

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

THOMPSON INN

AND/OR COMMON

LAKEVIEW HOUSE

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

On U.S. Hwy. 395, 5 miles N. of

CITY, TOWN

Carson City

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Nevada

VICINITY OF

CODE

32

COUNTY

Carson City

CODE

025

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

State of Nevada - General Services Division

STREET & NUMBER

State Capital

CITY, TOWN

Carson City

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nevada

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Carson City

STATE

Nevada

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

(None)

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The original watermaster's house is still in use as the home of the current watermaster. Some improvements, such as structural reinforcement and interior/exterior painting, have been made over the years, but the building is substantially as it was when constructed. It is of frame construction, white in color and has four bedrooms, three upstairs and one downstairs. There is also a kitchen and living room. The grounds are landscaped.

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Plan: house plan is "L-shaped" with long axis oriented north-south. The house faces east.

Foundation: stone ashlar block visible on south side; due to sloping site, house sill is raised on north end. A skirt of narrow, vertical boards conceals foundation on north.

Structure: wood frame.

Walls: wood shiplap sheathing beginning with a wide board plus water table detail above sill/plain trim at corners.

Windows: double hung units in either single or paired arrangements/lites arranged 1/1; trim is flat with decorated sill (brackets) and projecting cornice at window head.

Porch: covered porch at entry (east) side continues around to north end of house/turned columns support shallow hipped roof/scroll work below the porch frieze runs between all columns/railing connects porch columns at bottom.

Roof: wood shingle throughout/gable with projecting verges over house wings/hipped roof over porch/frieze board below boxed eave/no return at gable ends. Two brick chimneys at roof ridge.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lakeview House is of state historical significance because of its association with early-day recreation, transportation, lumbering, and water-supply enterprises. The Lakeview area takes its name from the view it affords of Washoe Lake. In the early 1860's, James M. Thompson, an early landowner in the area, constructed a way-station at the crest of Lakeview Hill and in 1865, it became a station on Dyer's Toll Road from Carson City to Steamboat Springs. Thompson Inn was a popular resort for outings and picnics and a headquarters for hunters and those who came from Carson City and the Comstock to fish the waters of Washoe Lake. On March 29, 1871, the Inn burned to the ground and was not rebuilt.

The area was the terminus for a nine-mile lumber flume and in August of 1872, the Virginia & Truckee Railroad set up ten sidings there to load timber and cordwood for Comstock mines and mills. In June and July of 1873, the Virginia City & Gold Hill Water Company laid a large water pipe beneath the Lakeview Hill saddle and built a small residence for one of the Company's water superintendents on the site of the old inn. In 1875, a second pipe was laid along with a small Pelton Generating Wheel to provide electricity for the residence. A third water pipe to the Comstock was laid in 1887.

The house was the headquarters for Captain John B. Overton, the water company's superintendent, who oversaw the installation of the second and third pipes and the residence of several supervisors and watermasters who succeeded him.

The Curtis-Wright Corporation purchased the entire water system in August of 1957 in connection with plans for a missile-testing program involving the use of a large volume of water. The Marlette Lake Company, a Curtis-Wright subsidiary, took over the system in December of 1957 and started a program of improving it. The missile-testing program failed to materialize however, and company officials lost interest in the Sierra watershed and the water supply system. In June of 1963, the land and the water system were purchased by the state of Nevada and considerable improvements were made in later years. A pumping station was installed on the east shore of Marlette Lake and steel pipelines were installed to replace the old wooden flumes high in the Sierras.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.1 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 

1	1	2571918	4343400
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	

B 

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					

C 

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					

D 

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 36, T. 16N, R. 19E on the southwest side of Highway 395. Or... "beginning on the southwesterly right of way of such highway 90 feet left of Station L.S. 180plus80; thence running southwest 540 feet; thence southeast 250 feet; thence northeast 540 feet more or less to the highway right of way line, thence along the right of way line northwest 250 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3.1 acres more or less..."

Nevada State Lands Deed of Record, August, 1963

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Phillip I. Earl, Curator of Exhibits, Nevada State Historical Society

ORGANIZATION & Robert Fink

DATE

Nevada State Park System

May 5, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

201 South Fall Street

(702) 885-4370

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Carson City

Nevada

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*John L. Meder*

TITLE

Administrator

DATE

June 8, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

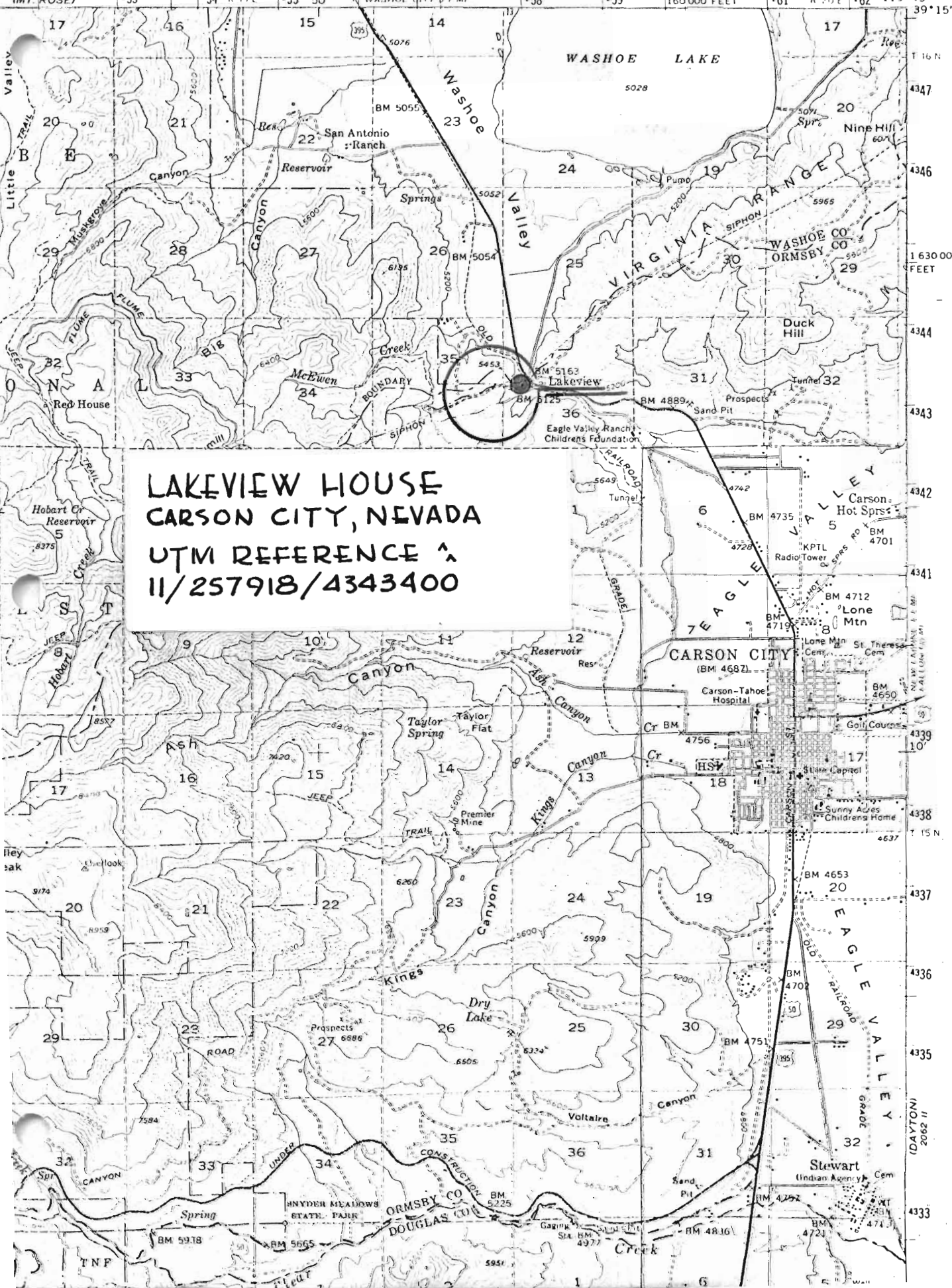
ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CARS CITY QUADRANGLE  
NEVADA  
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

2062 I  
(VIRGINIA CITY)

2062 IV (MT. ROSE) 253 254 R 19 E 255 50' 258 259 160000 FEET 261 R 20 E 262 119°45' 39' 15'



**LAKEVIEW HOUSE**  
**CARSON CITY, NEVADA**  
**UTM REFERENCE ^**  
**11/257918/4343400**

(DAYTON)  
2062 II