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Item 4

Location Number: NY 048

Location: Golden Arrow
Coordinates: 38°00' / 116°36' T2N R48E S28
Elevation: 6000'
Map Sources: USGS Stinking Spring Quadrangle; Erickson County Map; Nevada Map Atlas; Clason 1906
References: Paher; Carlson; Mordy; Personal Communication with Cecil Lang; Site Investigation 6/21/77
Photographs: KR64-CK#11: 2-6; PlusX-JMC#2: 3-9
Status: Potential National Register Site

Golden Arrow, about 34 miles east of Tonopah, was the site of a gold strike in 1904. The mines were not particularly productive, and after several years the site was abandoned. The town site is situated on a gently sloping alluvial fan with a few rock outcroppings. What remains of Golden Arrow today are the remnants of stone and wood buildings, a wooden headframe, and a great deal of debris.

The largest structure at the site is a 25-foot-high headframe constructed of 8" x 10" timbers bolted together. The cross-bracing of this structure is adequate and the general construction is good, although the superstructure is not well supported by its 12" x 12" piers.



The other structures at Golden Arrow are in various stages of disrepair or ruin. One building is constructed of concrete and native angular rock embedded into the mortar, using it as a fill material. It is 20' x 7' and three walls are standing; the walls are about 1 foot thick and are 7 feet high at the highest point. There is no roof.

Another structure is 25' x 8' x 6 feet high. It is constructed of mor-

tared rubble rock. Around the doorways there is concrete form work. The structure once held a corrugated metal roof supported by 2" x 4" joists. The interior walls have been washed with a thin mud-and-straw plaster. The structure is deteriorating.

Another structure also has 25' x 8' dimensions but is of wood construction. The walls are 5 feet and 6 feet high, giving the structure the appearance of a two-level building. This partially roofed structure was used most recently as an animal shelter.

A ruined U-shaped concrete structure has walls that are 6 inches thick and 5 feet high. The 15-foot dimension connects the two 4-foot arms of the U. A connecting 15-foot wall (which would form an O) has fallen outward.

The town site is marked by various foundation sizes and depressions. One 30' x 25' concrete structure has the ruins of walls. These walls have been placed with interior forms, and angular rock and mortar make up the exterior portion of the wall, i.e., rock and mortar were applied to the exterior of the form.

No reinforcing bar was observed at any of the structures.