

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic D.C. McDonald Building

and/or common D.C. McDonald Building

2. Location

street & number 108 F Street

n/a not for publication

city, town Eureka

n/a vicinity of

state California

code 06

county Humboldt

code 023

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Ray and Dolores Vellutini

street & number 2424 J Street

city, town Eureka

n/a vicinity of

state California 95501

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Humboldt County Courthouse

street & number 825 Fifth Street

city, town Eureka

state California 95501

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Eureka Heritage Society

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1975

federal state county local

depository for survey records Dolores Vellutini, 2424 J Street

city, town Eureka

state California 95501

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>n/a</u>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The D.C. McDonald Building is located only two blocks from Humboldt Bay in Eureka's Old Town, surrounded by the historic atmosphere of the city's commercial district of an earlier era. It is a two-story masonry structure with Classical detailing, and is rectangular in plan, 60 feet long and thirty feet wide. The setting is characterized by late 19th century commercial buildings; the Old Town gazebo and fountain occupy the open space across the alley to the south of the building.

Built of cement blocks and bricks, this turn-of-the-century commercial building has its facade on F Street. Six plate glass windows occupy the ground floor and are topped by frosted transom windows. A handsome central arched entry is flanked by fluted pilasters and decorated with a scroll keystone. A wide brick band separates the first and second stories and contains the words which identify the building and its long-time use: GLASS -- D.C. McDonald -- PAINTS. There are four pairs of arched windows, each with a keystone, on the second story with a larger central arched window over the entry. The entablature begins above the arched windows with a brick frieze and a row of dentils inset below the bracketed cornice. A low parapet rises above the cornice.

The south side of the building has a ground floor service door and two second story windows. The rear and north sides adjoin other buildings. Unaltered and in excellent condition, the building is attractively painted; cement blocks and bricks are buff-colored, decorative elements are off-white, and door and window mouldings are green.

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
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1904 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The D.C. McDonald Building is an excellent local example of Classical Revival design. It has survived without alteration and is important to Eureka as a good representative of turn-of-the-century commercial architecture, as well as a strong contributor to the architecture and character of Old Town, the old commercial center of the city. It is one of the few and best remaining examples of its styling in the city of Eureka. From the time of its construction in 1904, until the 1960's the building was occupied by the D.C. McDonald Company, an important local building supply firm.

The building was constructed during the summer of 1904 as noted in the April 25, 1904 Humboldt Daily Standard:

F Street is to be adorned in the very near future with another business structure that will be a beauty and will be considerably different from any building now in the city. The building in question will be erected by Mrs. Wallace on her lot between First and Second Streets on the west side of F.

The building is locally significant for its more than 55-year association with the D.C. McDonald Company, a building supply business that provided the community with a continually expanding and changing array of materials. Beginning with Daniel C. McDonald about the turn-of-the-century when the business provided residents with "glass, mantels, and builders materials" and continuing under the ownership of the Woodcock family for thirty years and the Lombardi family in the early 1960's, the D.C. McDonald Company played an important role in Eureka's commercial life and physical development. During the 1960's a motorcycle business operated in the building. During the 1970's and to the present, the D.C. McDonald Building has been used for the display and sale of antiques and collectibles.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Humboldt Daily Standard, April 25, 1904 and Dec. 8, 1904.

Polk's Humboldt County Directories, 1912-1978.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.04

Quadrangle name Eureka

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Zone	Easting			Northing									

F

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H

Zone	Easting			Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning 50' south of the SW corner of First and F Streets, thence south 60' to alley, thence west 30', thence north 60', thence east 30' to place of beginning, being a portion of lots 9 and 10 in Block 5 in the City of Eureka. Building occupies its original parcel. Assessor's Parcel 001-051-04.

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

state n/a code county n/a code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susie Van Kirk

organization n/a date November 9, 1981

street & number 1162 C Street telephone (707)822-6066

city or town Arcata state California 95521

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 [Signature]

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date 10/29/82

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

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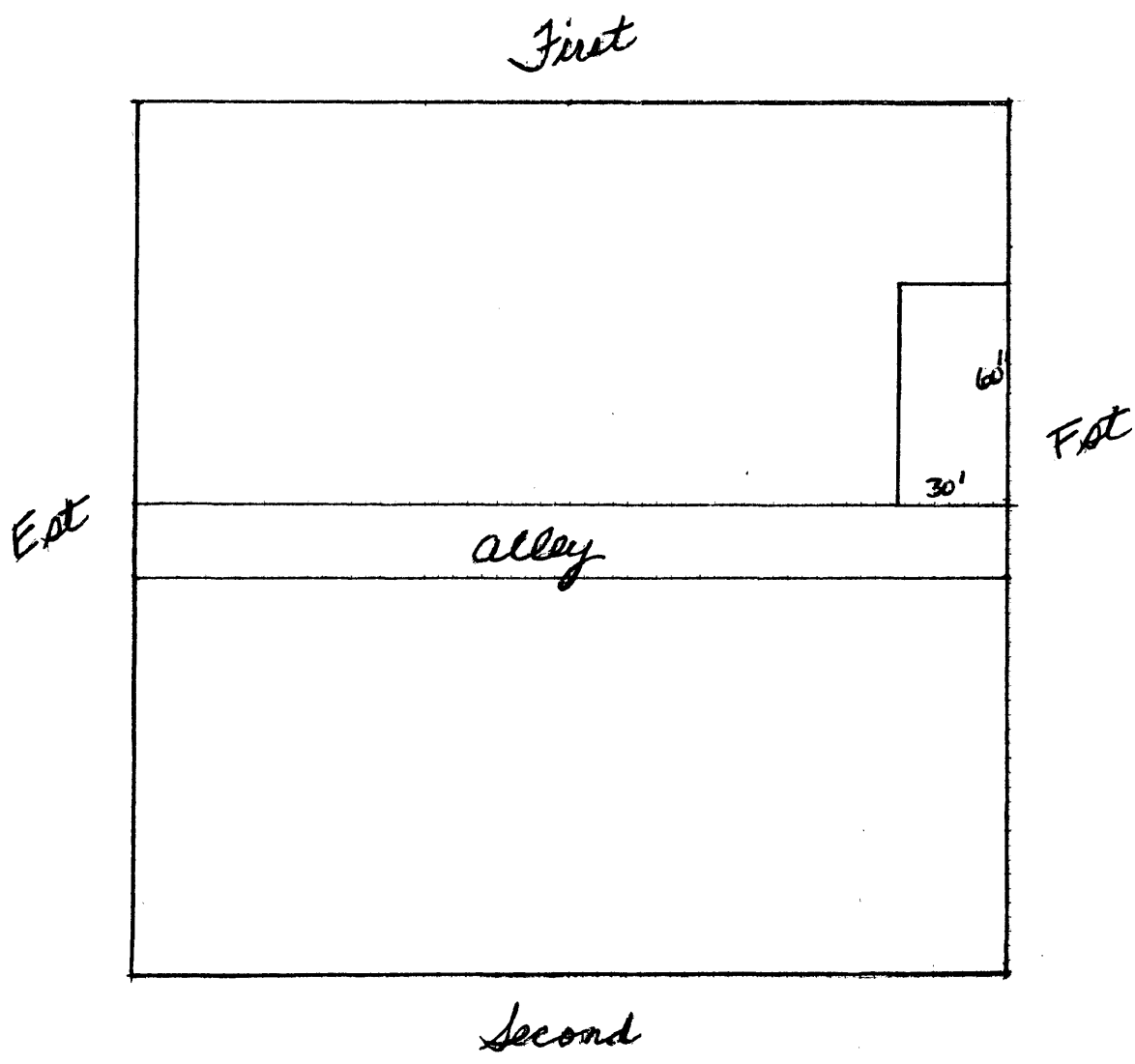
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

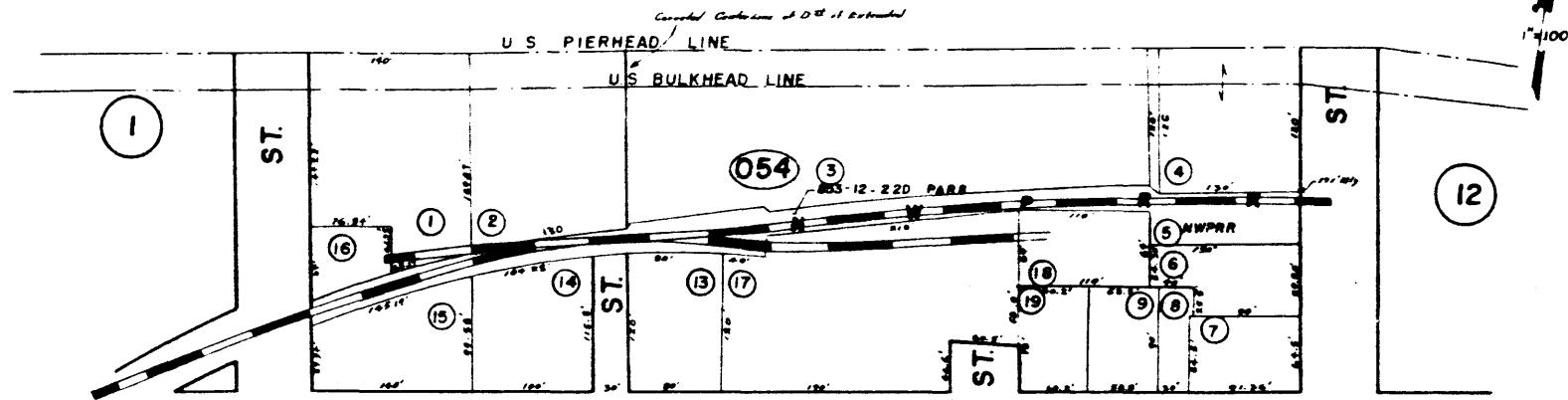
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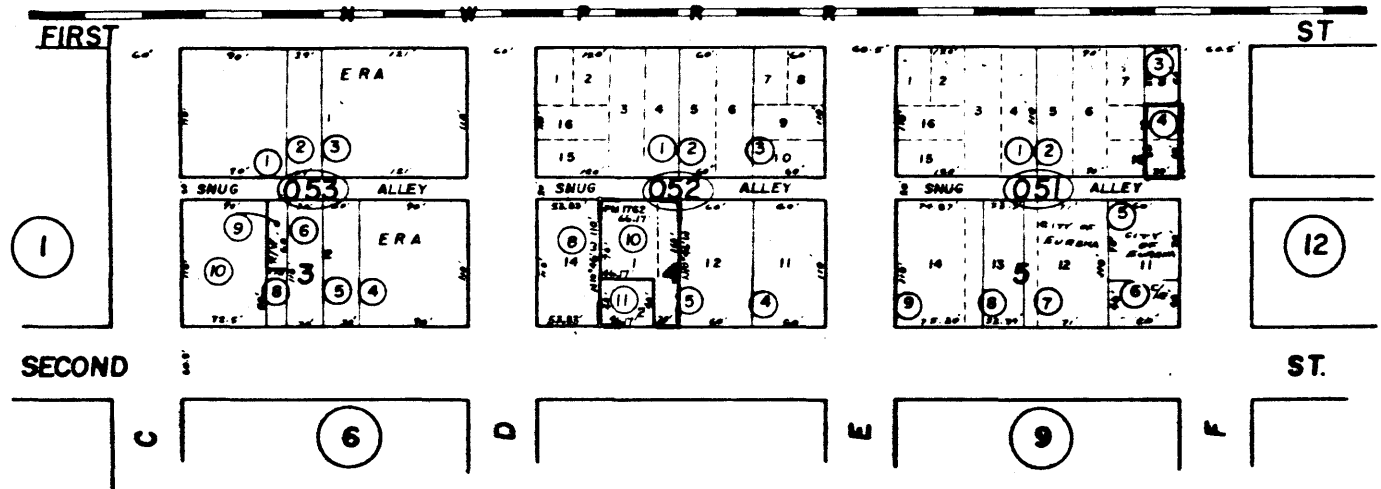
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Humboldt County
001-051-04
108 F Street
Eureka, California

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HUMBOLDT BAY



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108 F Street, Eureka
Humboldt County, California

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