

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMDATA SHEET  
FOR NPS USE ONLY

MAR 2 1976

RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED APR 22 1976

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Fort Jones House (Louis Heller Studio)

AND/OR COMMON

Louis Heller Studio, Herzberg Residence

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street - Highway 3

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Fort Jones

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

CODE

06

COUNTY

Siskiyou

CODE

093

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Earl F. and Beatrice Herzberg

STREET &amp; NUMBER

P. O. Box 212 - Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Fort Jones

VICINITY OF

STATE

California 96032

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Siskiyou County Court House

STREET &amp; NUMBER

311 Fourth Street

CITY, TOWN

Yreka

STATE

California

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

State of California Historic Resources Inventory

DATE

September 16, 1975

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Office of Historic Preservation, Dept. of Parks and Recreation

CITY, TOWN

P. O. Box 2390, Sacramento, California 95811

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Fort Jones House was built in the early 1850's; the architect is thought to be James E. Thomas. The wooden two story structure was originally built with rough sawed vertical siding - some is still visible in certain areas of the walls.

In 1878, it was extensively remodelled by Louis Heller and added on to at the back. This is when the "rusticated wood" was added to the exterior. Nothing structurally has been changed since that time.

According to Dan Lee Peterson, Chapter Preservation Officer of the Redwood Empire Chapter, American Institute of Architects:

"The Herzberg residence is a handsome Greek Revival structure with early 1800 Federal Style influence. The form of the building and the formal arrangement of the openings are of Greek Revival character though the medium gabled roof has no returns at the eaves. The sloped boxed cornice and boxed gable ends have brackets attached to a frieze board very much like that of a stone or masonry building. The horizontal wood siding is wide with vertical grooves regularly spaced to assimilate a common bond building, including wooden quoins at the exterior corners. The vertical dimension of the siding and quoins are the same and gives this structure a very formal stone-like appearance.

"The door and window heads have shaped lintel or pediment fairly flat to the wall with a drip hood and a small Tudor style drip mold along with a key-like detail at the jambs similar to an ancone or crossette. This ancone detail also occurs at the base of the door frames. The entrance porch is very simple, with octagonal post supports. The entrance doorway, with its narrow sidelights and glass transom, shows the Federal style influence though it is very simply constructed, using flat trim and simple moldings. The four panel door, itself, shows a touch of individualism.

"This is a very unique structure with significant aesthetic quality and deserves consideration for placement on the National Register."

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

---

SPECIFIC DATES	Construction 1851 Remodel 1878	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Thought to be James E. Thomas
----------------	-----------------------------------	-------------------	-------------------------------

---

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Original structure was built approximately 1851 by James E. Thomas, and was used as a stage stop and hotel on the California-Oregon stage road. It was the post office in 1858 when the present town of Fort Jones was known by its Indian name of Ottitiewa. James E. Thomas was the postmaster.

After it was remodelled in 1878 by Louis Heller, it was used by him for a photo studio. He is now well known for his work during the Modoc Indian War - for his portraits of "Captain Jack", "Scarface Charley", etc. There is presently a book being written about Heller.

The structure was originally called "Fort Jones House" - it was not named for the settlement in which it stood, but named after the fort which was approximately 1 1/2 miles away. "Fort Jones House" was built before the barracks at the fort, so the soldiers frequented it quite often. There were several of them who went on to become quite well known in the history of our country.

Lt. John B. Hood became a general in the  
Confederate Army  
Capt. Bradford Alden - aide to Major General  
Winfield Scott  
Lt. George Pickett became immortalized for  
Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg  
Lt. Phil Sheridan - U. S. Army Chief of Staff  
under President Grant

It was still the post office in 1878 when Louis Heller was there.

It is now a private residence.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

National Archives and Records Service  
Washington, D. C.  
National Army Records  
Washington, D. C.

Siskiyou County Hall of Records

Letter from Dan Lee Peterson, AIA, November 26, 1975

Well's History of Siskiyou County  
Yreka Journal  
Fort Jones Museum

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 85' X 325' (.63 acre)

UTM REFERENCES

A 10 513250 46105750  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C                        

B                          
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
D                        

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Earl F. and Beatrice Herzberg - with help from Fred Meamber (County Coordinator)

ORGANIZATION

Siskiyou County Historical Society

DATE

11/29/75

STREET & NUMBER

Box 212 - Main Street

TELEPHONE

(916) 468-5278

CITY OR TOWN

Fort Jones

STATE

California

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Herbert Rhodes*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

2/18/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

*[Signature]*

DATE

4/22/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*

DATE

4-12-26

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER