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3. Charles Fry Home (now "James' Place," a store and antique items), 216 Third. Built in 1899 well-preserved.		ed
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Two very prominent residents with homes on Third and Judge A.M. Rosborough and Robert Nixon, Jr. Others J.F. Farraher, J.D. Fairchild and Judge H.B. Gillis; Parr; a pharmacist - F.S. Ackerman; merchants James L.J. Wetzel; hotel proprietor John Rohrer, and many	included three lawy a dentist - Dr. W. Vance, Charles Tunk	ers - H.
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The architectural significance of the Historic District lies in the examples of Italianate architecture on Miner Street and Victorian Gothic on Third. Miner Street contains several outstanding buildings, but the major impact of the street is brought about by the interaction of the entire set of buildings. Third Street contains Victorian-style houses with good examples of Rural Gothic cottages.

The town of Yreka sprang up in March, 1851 when gold was discovered on the "Flats" west of town. (The site is now in the center of a new residential area.) Before this date the only white men to pass through the region were Hudson's Bay trappers on their way to the rich beaver streams of Scott Valley in the 1830's.

With the aecline of gold mining, Yreka became increasingly important as a commercial and political center. It was an important stopping place for the California Stage Company (later California-Oregon Stage Company), and has always been the county seat. After the Southern Pacific Railroad came in 1887 through the county, Yreka built a narrow gauge line to connect with it 6 miles to the east, and this line is still in operation. Interstate 5 traverses the east side of town.

Yreka has had many residents of state-wide prominence. (1) William Irwin, Governor of California from 1875-80, came to the vicinity of Yreka in 1854. He was living in Yreka when elected to the State Assembly in 1861 and the State Senate in 1869. At the time he was elected Governor, he was editor of the Yreka Union newspaper, with offices on Miner Street.

(2) David Colton came to Yreka soon after gold was discovered in 1851 and helped form the city and county governments, serving as the second sheriff of Siskiyou County and in many other capacities. His office was on Miner Street, and a theater on Miner was named after him. He left Yreka in 1858 and achieved fame in his association with California's Big Four.

(3) Joaquin Miller spent a great deal of time in Yreka as a

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young man when he worked as a cook in nearby Humbug (where he is said to have written his first poem).

(4) Lotta Crabtree spent a few months in Yreka in the 1850's with her mother, while her father mined in towns nearby. She was a very young girl and used to sing and dance at the Arcade Saloon where miners threw gold nuggets at her feet. (This building on Miner Street burned and has been replaced by the Redman's Hall and the Morrison and Lash Building on the south side of Miner.)

(5) John C. Heenan (the Benicia Boy) started his career as a fighter here in 1854, and fought in the Arcade Saloon.

(6) Hon. A. M. Rosborough, in 1851, was assistant editor of the San Francisco Evening Picayune, the first evening newspaper published in San Francisco. In 1852, he gave the town of Crescent City its name. From 1852-1855 he served as Special Indian Agent here in Yreka and became a trusted friend of the Indians. He then served as District (Superior) Judge here for many years.

(7) Robert Nixon, Jr. came to Yreka in 1855, and became editor of the Yreka Journal in 1861. In the forty-seven years he held this post he accurately reported the town's and county's events, thus becoming the county's first historian. His newspaper was the first Republican paper north of Marysville. Mr. Nixon, whose newspaper office was on two different locations on Miner Street, had his home on Third, and referred to it as the "Journal residence". He was prominent in all civic affairs of Yreka.



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