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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 Milano Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

38300 Highway One South

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Gualala

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

California

VICINITY OF
CODE

06

COUNTY

Mendocino

CODE

045

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 Bruce and Theodora McBroom

STREET & NUMBER

8305 Lookout Mountain Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Los Angeles

VICINITY OF

STATE

California 90046

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Mendocino County Recorder

STREET & NUMBER

N. State and West Perkins Streets

CITY, TOWN

Ukiah

STATE

California 95482

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Not known at this time.

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Milano Hotel, built in 1905 on the cliffs above the Pacific Ocean between Gualala and Bowens Landing, California, is a two story frame venacular structure in the "Flat Front Italianate" style. It is built entirely of redwood by local craftsmen of the period under the direction of the owner Batiste Luchinetti who operated it as a hotel, saloon and dining room.

The upstairs contained seven hotel rooms and two bathrooms, and the main floor contained the family living quarters and a saloon, dining room, sitting room and kitchens. Two of the original outbuildings survive, the carriage shed and a small barn.

In later years the building was modernized by the removal of the second floor porch, and picture windows were installed in place of the multipaned windows. The bar and dining room were converted to bedrooms and much of the incidental Victorian detail was covered.

Current restoration plans (supported by the accompanying drawing), based upon historical photos, will return the Milano Hotel to its authentic original 1906 appearance.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 Built 1905 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Batiste Luchinetti

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Gualala, California on the Mendocino Coast, about 30 miles north of Fort Ross and 20 miles south of Point Arena, was an important Logging area at the turn of the century, and a stopping point on the stage route between Fort Ross and Mendocino Village.

It was to this area that an Italian immigrant and wine grower, Batiste Luchinetti, brought his family, and upon observing the success of the Gualala Hotel built in 1903, proceeded to construct his own small hotel, naming it "The Milano Hotel" after his homeland. Batiste built the Hotel on a magnificent site on the cliffs above the Pacific Ocean a mile north of the village of Gualala, facing the trail that would become Old Highway One, and the railroad serving the lumber mills of the North Coast. The Milano Hotel soon became a popular stopping place for travelers on their way to Fort Bragg or San Francisco, as well as the lumbermen who came out of the woods on Saturday night to enjoy a bath, a few drinks, and family style Italian dinners. The meals were cooked on a huge iron stove shipped round the Horn and still in use today.

The Milano Hotel is bounded on the South by "Big Gulch" which was spanned at the turn of the century by a large timber trestle carrying both the road and the railroad. After crossing the trestle the railroad passed about fifty feet from the front porch of the hotel (the trestle was torn down in the 1940's when Highway One was still visible). The logging railroad is of historical significance for being one of the widest gauge roads in the country, having been built so that two oxen could walk between the rails pulling the cars; when the lumber companys bought their first steam locomotive they had to have special wode wheels built to fit the tracks.

Because of the prominence of the large white two story building on the bluffs, it quickly became a well known landmark for ships plying the coast and in about 1915 provided shelter for the crew of a shipwreck off Castle Rock just in front of the property.

The Hotel survived the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 with only the loss of the bottles on the back bar of the saloon, and through the years has been a social focal point for many of the activities of this small community including many of the wedding parties of the local families. It is for these reasons that the hotel is significant in its contributions to the lumber industry and the development of transportation and commerce in this remote

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bruce Levene, Mendocino County Remembered, Vol. 1, published by the Mendocino County Historical Society, pp. 263-64.
Mendocino County Histo

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,0	4,5,8,0,2,0	4,2,9,2,0,4,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded on the South by the center line of "Big Gulch", on the West by the Pacific Ocean, on the East by State Highway Number One and on the North by a white board fence as shown in survey.
Complete legal description contained in Title Mendocino Records Office.

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

Bruce and Theodora McBroom

ORGANIZATION

DATE

August 8, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

8805 Lookout Mountain Avenue

TELEPHONE

213 656-6605

CITY OR TOWN

Los Angeles,

STATE

California 90046

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

[Signature]

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 1/17/78

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

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Matthew Cole

DATE

6-23-78

DATE

6-5-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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coastal area. It is our intention to restore the Milano Hotel to its 1906 appearance and function.

Current restoration plans will return the Milano Hotel, built in 1906, to its original architectural appearance and integrity. Once restored, the hotel will represent an important extant example of the region's turn-of-the-century vernacular architecture, and represents a locally significant contribution to the region's social history.