

NYE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY

PROPERTY NAME:

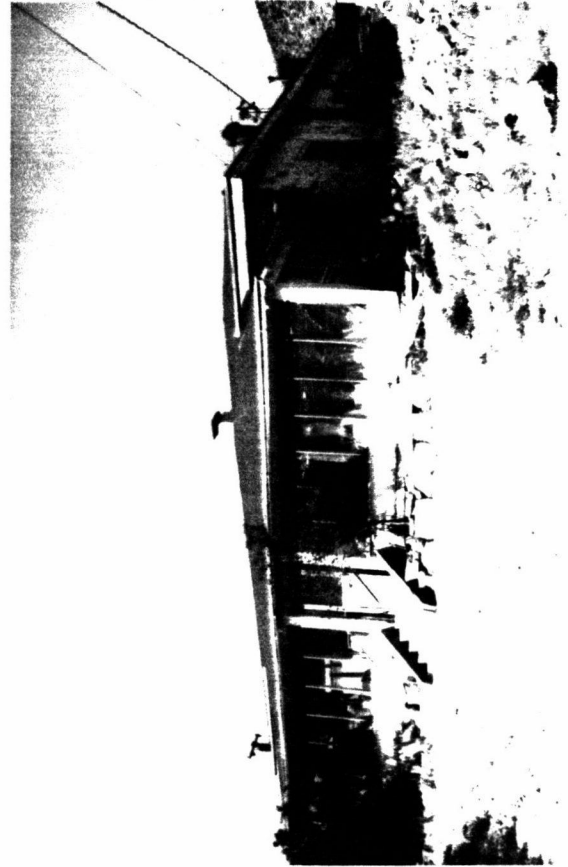
<i>Historic</i> Hugh H. Brown House	
<i>Common</i>	

<i>Township/Range/Section</i>	<i>Inventory No.</i> TON-151
<i>Quad/County Map</i>	<i>Classification</i> Building

LOCATION:

<i>Street Address</i> 129 Ellis	
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>County</i> Nye

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



CURRENT OWNER:

<i>Name</i> Dale R. Smith		
<i>Street Address</i> P.O. Box 533		
<i>City</i> Tonopah	<i>State</i> NV	<i>Zip</i> 89049

FORM PREPARED BY:

<i>Name</i> Janus Associates		<i>Date</i> Sept. 1980
<i>Street Address</i> 2121 S. Priest Suite 127		<i>Phone</i> 967-7117
<i>City</i> Tempe	<i>State</i> Arizona	<i>Zip</i> 85282

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	

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

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

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Other modifications are minor and the house is well maintained.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The adobe residence at 129 Ellis is significant for its historic association with prominent Tonopah attorney, Hugh H. Brown. Brown had arrived in Tonopah in 1903 to open a local law office for a San Francisco law firm for which he was junior partner. He became attorney for the Tonopah Mining Company, the conglomerate headed by Arthur Brock which held controlling interest in most of the claims in the area. By 1907 Brown represented all of the Brock holdings including the Tonopah and Goldfield Railroad and the Tonopah Belmont Mining Company. Other clients included the Mine Operator's Association and the Tonopah Banking Corporation. His wife, Mrs. Marjorie Moore Brown was the successful promoter of the Tonopah Public Library (TON-117). The Hugh Brown house was completed in early 1906 and was constructed of adobe tamped into framework for the exterior walls. It was built in "University Heights" in the neighborhood of Brown's contemporaries, T.L. Oddie, Uri B. Curtis, Irving McDonald and George A. Bartlett. This large adobe house has undergone some modifications but its historic integrity remains intact or is recoverable. For its association with Hugh Brown, the structure is worthy of preservation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 11, Block 51, Richarson Survey 1907

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH

Photo By

View

Date

Substantive Review
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
 National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Brown, Hugh H., House
 State, County: NV, Nye
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4/13/82-964
 Fed. Reg. Date: _____
 Date Due: 5/13/82 - 5/28/82
 Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 5/20/82
 REJECT

photos
 maps

resubmission
 nomination by person or local government
 owner objection
 appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Significance of person this building associated with has not been demonstrated

Recom. / Criteria Return
 Reviewer Patrick Andrews
 Discipline Historian
 Date 5/30/82
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

- 1. Name
- 2. Location
- 3. Classification
- 4. Owner of Property
- 5. Location of Legal Description
- 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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8. Significance

Please fill in blank

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

The form states that Mr. Brown was a prominent attorney, but does not explain why he was significant. In his role as attorney for the mine owners, what role did he play in the development of mining in Tonofah? Was he involved in the legal conversions of the small, independent mining claims, to the larger, consolidated, mining company era? Was he involved in the settlement of any important legal issues concerning with the development of mining?

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Patrick Andrus

Signed Brown Date 5.20.82 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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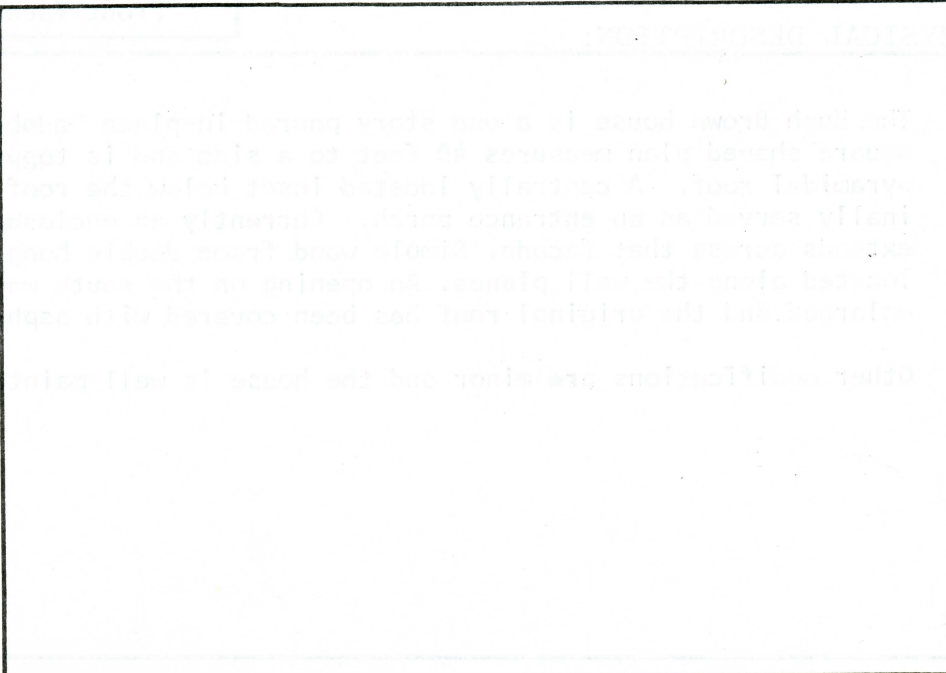
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

Tonopah Multiple Resource Area
Hugh H. Brown House

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DATE ENTERED.

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 8 PAGE 1

Specific facts associated with Mr. Brown's dealings with the firms/interests listed in the original material cannot be substantiated. However, that Mr. Brown was an important figure and associated with important political figures in Nevada is certain. As a friend and confidant to men such as Senator Key Pittman, Governor Tasker Oddie, Senator George S. Nixon, and prominent financier George Wingfield, Brown moved in very powerful political circles in Nevada and Washington. He chartered and was first president of the Nevada Bar Association (1910). Long a member of the American Bar Association, he held important committee positions and was the first nominee from the Western States to be considered for the presidency of the organization (1920). A personal friend of Herbert Hoover, he was asked to place Hoover's name in nomination to the presidency of the United States in 1920. He was later nominated to the United States Supreme Court under Harding. Devoted to world peace, he participated in the conference which led to the creation of the League to Enforce Peace, a forerunner of the League of Nations, an organization that he also actively supported. He also served on the Commission of Uniform State Laws, representing California and Nevada.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Tonopah Multiple Resource Area
State Nevada

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | | |
|-----|--|--------------------|--------|---|
| 1. | Bartlett, George A., House ✓ | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>W.H. Brarham 5.20.82</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. | Bass Building ✓ | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>W.H. Brarham 5.20.82</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. | Boak, Cada C., House | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>W.H. Brarham 5.20.82</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 4. | Board and Batten Cottage ✓ | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>W.H. Brarham 5.20.82</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 5. | Board and Batten Miners Cabin | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>W.H. Brarham 5.20.82</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 6. | Brann Boardinghouse ✓ | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>W.H. Brarham 5.20.82</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 7. | Brokers Exchange ✓ | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>W.H. Brarham 5.20.82</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 8. | Brouger-Gowan Block ✓
<i>(previously listed
as part of Tonopah Hotel)</i> | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>200 by 100 ft as
part of Tonopah Hotel</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 9. | Brown, Hugh H., House ✓
<i>previously listed
separately</i> | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Linda McClelland 10/13/82</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 10. | Burdick, E. E., House ✓ | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>W.H. Brarham 5.20.82</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Brown, Hugh H., House
(Tonopah MRA)
NV, Nye

Working No. 4.13.82.964
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 10/18/82
Action: ACCEPT 10/13/82
 RETURN
 REJECT

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: *Although Brown's contributions to Tonopah are sketchy, his reputation and contributions to law and politics in NV are given in detail on continuation sheet.*

Recom./Criteria Accept B
Reviewer L McCalland
Discipline Arch. Hist.
Date 10/13/82
 see continuation sheet

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000532