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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

#### 8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- □ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

#### Property is:

- □ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- □ **B** removed from its original location.
- $\Box$  **C** a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- **F** a commemorative property.
- □ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

#### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

#### 9. Major Bibliographical References

#### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

#### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- □ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
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# Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions) COMMERCE ARCHITECTURE **Period of Significance** 1932 **Significant Dates** 1932 Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) Jensen, Arendt; Jensen Jr., Arendt **Cultural Affiliation** N/A Architect/Builder unknown

□ Other State agency

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Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data	
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organization <u>State Historic Preservation Office</u>	date <u>September 1994</u>
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Continuation Sheets	
A <b>USGS map</b> (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the prop	
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Photographs	
Representative black and white photographs of the prop	erty.
Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)	
Property Owner (Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)	
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street & number 1513 Highway 395, Suite 201	telephone (702) 782-6906
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#### Description

The Arendt Jensen Jr. House is a 1 1/2-story bungalow located on a corner lot where Eddie Street dead-ends into Ezell Street. The building stands near the Arendt Jensen House, the first and largest home built by the Jensen family, located at the end of the quiet residential street. The Arendt Jensen Jr. House stands approximately fifteen feet back from the road with mature plantings along the perimeter of the lot. The original wood and wire fence still surrounds the property. A dirt driveway runs between the house and a gable-roofed, wood-frame garage. This structure was likely built about the same time as the house. It stands on the north corner of the property and is entered from Eddie Street.

The wood-frame house was built in 1932 as a single family residence. It stands on a concrete foundation which rises about two feet above ground level. Narrow clapboard siding sheaths the exterior walls. A hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles tops the house. The roofline ends in overhanging eaves with a boxed cornice. Two gable-roofed porches extend from the house--one from the central part of the main facade, the other from the northeast side of the house. Each porch roof is supported by two square posts. One brick chimney rises above the roof near the rear of the house, above the kitchen. Another exterior chimney stands near the north corner of the house.

The front door of the house is wood with rectangular panes of beveled glass. Two doublehung wood windows, with multi-pane sashes over single-pane sashes, flank the front entrance. Similar single windows or windows grouped in pairs or sets of four pierce the other walls of the building. Simple wood surrounds outline the windows. The original wood screen doors and window screens remain on the house.

In 1949 the owner of the house, Minnie Jensen, Arendt Jensen Jr.'s widow, converted the house into a duplex. She made the front part of the house into a small apartment, measuring approximately 500 square feet. Doors opening from the rear part of the house into the front part were merely kept locked. Two small closets, one off of the entrance foyer, the other off of a front bedroom, were opened up to create a bathroom. The only change was the installation of a low divider in the front sitting room which created a narrow space for a galley kitchen. No new walls were installed and no original walls were removed. All these changes could easily be reversed. The remaining part of the house remains the same. The

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#### **Description (continued)**

kitchen and rear rooms retain their original linoleum, taken from the Arendt Jensen House. Hardwood floors are currently covered with carpet. The original lath and plaster walls and ceilings remain intact as well. A Danish craftsman did all the plaster work with sponges; the main rooms have coved ceilings covered with plaster in three different textures. All woodwork, including built-in bookcases, doors, and cabinets have their original finishes. The light fixtures are also original. The house retains a remarkable level of historic integrity, despite the few alterations made to convert it into a duplex.

The 1-story wood-frame garage has a gable roof covered with corrugated metal. Narrow clapboards, like those on the house, cover the walls. Two wood doors, with panels on the lower half and windows in the upper half, swing open on side-mounted hinges to allow vehicular access into the garage from Eddie Street. A narrow door in the south end of the structure also provides access. The garage is in fair condition and does not appear to have been altered since its construction.

### **Statement of Significance**

The Arendt Jensen Jr. House is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria B and C, for its association with the Jensen Family, prominent in the early twentieth-century development of the town of Gardnerville, and as a fine example of a craftsman bungalow constructed in the town in the 1930s.

#### Historical background and significance:

Lawrence Gilman of Genoa founded the town of Gardnerville in 1879 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 John M. Gardner, a homesteader for whom the town was named. Gilman renamed the Kent House the Gardnerville Hotel and constructed a blacksmith shop and saloon to help make the site into a viable community. By 1889 the main street of Gardnerville had 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 confectionery store, and two hotels. The construction of a stage road connecting Carson City to Bodie, California, passed through Gardnerville which served as a

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#### Statement of Significance (continued)

stage shop for the freight teams traveling this route. Gardnerville's location along this road helped make it an agricultural center for surrounding mining towns.

The Jensens immigrated from Denmark to Gardnerville in the late nineteenth century. Danish immigrants were among the first to settle Carson Valley and Gardnerville became the social center for these new arrivals. Arendt Jensen took advantage of the growing economy and became a successful merchant and banker in town. He ran a general store on the main stage road. He also opened Gardnerville's first bank, the Douglas County Farmers Bank, in 1902. The establishment of this bank institutionalized banking practices in the valley. Before Jensen's bank opened, some of the wealthier inhabitants of the valley had acted as personal bankers for individuals who needed loans. For seven years, Jensen's bank was the only one that operated in Carson Valley.

The Jensen family built their first house about 1910. This Colonial Revival mansion stands at 1431 Ezell Street at the end of Eddie Street and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a significant example of architecture in Gardnerville. The Jensens owned property from the cow pasture behind the mansion up to the main road through the town. The building that housed the Jensens's store still stands at the corner of Eddie Street and the main road, now known as U.S. Highway 395. The Jensens's bank was located on this road as well, but it no longer exists. The parcels on the south side of Eddie Street, adjacent to the mansion, were conveyed to members of the Jensen family so they could build additional houses as the family expanded. The brick bungalow at 1235 Eddie Street, just north of Arendt Jr.'s house, was built for Arendt Jensens's parents about 1923.

After Arendt Jensen Jr. married Minnie Springmeyer, who was from a prominent Carson City family, the need to build another house became apparent. The elder Arendt transferred the lot between the mansion and his parents' house to his son in 1931. Arendt Sr. and his brother Newman Peter Jensen had the house built for Arendt Jr. by the end of 1932. Arendt Jr. and his wife moved into the house in 1932 and helped run the family's store. Their house also served as a place for the Jensen family's hired farm hands to eat on occasion. Arendt Jensen Jr. died in 1935, not long after the house was built, but Minnie Jensen lived in the house until her death in 1991.

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#### Statement of Significance (continued)

The Jensen Family played a significant role in the growth and prosperity of Gardnerville in the early twentieth century. Many of the buildings they constructed, including their general store, the two bungalows on Eddie Street, and their mansion on Ezell Street still stand, providing a tangible reminder of the family's impact on the town. For this reason, the Arendt Jensen Jr. House, through its association with the Jensen Family, should be listed on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B.

#### Architectural significance:

The Arendt Jensen Jr. house is also significant as a fine example of a craftsman bungalow built in a western town. Because the house remained in the hands of the original occupants for nearly sixty years, the structure has hardly changed since its construction in 1932.

The house retains numerous features that are typical of craftsman architecture. The building stands 1 1/2 stories tall with a front-facing gable roof and a gable-roofed front porch. The windows piercing the exterior walls are multi-pane-over-single-pane sashes arranged alone, in pairs, or in groups of four--another typical feature of this type of architecture. The main room of the house, which functioned as a dining room during the Jensens' occupancy, still has its built-in bookcase, french doors, and original hanging light fixtures. In fact, the entire house retains a very high level of integrity. All the rooms are largely intact, including the kitchen and bathroom which still have their original fixtures. The only change in the kitchen has been the installation of a new counter top and the removal of the original sink.

Fortunately, the conversion of the house to a duplex in 1949 resulted in few changes to the structure. Doors leading into the front part of the house from the rear part were merely locked, so no doorways have been sealed nor have any doors been removed. A small part of the front sitting room of the house was converted into a tiny kitchen by installing a divider, which does not reach the ceiling. Two closets in the front of the house were opened up to create a small bathroom. All these changes are easily reversible.

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#### Statement of Significance (continued)

Not only does the house remain intact, but its setting is also largely intact. The original wire and wood fence surrounding the lot remains. Across the dirt driveway stands a gable-roofed, wood frame garage which appears to have been built about the same time as the house. This structure is in good condition and has not been altered in any way. Few craftsman bungalows remain in Gardnerville; none retain the high degree of integrity, both in setting and in physical condition, that the Arendt Jensen Jr. House possesses.

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**Verbal Boundary Description** 

The legal parcel number is 25-333-02.

### **Boundary Justification**

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the house.