arendt Jensen House is a unique Gardnerville example of a substantial dwelling designed in the Colonial Revival Style. The building represents a scale and level of architectural sophistication unique in the community.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Dangberg, Grace. Carson Calley Historical Sketches of Nevada's First Settlement. (Reno, Nevada: Carson Valley Historical Society, 1972)

Douglas County Planning Department. The Architectural Heritage of Carson Valley. (Minden, Nevada: Douglas County Planning Department, 1981).

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested /approved.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acres of property 1.3 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

Residential parcel 25-333-01 measuring 202'-0" x 295'-0" located at 1431 Ezell Street, Gardnerville, Douglas County, Nevada. Parcel recorded at Douglas County Recorders Office in Book 886 Page 2852.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the dwelling, garage and grounds of the site historically known as the Arendt Jensen House, Gardnerville, Nevada

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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