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# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001361

Date Listed: 9/13/90

Italian Hotel  
Property Name

Mendocino  
County

CA  
State

Point Arena MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for *Christine J. Lee*  
Signature of the Keeper

11/5/90  
Date of Action

#### Amended Items in Nomination:

**Description:** Under Materials: walls, the word "asphalt" should replace "asbestos."

This information was confirmed with Marilyn Lortie of the California SHPO.

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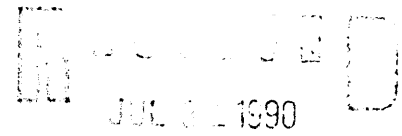
- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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(Rev. 8-86)

OMB No. 1024-0018

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1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Italian Hotel \_\_\_\_\_

Other Name/Site Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

Street & Number: 105 Main Street \_\_\_\_\_

Not for Publication: \_\_

City/Town: Point Arena \_\_\_\_\_ Vicinity: \_

State: CA County: Mendocino \_\_\_\_\_ Code: 045 Zip Code: 95468

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3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private \_\_\_\_\_

Category of Property: Building \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____ 1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
_____ 1	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Architectural and Historic Resources of Point Arena, California

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Stade R. Craigo  
Signature of certifying official

7/24/90  
Date

California Office of Historic Preservation  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Alfonso Zyus  
Signature of Keeper  
9/13/90  
Date of Action

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic \_\_\_\_\_

Sub: Hotel \_\_\_\_\_

Current : Domestic \_\_\_\_\_

Sub: Single Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Classical Revival

Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation brick\_\_\_\_ roof asbestos\_  
walls asbestos\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.  See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally\_\_\_\_\_.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A\_\_\_\_

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Significance: Commerce\_\_\_\_\_  
Entertainment/Recreation\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1904-1908 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates : N/A\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Unknown\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas of significance noted above.  See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

State historic preservation office

Other state agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	10	439120	4306480	B	__	_____	_____
C	__	_____	_____	D	__	_____	_____

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Assessor's Parcel Number 27-141-04

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The boundary includes the lot that has been historically associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Donald S. Napoli and Maryln Lortie, State Historians \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: State Office of Historic Pres. Date: 2/21/90 \_\_\_\_\_

Street & Number: P. O. Box 942896 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (916) 445-8006 \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: Sacramento \_\_\_\_\_ State CA ZIP: 94296-0001 \_\_\_\_\_

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This two story house has a single front-facing gable roof. The house is sided in asphalt shingles. Immediately beneath the gable on the main elevation are two double-hung two-over-two windows. Beneath them is a hipped roof porch that extends the width of the building. Under the porch roof is a band of vertical stickwork, the building's only decorative element. The two windows overlooking the porch, as well as those on other elevations, are two-over-two and double hung. A wooden bridge spans Point Arena Creek, which flows through the front of the lot, and connects the porch to the street. The building sits on a large parcel south of the commercial district near the south edge of town. A few of the windows have been replaced and a new foundation has been added. The ramp to the front porch is an addition.

Photo data:

Photographers: Don Napoli and Maryln Bourne Lortie  
Neg. Location: Ca. Office of Historic Preservation, Sacramento  
Date of Photo: March 1990  
View: Looking northeast

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This building is the last reminder of Point Arena's small red-light district. It was built about the turn of the century as an addition on the front of a house that had previously been the residence of the owner of an adjacent brewery. The enlarged structure then opened as the Italian Hotel, presumably to cater to the trade of the many workmen from Italy who labored at the mills and ranches in the area. But the building got the reputation for being a brothel, which it kept until it was "cleaned up" soon after the town's incorporation in 1908. The original rear part of the building was torn down sometime in the next fifteen years, and the remaining part became a residence. The Scaramellas were early occupants. Just north of the building was the Chinese settlement of houses and businesses, where a few small buildings served the social, medicinal, and sexual needs of Chinese workers. The town's calaboose was located nearby. Some of the buildings of the red-light area lasted until after World War II, but only this one remains today. The building meets the registration requirements for its property type.

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Major Bibliographical References

Jensen, Dan. Memoir. In Mendocino County Remembered, An Oral History, ed. by Bruce Levene, vol. 1, pp. 237-243. Mendocino County, California: The Mendocino County Historical Society, 1976-1977.

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