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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

Hinds Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Freestone House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

306 Bohemian Highway Hwy.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Freestone

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5

VICINITY OF

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

Sonoma

CODE

097

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

Freestone House, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

306 Bohemian Highway

CITY, TOWN

Freestone

VICINITY OF

STATE

California

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Sonoma County Recorder

STREET & NUMBER

2555 Mendocino Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Santa Rosa

STATE

California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

List of Significant Structures

DATE

May 1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Sonoma County Planning Department

CITY, TOWN

Santa Rosa

STATE

California

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The small town of Freestone is situated in a valley that extends from the Pacific Ocean, north through Valley Ford, Bodega and Freestone to the beginning of the redwood forest just south of the town of Occidental.

The Freestone House is located on Bohemian Highway in Freestone just south of the General Store at the junction of the road and the location of the old narrow gauge railroad bed. The building sits at the front of a large parcel of land and is quite visible at the bend of the road as it goes south past the General Store and the Firehouse.

The hotel is a simple Gothic Revival two story woodframe building. It was originally built in an L shape and has had minor additions in the rear. Before 1902 a balcony was added to break the severity of the facade. The three step wooden platform on the front two sides is original and has been restored.

The building is constructed with shiplap siding. Flat trim surrounds the six over six double hung sash windows. The entry doors on the lower floor are symmetrically placed and are embellished with stained glass. The side door entry has a single, paned door with colored glass side lights and transom.

The gabled roof has center gables in the two main sections of the front facades. The roof is trimmed with a plain cornice and wide frieze board. This board extends down the corners to the trim around the top of the platform.

The most outstanding feature of the building are the Gothic windows below the center gables. Composed of a central Gothic pointed arch glass door with narrower, shorter pointed arched windows at each side, they are topped with a label molding.

Although the original window balconies are gone, the added balcony around the front built before 1902 has become part of the historic fabric.

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
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<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 circa 1873

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Freestone House remains the most predominant structure in the Freestone area. Its classic Gothic Revival style, popular in mid-19th century California, is now relatively rare. This is one of the few hotels in California built in the Gothic Revival medium. The building is the only hotel left in the historic corridor between Bodega and the redwood forest, a valley that has not been affected by growth. This historic corridor includes the Watson School, a one-room schoolhouse built circa 1856, and St. Teresa's Church in Bodega, built in 1859.

The town of Freestone, designated in 1974 as Sonoma County's first Historic District, was settled under the direction of General Mariano Vallejo in 1835 to check the advance of the Russians south from Fort Ross. Later it was named Freestone after the public quarry nearby to which builders would come to mine a good quality sandstone for structures in Sonoma County.

A sketch of the hotel is pictured in the Historical Atlas of Sonoma County, 1877 by Thos. H. Thompson. The historical description states that the hotel was owned at that time by H.B. Hinds. Mr. Hinds was a Tennessee mason who came to Sonoma County in 1863. The hotel was built around 1873 in anticipation of the new narrow gauge North Pacific Coast Railroad line, which was begun in the San Francisco bay area town of Sausalito, and was eventually to service the agricultural communities of western Marin County and the lumber industry past Duncan's Mills at the Russian River to the mill town of Cazadero. Freestone, in 1876, was the terminus of the railroad while a large Howe-truss wooden bridge structure was being built for the railroad bed two miles up the line at what later was called Occidental. When built, the bridge was the highest west of the Mississippi. During this time the innkeeper of the hotel had a lucrative business boarding the carpenter gangs working this section of the line. Reportedly, to delay their work he proceeded to burn sections of the bridges at night to keep them housed in the hotel longer. He ended up in prison for his efforts. At Freestone, the railroad met the northern stage coaches and was used in connection with the sawmill there which was at the beginning of the redwood forests. A photo dated 1910 referred to the hotel as the "Park House" and during the 1930's it was called the "Wayside Inn." The town has changed little since the 1930's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dickenson, A. Bray. Narrow Gauge to the Redwoods.
Historical Atlas Map of Sonoma County California, 1877. Thos. H. Thompson & Co.
 Historic Preservation Program, Technical Report May 1976. Sonoma County Planning
 Department Staff Report, File No. 7287, 1974.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 120' x 120' (approx. 1/3 acre)

QUADRANGLE NAME Valley Ford QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	10	50,74,60	4,24,69,20	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See enclosed Assessor's Parcel Map.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Geraldine Peterson, Associate

ORGANIZATION

Dan Peterson, A.I.A. and Associates

DATE

September 15, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

930 Mendocino Avenue

TELEPHONE

707-545-0895

CITY OR TOWN

Santa Rosa,

STATE

California 95401

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Kenneth M. Ellison

TITLE

DATE 12-4-78

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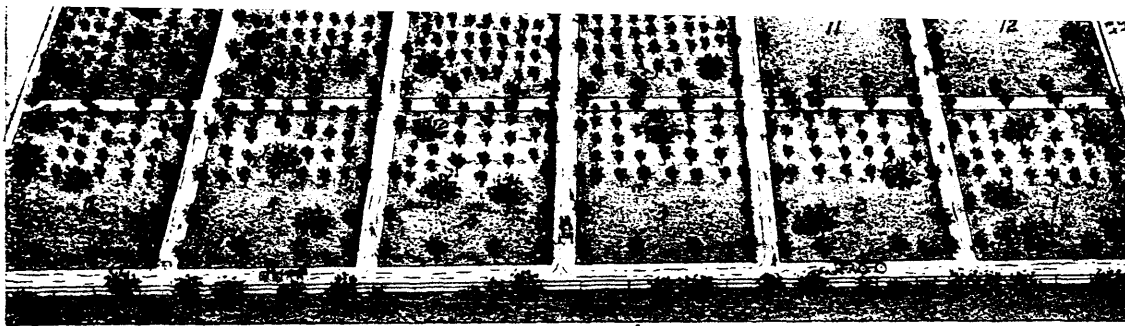
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles A. Hurler
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

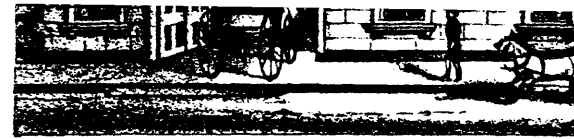
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 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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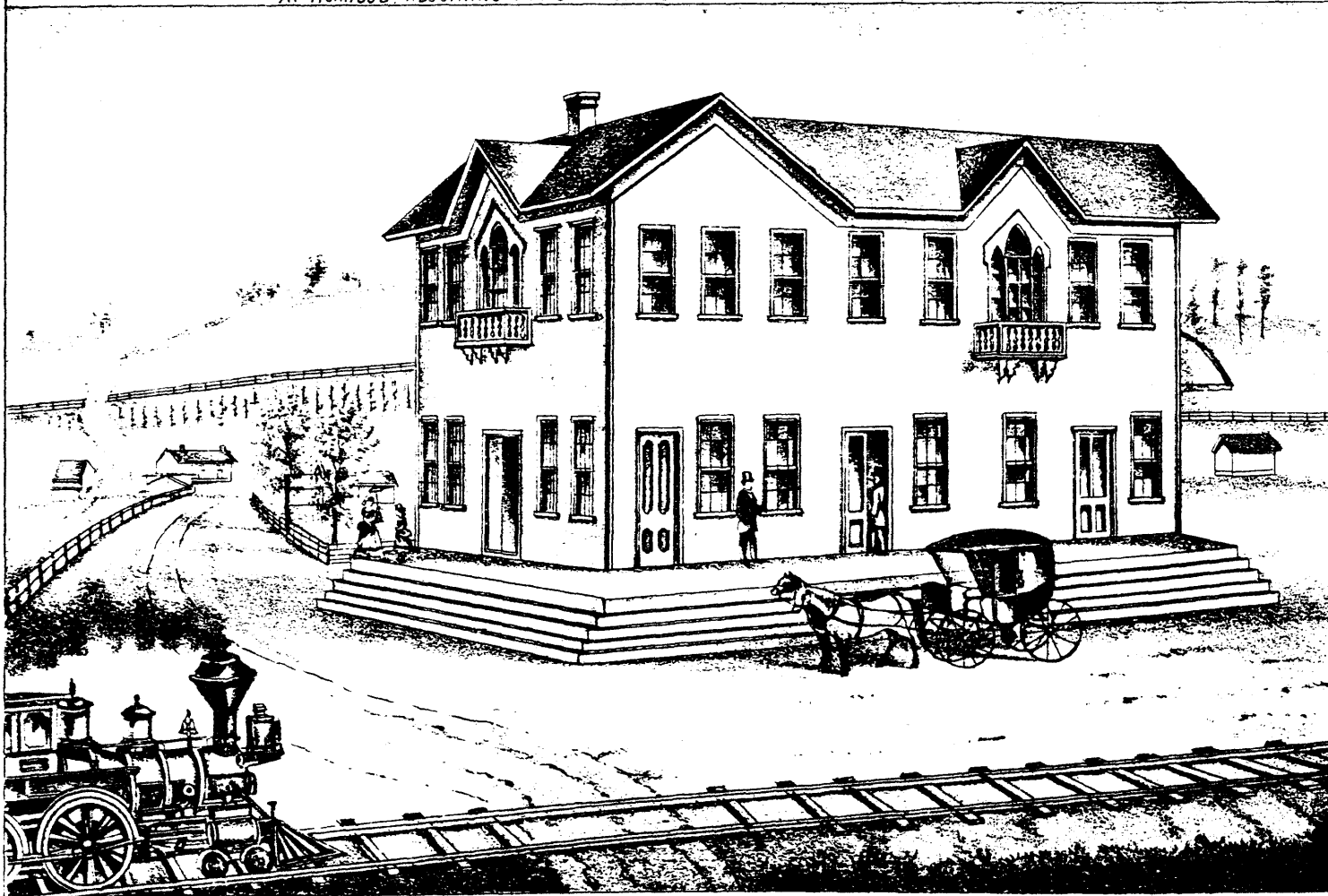


VIEW OF J.B. ARMSTRONG'S VILLA PLATS,
AT NORTWOOD, ADJOINING THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA.



H. W. BYINGTON.

CITY STABLE
SANTA ROSA, SONOMA



HIND'S HOTEL, FREESTONE, SONOMA COUNTY, CAL.

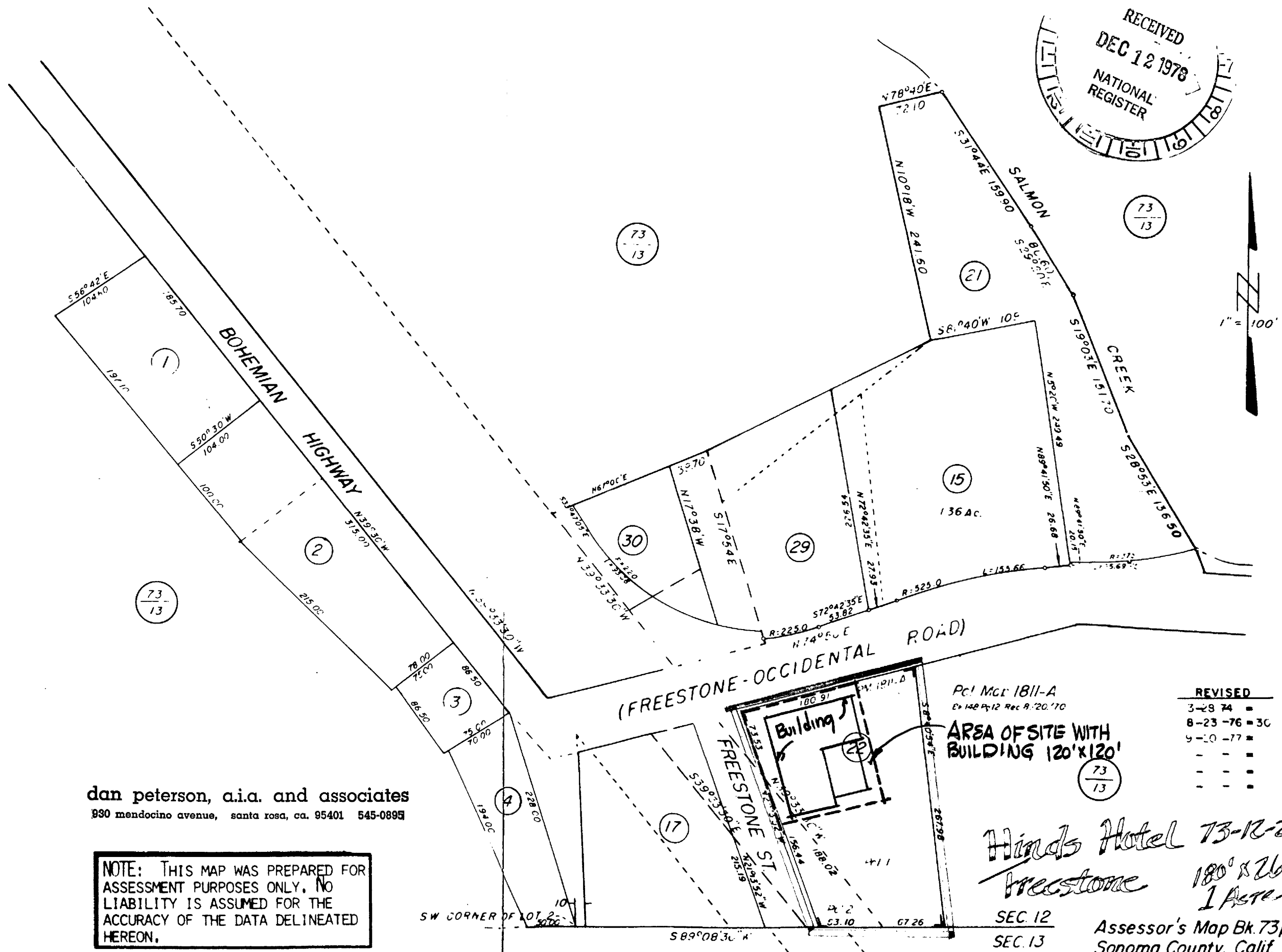
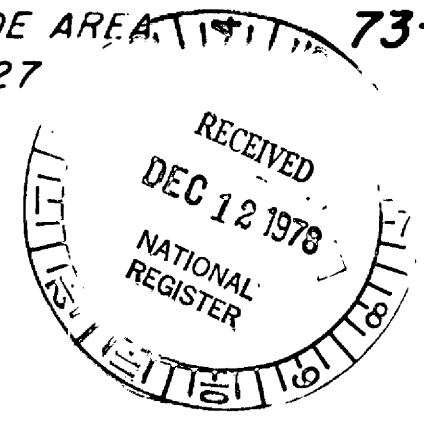


"OAK WOOD VILLA," F
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COUNTY ASSESSOR'S PARCEL MAP

TAX CODE AREA 73-12
96-027



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930 mendocino avenue, santa rosa, ca. 95401 545-0895

NOTE: THIS MAP WAS PREPARED FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES ONLY. NO LIABILITY IS ASSUMED FOR THE ACCURACY OF THE DATA DELINEATED HEREON.

ERNEST L. COMALLI
Assessor Sonoma County

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Ex 148 Pg12 Rec 8:20:70

AREA OF SITE WITH BUILDING 120'x120'

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3-28-74	■
8-23-76	■ 3C
9-10-77	■
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Hinds Hotel 73-12-22
Freestone 180' x 268'
1 Acre

SEC. 12
SEC. 13

Assessor's Map Bk. 73 pg. 12
Sonoma County, Calif.