

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Shasta Inn and Weed Lumber Company Boarding House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 829 and 877 North Davis Street not for publication

city, town Weed vicinity of congressional district 1

state California code 06 county Siskiyou code 093

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: undergoing renovation |

4. Owner of Property

name Merle Murphy

street & number P. O. Box 3333

city, town Carmel vicinity of state California 93921

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Recorder

street & number Siskiyou County Courthouse

city, town Yreka state California

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

State Point of Historical Interest
title Sis-008

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date June, 1980 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records California Office of Historic Preservation

city, town P. O. Box 2390 Sacramento state California 95811

7. Description

| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Shasta Inn and the Boarding House occupy a prominent hillside location on North Davis Street overlooking Abner Weed's original lumber mill complex. The buildings each occupy approximately 0.8 acre of land separated by a public street. A small, non-contributing ~~modern~~ building (to be removed during renovation) sits on the northwest corner of the boarding house property. The Inn and the Boarding House are set back on the wooded hillside, with a backdrop of mature conifers. These two imposing buildings were the company-owned lodging facilities for single millworkers and office workers.

The Shasta Inn is the larger of the two structures, located just west of the Boarding House. It is a large three story wood frame structure containing about 16,500 square feet. The plan is that of a broad U-shape; the central portion has a hip roof flanked by medium gabled wings. Wood shingles are used to roof the building, and the exterior walls are covered with the narrow (4") beveled siding typical of the period. The most notable architectural feature is the two story gallery across the front of the building, enclosed by the two projecting wings. The gallery is supported by squared pillars with simple capitals and plinths. Ballustrades on the first and second floors are composed of squared vertical members between the top and bottom rails, while the railing of the third floor is arranged in decorative geometric sections. The Inn contained several executive suites, 22 rooms for general lodging, and a large dining room.

The Boarding House stands a short distance to the east of the Shasta Inn. It is a large two story wood frame structure with about 8500 square feet. The medium gable roof is covered with wood shingles, and the exterior siding is beveled. The long front expanse of the rectangular building is interrupted in the middle by a medium cross gable which projects outward to cover an open second story porch; a set of steps rises to the main entrance through a small porch on the lower level of this section. Numerous double hung windows are present.

All of the company houses and commercial buildings were sold in 1959 in order to streamline the company's lumber operations. These two buildings have remained vacant; aside from some minor dryrot and damage, they are in good structural condition. The present owner plans to restore the Boarding House for residential use and the Shasta Inn as a restaurant. Space in one of the buildings may be set aside for use as a local museum.

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1901

Builder/Architect

Weed Lumber Company

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The history of the Shasta Inn and the Boarding House is intimately linked with that of the lumber company town of Weed. They were among the first buildings constructed by the Weed Lumber Company during its first years of operation after the turn of the century. The Shasta Inn contained hotel rooms and a dining room, catering to company employees, travellers, and townspeople alike; the building also housed the mill's foreman. The adjacent boarding house was used as living quarters for the lumber company's workers. The complex was built by the Weed Lumber Company, owned by Abner Weed; his operations formed the nucleus of the town which grew around it and now bears his name. A local industrialist and rancher, Abner Weed also served as a county supervisor and was elected to the state senate in 1906.

In 1900, Abner Weed, who had bought the Maxwell sawmill near Black Butte ^{eleven} years earlier, decided to expand his operations. He bought ~~two~~ ranches several miles to the north belonging to Harvey Eddy and George Decker. The Eddy Ranch became the homesite and the Decker Ranch became the site for the new mill. The Maxwell mill cut all the lumber for the first buildings of the new company town of Weed. The first structures were Mill No. 1, the boarding and rooming houses, the store building that contained the Post Office and company offices, the machine shop, and a few residences. After Mill No. 1 was completed Abner Weed received a contract with Southern Pacific to cut railroad ties; this was the turning point which saw the beginning of the rapid expansion of the lumber operations over the next few years. A box factory was opened in 1902, followed by a door and sash factory in 1907. A major plywood plant was constructed in 1911. The town itself also expanded with the building of a depot, school, churches and additional residences, many privately owned. Stock in the Weed Lumber Company was gradually acquired by the Long-Bell Lumber Company of Kansas City, Missouri; by 1926, Long-Bell had acquired 100% of the stock. The Shasta Inn was used to provide accommodations for the company's executives visiting the Weed lumber operations.

Throughout its history the Shasta Inn was one of the most popular places in Weed. The huge dining room could handle 200 people three times a day; lumberjacks and mill workers could eat at the Inn, as well as the general public. On Sundays, many townspeople dressed in their best and went to the Shasta Inn for dinner. Visiting corporate officials and lumber barons also dined at the Inn in a separate suite or the privacy of their own elegant quarters. Several suites were set aside as executive accommodations. In addition, the Inn had 22 hotel rooms; among the steady boarders were school teachers, preachers and office employees of the lumber company. A single common laborer could eat at reasonable rates in the Inn's big dining hall, but had to sleep in the barn-like company boarding house a short distance east of the Shasta Inn. Working men with families lived in company-owned houses elsewhere in Weed.

9. Major Bibliographical References

James B. Allen, The Company Town in the American West, University of Oklahoma Press, 1966.

Frank Lewis, "Abner E. Weed," and "Original Town of Weed," in The Siskiyou Pioneer in Folklore, Fact, and Fiction, Siskiyou County Historical Society, Vol. 3, No. 10, 1967.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 1.6 acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Weed, California

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A 10 551810 4586620
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification Property occupies two adjacent lots of 0.8 acre each at 829 and 877 North Davis Street, City of Weed, Siskiyou County, California.

See site plan

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

Based upon information prepared by Merle Murphy, Emilie A. Frank, and OHP research name/title Form prepared by OHP staff, Registration Unit

organization Office of Historic Preservation

date May 30, 1980

street & number P. O. Box 2390

telephone (916) 445-8006

city or town Sacramento

state California 95811

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Kenneth M. Allen

title

date 8/15/80

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Keeper of the National Register

date 11/10/80

Attest: *Patricia Andrews*

date 11/3/80

Chief of Registration

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All that property situated in the City of Weed, County of Siskiyou, State of California, described as:

SHASTA INN: A tract of land situated in the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 2, Township 41 North, Range 5 West, M.D.M., Weed, Siskiyou County, California, described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Davis Avenue and Mill Street where the South boundary of Davis Avenue enters the Westerly corner of the Weed Subdivision Unit No. 2, Section 1, Township 41 North, Range 5 West, M.D.M., thence North $74^{\circ}17'01''$ West 131.99 feet along the South boundary of Davis Avenue to a point from which the quarter corner common to Sections 1 and 2, Township 41 North, Range 5 West, M.D.M., bears South $18^{\circ}53'33''$ West 976.09 feet (Calc. tie); thence South $20^{\circ}31'06''$ West 65.51 feet; thence South $56^{\circ}00'00''$ West 256.41 feet; thence around a curve to the left 35.38 feet, the chord bearing North $20^{\circ}03'48''$ West through an angle of $20^{\circ}16'24''$ and a radius of 100.00 feet; thence South $49^{\circ}48'00''$ West 40.00 feet to the true point of beginning; thence around a curve to the right 78.99 feet through an angle of $75^{\circ}26'00''$ and a radius of 60.00 feet; thence North $81^{\circ}25'23''$ West 157.17 feet; thence North $35^{\circ}06'53''$ West 56.01 feet to the South boundary of Davis Avenue; thence around a curve to the right 157.72 feet through an angle of $18^{\circ}57'26''$ and a radius of 476.69 feet, the chord bearing North $54^{\circ}04'43''$ East, thence North $63^{\circ}33'26''$ East 65.96 feet; thence around a curve to the right 30.10 feet through an angle of $86^{\circ}14'34''$ and a radius of 20.00 feet; thence South $30^{\circ}12'00''$ East 10.133 feet to the true point of beginning.

BOARDING HOUSE: A tract of land situated in the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 41 North, Range 5 West, M.D.M., and the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 2, Township 41 North, Range 5 West, M.D.M., Weed, Siskiyou County California, described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Davis Avenue and Mill Street where the South boundary of Davis Avenue enters the Westerly corner of the Weed Subdivision Unit No. 2 Section 1, Township 41 North, Range 5 West, M.D.M., thence North $74^{\circ}17'01''$ West, 131.99 feet along the south boundary of Davis Avenue to a point from which the quarter corner common to sections 1 and 2, Township 41 North, Range 5 West, M.D.M., bears south $18^{\circ}53'33''$ West, 976.09 feet (Calc. tie) and the true point of beginning; thence South $20^{\circ}31'06''$ West, 65.51 feet; thence south $56^{\circ}00'00''$ West 256.41 feet; thence around a curve to the left 35.38 feet, the chord bearing north $20^{\circ}03'48''$ West through an angle of $20^{\circ}16'24''$ and a radius of 100.00 feet; thence North $30^{\circ}12'00''$ West 96.07 feet; thence around a curve to the right 32.73 feet through an angle of $93^{\circ}45'26''$ and a radius of 20.00 feet to the south boundary of Davis Avenue; thence North $63^{\circ}33'26''$ East, 93.29 feet; thence around a curve to the right 209.69 feet through an angle of $42^{\circ}09'33''$ and a radius of 284.98 feet to the true point of beginning.

