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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Schorlig House

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AND/OR COMMON

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LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1050 12th Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Arcata

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

Humboldt

CODE

023

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Alexandra Fairless

STREET & NUMBER

609 J Street

CITY, TOWN

Arcata

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

California 95521

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Humboldt County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

825 Fifth Street

CITY, TOWN

Eureka

STATE
California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Arcata Historic Resources Survey

DATE

In progress

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Arcata City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Arcata

STATE
California

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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

Once the garden spot of Arcata, the L.E. Schorlig place with its colorful flowerbeds and flourishing orchards covered the entire block on the west side of 12th Street between "J" and "K" Streets. The large, two-story Italianate house, built in 1885 for Schorlig by Arcata carpenter Shepherd Hall, was surrounded by the horticultural splendor that brought its owner the distinction as Arcata's "most scientific florist" who "thoroughly understands the nature and seasons of rare flowers and plants."

Because the house sits in the middle of the block with houses on both the east and west, it is almost lost from view. The low coping and sidewalk guarded by two old holly trees, however, announce this fine home which remains in almost original exterior condition.

Built in the Italianate style, the house displays the typical features of this architecture--simple and handsome with little of the ostentatious ornamentation of the Queen Anne and Eastlake which were also being built in Arcata in the late 1880's. The original house consisted of the two-story, four-windowed square bays, the entrance portion and a one-story, cottage-style rear section. An addition on the east side of the house was made by Schorlig possibly in 1904 and the rear cottage porch on the east was glassed-in for greenhouses in the mid 1890's. Grouped, rounded-headed windows in the upper story and straight-headed windows in the lower story are decorated with bracketed shelves and strip moulding. The windows of the bay have an added decoration of tiny colonettes. The house is covered by a hip roof with a mansard-style roof over the bays. The front entrance is sheltered by a flat-roofed stoop supported by narrow posts resting on small piers and decorated with brackets at the top. One little sawn ornament hangs from the stoop cornice. The one-story rear section has a gable roof with a porch opening to the west and is decorated with a lovely carpenter's cutout balustrade. The rear portion has both four and twelve pane windows.

The house has recently undergone structural renovation and removal of the asbestos shingle siding that had been added some years ago. The interior space is arranged into five apartment units. The present owner, Arcata Councilwoman Alexandra Fairless, has been responsible for saving three other old houses in Arcata and has restored the Schorlig House with care and sensitivity so that the house remains on the exterior much like it was originally.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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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 1885 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Shepherd Hall

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Schorlig House is nominated as a historic building because of its local significance in the area of architecture. It is one of two remaining two-story Italianates ^{pctn} built in Arcata during the 1880's. The other house, also converted into apartments has, unfortunately, been completely surrounded by apartment units even covering the yard up to the front steps. Although houses join the Schorlig property on the east and west, the front yard remains open and provides needed perspective to the handsome old home.

Louis E. Schorlig was a well-known florist and businessman in Arcata and his home was known to all in the area for its beautiful flowers and excellent vegetable and fruit gardens. On the event of his death, the Arcata Union wrote of L.E. Schorlig:

...of late (he) has given his entire time to his beautiful flower garden and green houses on the home place. One of his chief characteristics was his generosity and love of flowers and no one ever visited the Schorlig home who did not leave laden with the finest offerings of his garden bed.

Schorlig was born in Leipzig, Germany in 1851, emigrating with his parents to New York when he was a child. In 1855 they came to Sacramento and shortly afterwards to Humboldt County. He married Caroline Elizabeth Moxon of New Brunswick in 1883 and there were four children: the first a daughter who died in infancy, and Leona, Lulu and Ernest. Lulu, who is now Mrs. Donald Roberts, lives in a house she built on the northeast corner of the Schorlig block. Her first marriage in September 1913 was held in the Schorlig house whose rooms were "beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers from the garden and green houses of the bride's father."

The following advertisement ran in the local Arcata Union during the early 1890's:

L.E. Schorlig, Dealer in Vegetables, Fruits, Nuts, Candy, etc. "H" Street next to Harpst and Spring Store. Receive fresh supplies from San Francisco each steamer. Keeps constantly on hand fresh vegetables of the best quality raised in my own garden. In the fruit season here I have every variety of fruit grown in my own grounds and am always ready to fill orders at satisfactory rates. Give Me A Call.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arcata Union, 1886 through 1941. Arcata, California.
Daily Humboldt Standard, September 29, 1885, Eureka, CA.
 Deed Books. Recorder's Office, Humboldt County Courthouse, Eureka, CA.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .34 acres
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,0	4,0,8,3,8,0	4,5,2,4,9,5,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning 90' west of the southeast corner of block 250 in the City of Arcata; thence north 250' to the south line of 13th Street; thence west along 13th Street 60'; thence at right angles south 250' to 12th Street; thence east along 12th Street 60' to place of beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susie Van Kirk, Historical Researcher

ORGANIZATION

DATE

March 25, 1978

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

Thomas Mellon

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 7/12/78

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 11-20-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *W. Ray Luce*

DATE Nov. 16, 1978

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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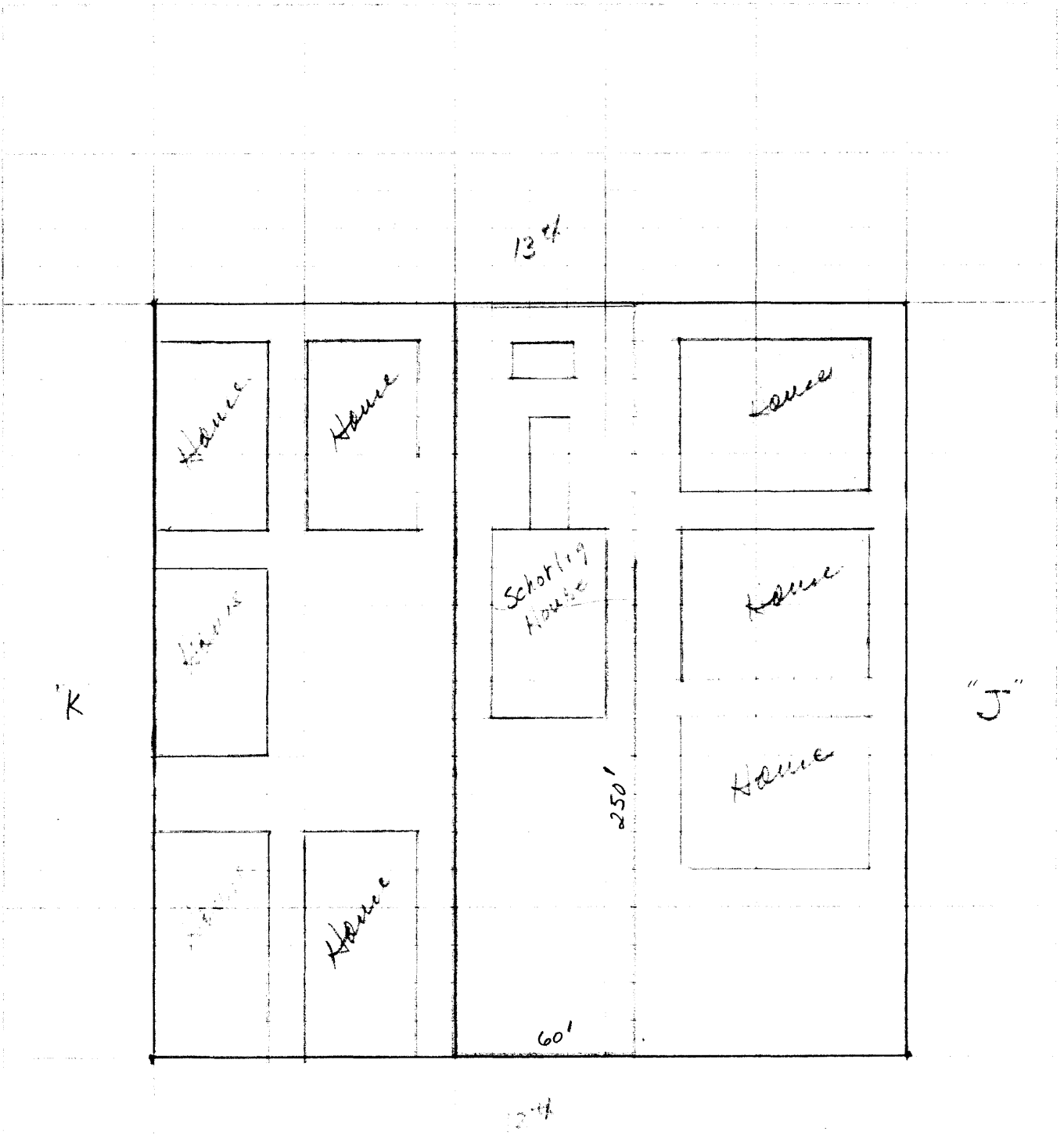
CONTINUATION SHEET

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Louis E. Schorlig purchased all of block 250 from Mary Favry in December 1882, but construction of the big house wasn't begun until the summer of 1885. According to the Daily Humboldt Standard of September 29, 1885, the "neat residence" was being erected on Schorlig's "handsomely improved lot," indicating that he had already started developing his gardens and orchards. Mrs. Lulu Roberts says that the contractor was Shepherd Hall, one of Arcata's noted carpenters. The lavish Victorian known as the Bair House (1888) is also attributed to Shep Hall as are the C.B. Ray house (1889) on the northeast corner of 11th and "I" Streets and the pretty little Bayside Presbyterian Church (1897).

After Schorlig's death in 1915, his wife Caroline held title to the property. She converted the upstairs into an apartment and continued to live in the house until her death in 1941. Mrs. Roberts inherited the property, managing and maintaining it until 1969. Since that time the house has had five owners, including the present owner, Alexandra Fairless, who has invested heavily into the restoration of the house.

The L.E. Schorlig house is nominated to the National Register because it is significant to Arcata's history as an excellent representative of handsome Italianate architecture and because of its association with one of the community's remarkable citizens. The property should be afforded recognition and protection through designation as a historic building on the National Register of Historic Places.



Schorlig House
1050 12th
Arcata, Calif.
BK 250