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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 The George Mc Farlan House

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
1410 Second Street

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN  
Eureka

\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Second California

STATE  
California

CODE  
06

COUNTY  
Humboldt

CODE  
023

**CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: vacant  
residenti

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Ted and Ruth Loring

STREET & NUMBER  
1751 Eastwood Drive

CITY, TOWN  
Eureka

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE  
California

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Recorder's Office, Humboldt County Court House

STREET & NUMBER  
Fifth and I Streets, Eureka, CA 95501

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Eureka Heritage Society Survey of the City of Eureka

DATE  
1975

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS c/o Dolores Vellutini, 2424 J Street, Eureka, CA 95501

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 house at 1410 Second Street was built just to the east of the original Eureka Townsite on a bluff overlooking Humboldt Bay. It stood on one half acre of land half of which was improved with a barn and other outbuildings. To the north were mudflats, later developed by William Carson as a site for his lumber mill. Fields to the east and south were eventually developed for modest, middle Victorian houses. Immediately to the west is the nationally significant Carson Mansion of 1884/86.

The McFarlan house is composed of three major sections: a central, one and a half story building with a steep, fronting gable on the street bay side; a one story east wing capped with a moderately sloped hipped roof; and a southern, one story, "T" shaped wing again with a steep gabled roof. The construction of the foundation suggest that the oldest sections of the house are the central and the "T" shaped wings. Assessor's records and local tradition both suggest that they were built in 1854 by Martin White, an early builder and saw mill operator. The eastern wing is a later addition. The construction date is not known; but a photo taken circa 1870 shows the wing already complete.

The building is unique, having been built with board rather than stud walls. Vertical one by twelve rough sawn redwood boards were nailed to a horizontal layer of one by twelves to form the structural section of the wall. On the gabled wings, this is sheathed with redwood shiplap siding. On the eastern wing, horizontal, v-rustic tongue and groove siding provides an exterior finish. All roofs were covered with redwood shingles. Interior surfaces were finished with wallpaper that was glued to cheesecloth nailed and stretched over the rough board walls.

Exterior ornament is extremely simple on the central and southern wings, being confined to corner boards and window trim. Plain board trim follows the line of the gables. Projecting eaves are boxed to form a wide fascia which makes a short return across the gable end. A split pillared porch with dentiled cornice and shallow hipped roof originally spanned the entire front of the central wing. This has been reduced to a single bay over the asymetrically placed front door. Ornament on the eastern wing is similar but somewhat different in effect. Corner boards and a boxed fascia with plain board trim form its major elements; but these are enlivened with silouettes of brackets where the corner boards join the fascia line as well as full sawn brackets supporting sills and cap mouldings over the windows. With the exception of the reduction in the size of the front porch, the exterior appearance has been unchanged since the date of construction.

The interior is very plainly finished, using one by ten, bevel edged boards for base moulding and plain boards for trim. Gilt plaster picture moulding circles the rooms at the eight foot level in the three principal ground floor rooms. A simple paneled fireplace and overmantle are used in the central room of the main wing. A more elaborate mantle with brackets and turned work graced the eastern wing but has since been removed. All work is redwood and presumably, locally produced.

Circa 1930; a bath and kitchen were added to the upstairs landing and one of the upstairs bedrooms respectively to turn the second story into a separate flat. No other structural changes are apparent except that the original kitchen chimney, the dining room flue, and the chimney caps on the central and eastern wing fireplaces have been removed.

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The building has been vacant for the better part of the last four years. As a result there has been serious vandalism resulting in the loss of the original windows, some of the trim, the mantle in the east wing, and some of the interior doors. A pending renovation project proposes to replace these elements with facsimiles of the originals.



## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Official Records of the Humboldt County Recorder (Vol. A, pp.243-46; Vol. B, p.190; Vol. C, pp.215,225, 370, & 453).  
 Official Records to the Humboldt County Assessor, reference number H.D/266/c22/h8/al; 1853-54, pp.10&11; 1858, p. 26.  
 The Susie Baker Fountain Papers, Vol. 26, p. 338; Vol. 46, pp.46-57; 103, 170-209.  
 The Diary of Katherine McFarlan  
 The files of the Humboldt Times, a weekly newspaper.(9/2/54, 9/9/54, 9/16/54, 10/28/54)

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 1/4

UTM REFERENCES

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 A 

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ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

  
 C 

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B 

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

  
 D 

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is an irregular quadrilateral roughly square in shape. The west property line, running due north and south, is 109 feet. The north line is 112 feet. The east line is 124 feet. The south line is 105 feet. The area contained is slightly more than a quarter acre. The lot fronts Second Street on the North with similar sized parcels on the other three sides.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ted Loring, Jr.

February 10, 1978

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

1849 1/2 Myrtle Avenue

TELEPHONE

(707) 445-1530

CITY OR TOWN

Eureka

STATE

California 95501

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL X

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

*Kathy Mellon*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 5/22/78

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*William Lebovich*

DATE

*11/5/78*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*Nov 14, 1978*

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Throughout his life he was active in the community, owning a major mill, operating the Eureka Hotel, and controlling large sections of the land that was later to be incorporated into the city of Eureka. 1410 Second Street was his home from the time that he returned with his bride in 1854 until his death in 1876. He and his house are appropriate symbols of the earliest years of the north coast logging industry just as William Carson and his mansion are symbols of its later, more opulent flowering prior to the turn of the century.

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A Memorial and Biographical History of Northern California, 1891; reference number  
HR 979.41; see "History of Humboldt County".