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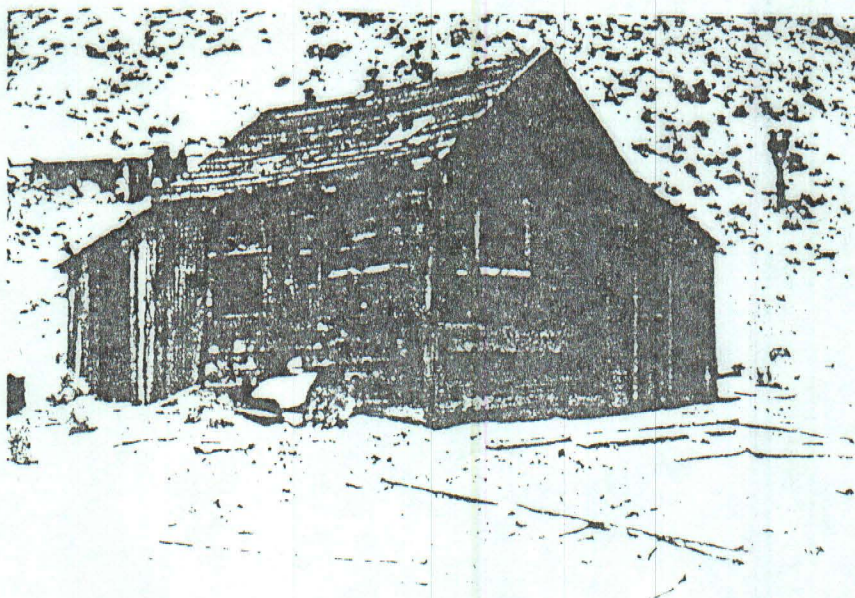
Near (219)
Item 6

Location Number: NY 071

Location: Urania Mine
Coordinates: 37°42' / 116°49' T3S R46E S10
Elevation: 6120'
Map Sources: USGS Cactus Spring Quadrangle; Erickson County Map
References: Personal Communication with Cecil Lang; Site Investigation
6/22/77
Photographs: KR64-CK#11: 32-36; KR64-CK#12: 1-2; PlusX-JMC#4: 4-19
Status: Potential National Register Site

Urania Mine is in the Cactus Range near the head of a small canyon. The Cactus Flat playas are to the east and Cactus Springs to the north. The primary vegetation is sagebrush and yucca. The site is marked by prospects and mines.

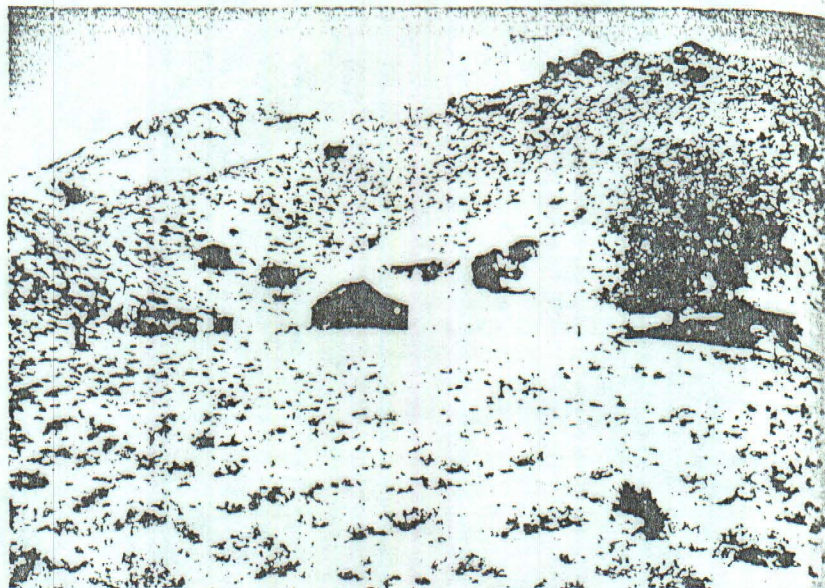
There are eight structures at this site, most of them on the west and north-west slopes of a draw. The dominant structure is a wood-frame house 21' x 12' x 14 feet high and in poor condition. The long axis is east-west. The



exterior walls are 1" x 8" horizontal wood covered with tar paper the interior is also 1" x 8" horizontal wood. These walls are supported by 1" x 2" studs. The floor consists of 2" x 4" joists on grade and 3-inch tongue-and-groove flooring. The roof has 1" x 2" rafters and horizontal 1" x 8" sheath-

ing covered with tar paper. Fenestration is 10% on the north elevation and 20% on the east and west elevations. On the north elevation is a 12' x 8' lean-to addition. The unpainted wood has dried out and nails can be pulled out with finger pressure.

The remaining structures are built of rock and wood, except for a wood-frame privy that has corrugated-metal siding. It is in poor condition. These buildings can be classified as dugouts as they all have been cut into the slope of the draw. These structures are as follows:



A 30' x 12' x 7 foot high structure with angular rock walls 20 inches thick, chinked with mud and small stones.

The doorway and windows are framed with milled lumber. The sod roof has caved in but was once supported by peeled logs and had a slight pitch.

A 20' x 20' rock structure chinked with mud and small stones. The 2" x 8" ridgepole is supported by 2" x 6" columns and supports a slightly pitched, corrugated-metal roof.

A 20' x 12' x 7 foot high rubble-rock structure with a low-peaked roof. The walls are mud and stone chinked. The 4" x 4" ridgepole is supported by 4" x 4" and 6" x 6" milled lumber. This structure can be identified by the explosive boxes that were built into the walls to function as cabinets.

An area holding three dugouts that have common walls. The construction is rock walls with chinking and milled lumber for framing.

A 8' x 5' structure which is nearly a cave. The dirt walls have been covered with sides of explosive boxes. The front of the hole has been faced with lumber and a door constructed.

The structures are all in poor condition at the Urania Mine. The wood super-structures are for the most part in disrepair. Some of the rock walls have fallen.