

Lemmon-Anderson-Hixson Ranch, Summer Kitchen
11220 North Virginia Street
Reno
Washoe County
Nevada

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- Location:** 11220 North Virginia Street
Reno, Washoe County
Nevada
- Present Owner:** Rosemarie Hixson
11220 N. Virginia St.
Reno, Nevada 89504
- Present Use:** Summer Kitchen (vacant)
- Significance:** This building is significant as a contributing element of the Fielding-Hixson-Anderson Ranch, a property that has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This wood frame utility building contributes to the historical character of this property and offers visual links to its origins in the sheep ranching industry of the early 20th century.
- Description:** The "summer kitchen" is a smaller gable roofed wood frame structure located just up the hill from the blacksmith shop. Its walls are constructed of random plank board on board at the north and west sides, and V-groove horizontal siding on the south and east sides. A single wooden access door is found on the south side. A single patched over window is found on the rear gable end. Corrugated sheet metal covers the roof. The building is set on a loose rock foundation.
- Historic Context:** This building was built as part of the larger Peavine Ranch, which was operated as a cattle operation between the 1860s and the late 1890s and as a sheep operation from 1898 through the 1930s. Unfortunately, little information exists as to the exact functions of the four remaining historical buildings, although their general functions may be inferred from archival data and the character of the buildings. The four buildings are: two residences; a blacksmith shop (this building); and a summer kitchen. The two utility buildings are located some distance from the two residences; a distance of 95 feet separates the blacksmith shop from the closest residence.

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The presence of the blacksmith shop and cookhouse at this site tends to support the idea that the cluster of buildings served as a headquarters for the far-flung Peavine Ranch operations. It is known that there were two types of activities at Henry Anderson's sheep operations: summer range for the sheep, and irrigated fields. The summer range grazing did not require permanent buildings; the shepherders would have moved with the flock around Peavine Mountain. The irrigated fields, however, would have been tended on a regular basis. The summer kitchen may have served as a cookhouse to serve all of the hired help on the ranch.

Sources: See Bibliography for main HABS documentation.

**Project
Information:**

This Historic American Buildings Survey documentation is being prepared to mitigate impacts of the Alturas 345kV Transmission Project. The Sierra Pacific Power Company of Reno, Nevada will construct a 345 kV transmission line and electric substations from a tap point on the Bonneville Power Administration lines near Alturas, California. It will extend to Reno, Nevada, crossing both private and public lands. This project will require installation of a power line along the west right of way of U.S. 395, between North Virginia Street and the freeway. This line will pass across the street from the Lemmon-Anderson-Hixson Ranch property. It will also require installation of a power pole on the east side of North Virginia Street, across from the northeastern corner of the Lemmon-Anderson-Hixson property. No part of the ranch parcel will be taken; impacts to it are strictly indirect, relating to the power line and power pole. A Memorandum of Agreement has been reached between the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding mitigation for these indirect impacts. Among the provisions was one that the buildings, structures, and landscape elements of this property be recorded to Level II of the Historic American Buildings Survey.

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