

County of Nevada State of California

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission Application for Registration of Historical Landmark

Name of proposed landmark: 150th Anniversary of Truckee Freemasons

Location: 10142 Jibboom Street, Truckee, CA 96161 (on present arch at the Old Jail Memorial garden)

Name of applicant: Truckee Lodge #200 F&AM

Address: PO Box 512, Truckee, CA 96160

Home or work phone: _____ cell phone: 530-308-6978 (Brian Marsh)

Name and address of landowner upon whose property proposed landmark is located, if owner is not applicant:

Truckee-Donner Historical Society
PO Box 893
Truckee, CA 96161

I authorize the placing of a plaque or marker on site.

Katie Holley

Landowner's signature

6/27/19

Date

Brief history and description of proposed landmark:
(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

Please see attached article on the 150th Anniversary of Freemasons in Truckee.

Proposed wording for the plaque:
(Image of Freemasons symbol on top)



Celebrating 150 years of Freemasons in Truckee, Lodge #200
established on October 14, 1869.
Dedicated to the Town of Truckee – October 14, 2019 by Truckee
Lodge #200 F&AM
Christopher Rochefort, W.M.
Dedicated to Truth, Equality & Freedom

Unique aspects or properties of proposed landmark.

Truckee is celebrating not only its 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad but also 150 years of a continued presence of Freemasons. Freemasons have been instrumental to the social and economic life of growing towns like Truckee. In 1869 Truckee became an important railroad station. At the same time a group of Truckee Freemasons were granted a dispensation to start a lodge. Five months later on October 14, 1869, Truckee Lodge No. 200 was given its charter. Many of the Truckee Freemasons were railroad workers and a steady

group of early Truckee business and professional men helped keep the Truckee Masonic charter open. For 150 years the Truckee Freemasons have helped build the town of Truckee. They continue to be involved in doing good work for the community

How will the landmark be protected and maintained?

The Truckee Memorial Masonic Arch and associated plaques will be maintained as part of the Truckee-Donner Historical Society and the attached Old Truckee Jail museum. The Old Truckee Jail is one of the few surviving 19th century jailhouses of its kind in the West and one of the few remaining original buildings in Truckee. The old Bastille was used continuously from 1875 until May 1964 and has been able to withstand many fires that swept through the town in the early days.

Bibliography. Cite or attach available books, records, articles or other materials pertaining to the proposed landmark. Books and articles:

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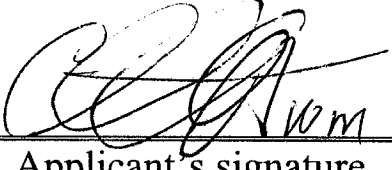

Historical or civil records: (e.g., ownership, assessments, etc.)

Nevada County Assessor Parcel (19-102-04-000). Owner is Truckee-Donner Historical Society, PO Box 893, Truckee CA 96160.
<https://reports.nevcounty.net/property/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=parcel.ParcelReport&APN=1910204000>.

Other: (e.g. photographs, prints or drawings. Please list and attach separately)

- Truckee Knights of Pythias Hall
- Old Truckee Jail and Arch
- Original Masonic Arch Building 1910
- Dolly Constable Badges Masons at Hall Arch
- Masons Arch Old Jail Flag by Garden
- Old Jail – Arch
- St. Louis Saloon next to Masonic Arch/building

- Arch Insignia

  6/18/19
Applicant's signature Date

This completed form and all related documents shall be sent to the:
Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission
Attn: Chairman
P.O. Box 1014, Nevada City, CA 95959

An application must be considered solely on its historic or architectural merits and not for commercial gain, political benefits, or other non-historical reasons.

An individual Commissioner can advise and counsel an applicant but all applications must be considered by the full Commission, meeting in regular session