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7. Description

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This small district centers on 8th Street between E and F Streets, in the Alkali Flat Redevelopment Area in the northwestern quarter of Sacramento's Central City. Located in one of the city's oldest sections, the district is a cohesive grouping of late 19th century residences with several compatible structures of early 20th century design. Alkali Flat, located just north of the central business district, contains the city's largest concentration of 19th century residences. Redevelopment activities and new construction have fragmented the once larger neighborhood. Those areas of Alkali Flat which retain their historic character are being submitted as three districts of which this is the westernmost representative. This district still retains its small wood frame houses and large street trees characteristic of 19th century Sacramento. Although the neighborhood has experienced decline over the years, rehabilitation activities are now taking place and neighborhood revitalization is evident.

The character of the district is that of a late 19th century working class residential neighborhood. It includes numerous small Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottages which line both E and F Streets; an imposing Second Empire mansion, possibly by Nathaniel Goodell; and a later Colonial Revival apartment house in one block. All but two of the buildings in the eastern block were built over a four-year time span between 1894 and 1898. Across 8th Street, on the next block are an unusual double house of Delta Type/Eastlake style constructed in 1881; an altered two-story Italianate residence; a rare brick vernacular carriage house at the alley, for a house since demolished; and a three-story Craftsman apartment house, similar in design to one immediately across E Street. The condition and original integrity of all these buildings is fair, except for the Italianate which is marred by a cement plaster addition to the facade and is deteriorated. Some buildings have undergone recent rehabilitation and/or restoration.

Of the 21 buildings included, 18 are contributing, and 3 are non-contributing; 5 lots are vacant. The district is a cohesive unit bounded by new redevelopment housing on the north side of E Street; considerable vacant property to the west; extensive surface parking to the south; and a modern Salvation Army Building and related non-compatible buildings on the west side of the 500 block of 9th Street. These newer, non-compatible buildings are an extension of the central business district further to the south which have crept in to separate this district from the larger residential area of Alkali Flat, and which provides continuing threat of further expansion.

Buildings which contribute to the district:

- 1. 729-731 E Street: 1911, two-story, wood frame Craftsman apartment house; lap siding, identical detailing to 728-730 E Street, with flared Swiss Chalet design hoods at entrances; hip roof with dormers, overhanging eaves with notched rafters. Historic name: "The Glenwood".
- 2. 728-730 E Street: 1913; three-story, wood frame Craftsman apartment house; lap siding with clinker brick veneer at first level, identical in detailing to 729-731 E Street, with flared Swiss Chalet design hoods at entrances; hip roof with dormers, overhanging eaves with notched rafters. The metal fire escapes do not detract from the building's original integrity.

8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Alkali Flat, one of the city's oldest neighborhoods, was named for the powdery white substance which once covered the ground. Nineteenth century Sacramento developed eastward from its waterfront, filling the grid as the city expanded away from the river. The northwest quarter of the central city was one of the earliest residential areas to be developed. Located immediately north of the central business district, it still retains the city's major concentration of 19th century residences. A number of impressive houses were built on spacious lots, but by the 1870s the larger land holdings in Alkali Flat were being divided into smaller parcels; the emergence of simple cottages adjacent to earlier mansions was testimony to a new social and economic mix. By the end of the 19th century, Alkali Flat had become a large working class neighborhood. The Alkali Flat West Historic District is one of three residential areas within Alkali Flat which still retains its 19th century sense of time and place. It also contains a number of distinguished examples of 19th century design, and stands as a remnant of Sacramento's early development and settlement patterns.

The district is both architecturally and historically significant as a typical late 19th century Sacramento neighborhood. Workingmen's cottages and imposing residences still survive as a cohesive unit. More prevalent in this district is the development of tenant housing, principally upon parcels that had long been held vacant. This trend continued into the second decade of the 20th century.

With a steadily increasing volume of business, Southern Pacific became Sacramento's largest single employer. Close by the western edge of Alkali Flat, real estate speculators could anticipate a steady demand for homes and apartments within the income of the Southern Pacific employees. Absentee landlordism increased as a result. August and Charles Meister are a case in point. With their business successes and their half block, the Meisters constructed the Queen Anne Cottage at 515 8th Street, the four Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottages at 804-810 E Street, and a now disappeared corner grocery store at 800 E Street. But these hard working brothers continued to live over their factory in another part of town rather than maintain a formal residence. Another example is Christain Weisel, who built two apartment buildings at the corner of 8th and E, and a grocery store in the 700 block of E Street (now demolished), all completed in 1911 and 1913, but made his residence more than a mile east on 28th Street.

The southern half of the block bounded by 8th, 9th, E and F Streets, owned by Mary Mesick, was also split up and developed at the same time the Meister brothers developed the north half. Mrs. Mesick built 517 8th Street, the Second Empire residence, in 1894. Subsequently, she sold off her half block in separate parcels, and built 811 F in 1898, the same period that the F Street Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottages were constructed by three separate individuals.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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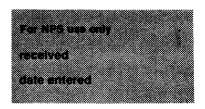
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729-731 E Street; 728-730 E; 506 8th Street; 510-512 8th; 719 F Street, rear; 518 8th Street; 721 F Street; 810 E Street; 808 E; 806 E; 804 E; 515 8th Street; 517 8th; 801 F Street; 805 F; 811 F; 813 F; 819 F; 821 F; 827 F; and 829-831 F.

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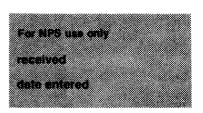
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5,E	516 8th Street Venture P.O. Box 16-11-17 Sacramento, CA 95816	7	Milton and Cammie Payne P.O. Box 16-11-17 Sacramento, CA 95816
8	Patricia Priest, et al. 6650 S. Land Park Drive Sacramento, CA 95831	9	James Jones 808 E Street Sacramento, CA 95814
10	Ronald & Vivica Lee-Raglin 806 E Street Sacramento, CA 95814	11	Sam Riolo 804 E Street Sacramento, CA 95814
12	Randolph & Elizabeth DeWante 4630 Francis Court Sacramento, CA 95822	13	Julian & Catherine Camacho 517 - 8th Street Sacramento, CA 95814
14	Prosperity Investors 2508 E Street Sacramento, CA 95816	15	Prosperity Investors 3019 E Street Sacramento, CA 95816
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18	Jules Loventhal P.O. Box 162903 Sacramento, CA 95816	19	Jessie Morris, Jr. 6308 Glenhills Way Sacramento, CA 95824
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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:

Title:

Sacramento Old City Residential Building Survey,

Charles Hall Page and Associates, Inc.

Date: September 1976.

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Depository for Records: City Planning Department

City: Sacramento State: California

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Alkali Flat Redevelopment Area Determination of Eligibility for

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Pamela McGuire, Kenneth Owens, Susan Searcy and Jim West

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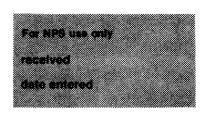
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4. 510-521 8th Street: 1881; one-story wood frame "Delta" double row house with broad gable roof; a pair of pedimented bays and a central porch. There is an Eastlake quality imparted by a scrollwork applique of zig-zag design in the porch screen and turnings of the porch columns; rustic siding; exterior staircase to first level above raised basement.

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DESCRIPTION continued

- 6. 719 F Street, Rear: Ca. 1860; masonry carriage house, vernacular design with port holes on side vents, iron tie plates and ventilator pipe, and door on upper level. The structure was probably built for an earlier house that has been demolished.
- 7. 721 F Street: Ca. 1906; two story with raised basement, wood frame, Colonial Revival apartment house; two story front porch with paired turned doric columns at corners and enclosed room on second level; overhanging eaves with dentil brackets at front and around porch; hip roof with central dormer, rustic siding.
- 8. 810 E Street: 1895; one story wood frame, raised basement, porch and bay; rustic siding; Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottage. Combination hip and gable roof; bay window under front gable. Stripped of decorative detail and covered by asbestos siding, these alterations are reversible.
- 9. 808 E Street: 1895; one story wood frame, raised basement, porch and bay; rustic siding; Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottage. Combination hip and gable roof; bay window under front gable. Decorative arched porch and bay brackets with spindle work distinguish 808 E.
- 10. 806 E Street: 1895; one story wood frame, raised basement, porch and bay; rustic siding; Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottage. Combination hip and gable roof; bay window under front gable. Decorative arched porch, bay brackets and spindle work are missing.
- 11. 804 E Street: 1895; one story wood frame, raised basement, porch and bay; rustic siding; Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottage. Combination hip and gable roof; bay window under front gable. Decorative arched porch, bay brackets and spindle work distinguish 804 E Street.
- 12. 515 8th Street: Circa 1896; one story, wood frame, raised basement, Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottage. Distinguished by fishscale shingle work in front gable, and rounded porch screen with fine spindle work. Spindle work repeated in corner bay brackets. Original chimneys remain; bracketed eaves.
- 13. 517 8th Street: Circa 1894; two and one/half story, wood frame, rustic siding and shingles, Second Empire house; raised basement. Stylistically a tall Italianate with mansard roof, pedimented dormers; bracket cornice; rounded porch. Segmented windows contain colonettes and keystones. Restored, original integrity intact. Individually listed on the National Register.
- 15. 805 F Street: 1914; simple three story, wood frame Craftsman apartment building; lap siding; simple eave bracketing. Hip roof with central dormer; central entranceway surmounted by second and third story bracketed porches. Three story bay windows on either side of entrance.

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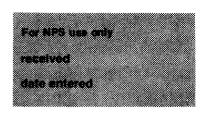
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- 16. 811 F Street: Circa 1898; two story wood frame, raised basement, Queen Anne/Colonial Revival apartment house. Hip roof; narrow rustic siding; classic facade with gabled bays at either side of central pedimented portico which contains fine decorative floral relief and swag frieze. Original integrity intact. Large barn at rear covered with false rustic masonry of stamped sheet metal.
- 17. 813 F Street: 1897; one story, wood frame Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottage. Combination hip and gable roof; angled bay and decorative porch screen remain intact. Undergoing rehabilitation.
- 18. 819 F Street: 1898; one story with raised basement, wood frame Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottage. Combination hip and gable roof; rustic siding. Alterations include porch and outside brick chimney are reversible.
- 19. 821 F Street: Circa 1898; one story with raised basement, wood frame Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottage. Rustic siding; combination hip and gable roof. Loss of original trim and alterations to windows and porch does not detract from row contribution.
- 20. 827 F Street: Circa 1898; one story with raised basement, wood frame Queen Anne row cottage. Narrow rustic siding; combination hip and gable roof; angled bay under front gable; latticework in semicircular porch screen; shinglework and gable vent; identical to 829 and 831 F.
- 21. 829-831 F Street: Circa 1898; one story with raised basement, wood frame Queen Anne row cottage. Restored exterior rasied slightly to accommodate full height basement ceiling does not detract from continuity of row; two original cottages were now connected inconspicuously into one building. Narrow rustic siding; combination hip and gable roof; angled bay under front gables; latticework in semicircular porch screen; shinglework and gable vent identical to 827 F Street.

Buildings which do not contribute to the district:

- 3. 506 8th Street: ca.1880; two story with raised basement wood frame double house with 5/6 lights; full width front porch; hip roof. This building has been totally refinished with cement plaster, and possible new porch at an earlier date. While contributing to the blockface in form, it requires additional research.
- 5. 518 8th Street: 1872; two story over full basement wood frame, Italianate with hip roof; bracketed overhanging cornice; segemented arches with keystones; angled side bay; rustic siding. It has been seriously marred by raising it an extra story to insert a cement plaster addition at the ground level housing a laundromat.
- 14. 810 F Street: Date unknown; three story wood frame apartment house which has been veneered with aluminum siding and brick pilasters of modern design.

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Vacant Parcels:

- A. 516 8th Street: Prior site of a two story cement plaster finished apartment or double house; demolished for reasons of deteriorated condition about 1980.
- B. 800 E Street: Prior site of c.1895 two story wood frame, flat front vernacular commercial building, similar in detail to the four row cottages further east. Arsoned in 1981.
- C. 511 8th Street: Prior site of single family one story residence which burned about 1975. Similar to neighboring structure at 515 8th Street.
- D. Property south of 517 8th Street: Parking lot.
- E. Northwest corner of 8th and F Streets: Parking lot. Site of former building. Cast iron fence remains.

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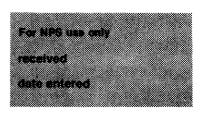
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Architecturally, 517 8th Street is a rare example of Second Empire design; only four remain in Sacramento. Across 8th Street is a fashionable Italianate design (alterations are reversible) built in 1872 for John R. Watson, Purchasing Agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad. The juxtaposition of the fine Queen Anne/Colonial Revival apartment house with the long row of Queen Anne/Eastlake row cottages on F Street remains a strong visual reminder of late 19th century tenant housing in Alkali Flat. And finally, the two Craftsman apartment buildings at the corner of 8th and E Streets provide a strong corner focal point in the neighborhood, retaining a sense of time a place in an otherwise changing area.

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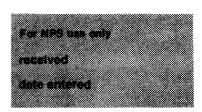
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