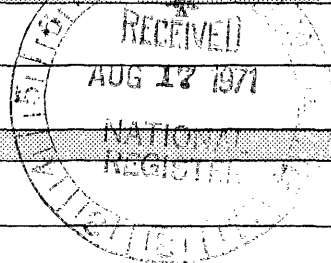


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Nevada	
COUNTY: Nye	
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1. NAME

COMMON: Berlin HISTORIC DISTRICT

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Off State 23, 21 miles on State 91

CITY OR TOWN:
Berlin

STATE Nevada	CODE 32	COUNTY: Nye	CODE 023
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments <u>Mining</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks

STREET AND NUMBER: 201 South Fall Street
Nye Building, Room 221

CITY OR TOWN: Carson City

STATE: Nevada	CODE 32
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Nye County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Tonopah

STATE: Nevada	CODE 32
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Nevada Historical Sites - Mordy and Mc Caughey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
University of Nevada, Desert Research Institute

STREET AND NUMBER:
Stead Facility

CITY OR TOWN: Reno

STATE: Nevada	CODE 32
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

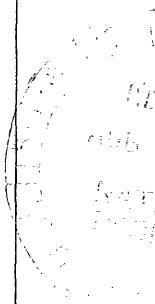
Today Berlin is a remnant of a turn-of-the century mining town, including twelve wood frame buildings, some inhabited, and all in various states of repair. It is located on the western slope of the Shoshone Range in central Nevada, at the edge of the Toiyabe National Forest at a mean elevation of 6,676 feet above sea level. The lower slopes of this range are typical sagebrush lands of central Nevada, however, above the town to the rear, one sees the intrusion of pinion pine and Rocky Mountain juniper, in ever-thickening stands as the elevation increases. Below the town stretches the broad, uninhabited north-south Ione Valley, a vast landscape which disappears into the horizon. Directly across the valley to the east rises the lower Paradise Range, also covered at its higher elevations with pinion pine and juniper trees.

The buildings of the town are arranged in a U shape, opening to the east. The landscape is graced by trees planted by early miners around their residences. These include Lombardy poplar, black locust, and a fruit tree or two which serve to relieve the harshness of the landscape in a climate which receives barely 12 inches of rainfall a year.

The entire townsite is owned by the Nevada State Park System. The resident Park Manager lives in one of the buildings year round. "Across town," a part time miner lives in the converted stage stop.

The town, in its peak years between 1906 and 1918, had a population of 250 plus. In addition to milling buildings and mine shafts, assay and mill offices, there was employee housing, a store, and a horse barn. The post office existed from 1900 to 1918. In 1908 the records show the town had a doctor, a barber, general store and three saloons. Best indications show the town had approximately 75 framed buildings at its peak.

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4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1902

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | | <u>Mining</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Berlin is a typical turn-of-the-century Nevada mining town of wood frame buildings. Today, it is the only camp of its type to be so intact in the State of Nevada. The reason for this condition of preservation is that Berlin was a company town, owned continuously from its construction in 1902-03 to its acquisition by the Park System in 1970. Although its peak years of population and activity were between 1905 and 1918, the Nevada Company always managed to keep a property maintainer in residence. As a result, Berlin has not suffered the activities of vandals, and has enjoyed a modicum of maintenance down through the years. This then is its significance to Nevada.

The mines were never great producers, the town was never the scene of any spectacular historical event, the records do not show that any outstanding historic personage was born, or ever visited, there. It does retain the physical form of that which has disappeared throughout the land.

The board and batten construction of the buildings is typical of its day. A 30 stamp mill, as constructed and operated by Graham Stokes, displays the use of massive stone and drywall construction, and the craftsman's use of heavy timbers.

The assessor's records show the first mining activity in Berlin Canyon to have been in 1869, when the Berlin mine produced four tons of ore. Claims were not filed, however, until the late 1880's, in and around Union Canyon, Knickerbocker, and Berlin Canyons. The Nevada Company, operated by the Stokes family of New York City, then acquired individual interest in patented mining claims dating back to 1888. The same company acquired the Berlin group of claims in 1902-03. They built the townsite of Berlin.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Nevada Historical Sites - Mordy and Mc Caughey

Nevada Ghost Towns and Mining Camps - Paher, Stanley W.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38	53	04	117	36	36			
NE	38	53	04	117	36	16			
SE	38	52	47	117	36	16			
SW	38	52	47	117	36	36			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 70 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. E. Wieprecht, Recreation Park Planner

ORGANIZATION: Nevada State Park System DATE: March, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
201 South Fall Street Nye Building, Room 221

CITY OR TOWN: Carson City STATE: Nevada CODE: 32

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Eric Condlite

Title Administrator

Date 7-13-71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Cannally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 NOV 5 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:
W. Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date Oct. 27, 1971

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