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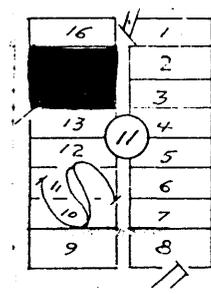
Site#

Legal Description: PGT, Block 11, lot 14-15

Address: 804 South 4th Street

Ownership: Name: c/o Daniel B. Greco

private address: 3160 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051



Location map or building plan with arrow north.

Roll#9 Frame#10

Historic Name: Pine Apts.

Common Name: Pine Apts.

Date of Construction: 1938 X estimated

Architect: unknown

Builder: Leland Wells

Original Owner: Leland Wells/Ravalli Bank/Howard Bates

Original Use: multi-family flats

Present Use: multi-family flats

RESEARCH SOURCES:

Title Search: yes	Tax Records: yes	Bldg. Permit: no
Census Records: no	Sewer/Water: no	Sanborn Maps: yes, not shown
Directories: yes	Newspapers: yes	

TITLE SEARCH

Valley Mercantile Co, 1909
 Valley Mercantile Corp., 1929
 Leland V. Wells, 1936
 Ravalli Co. Bank, 1937
 Howard and Mary Bates, 1946
 Mark and Agnes Wetzsteon, 1946

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Interviews with Henry Grant, Jack Crutchfield

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Pine Apartments, 804 S. 4th Street, is a moderne or modern style building with exterior stucco finish. It has a concrete foundation and basement windows with concrete window wells. This center entry building is completely symmetrical with a horizontal proportion in the front, single story portion. The second floor is also symmetrical with a set back and a projection at the center. The building has a flat roof. The front step is a three riser concrete with a wrought iron railing. Front door is a vertical board with large metal strap hinges and three stepped lights. Entry is slightly recessed. Main structural system of the house appears to be exterior concrete post and beam with panel infill. Front windows are multi-lite, fixed, with a four divided lite wood storm. Upper portion has 3/1 double hungs with vertical mullions in pairs and one single in the center. Two chimneys project on exactly the same spot on the second story. A side entry door is seen with a tiny horizontal projecting canopy with a bracket attached to the building. A garage with a typical detailing and five garage doors is seen along the alley. It is a low one story structure.

INTEGRITY

This building has excellent integrity. No signs of alteration are visible. Grounds are mature and compliment the building.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This building was started in 1936 by Leland Wells, but after construction budget problems, the building returned to Ravalli County Bank. The Bank solicited Howard Bates to complete the building. Howard was a local contractor and owner of Bates Fuel on the north side of Hamilton.

A number of Hamilton's south side residents have called this home waiting for their homes to be built. Mr. Bates resided at 408 S. 4th. For more information, refer to the inventory of 408 S. 4th.

Sources: Henry Grant, Jack Crutchfield interviews.

Historical and Architectural Significance:

Area of Significance: architecture, community development

Criteria: A and C

Specific dates" 1938

Number of contributing buildings: 2

The Pine Apartment building is directly associated with the expansion of the Rocky Mountain Laboratory facilities during the 1930's. Local businessman Howard Bates saw an opportunity in developing rental property in the as yet largely undeveloped southern end of the town of Hamilton to accommodate persons employed at the Laboratory. The Pine Apartments represents a post-Depression expansion in Hamilton's housing stock as a result of the economic stimulus of the Laboratory on the local economy.

The Pine Apartments is also eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C as the most well-preserved example of the Art Moderne style in Hamilton. The concrete post and beam structural system with a stucco panel infill of the first floor also represents a rare residential construction technique. The stucco wall finish and flat roof with a small coping are characteristic of the style. The design is completely symmetrical around the entry with multi-paned picture windows on the first floor. The second floor is also symmetrical with a setback and projecting center bay and three-over-one double hung windows.

The garage located to the rear of the lot along the service alley is a contributing building. This 5-bay garage has a flat roof and is finished in stucco, and thus compliments the Pine Apartment building in terms of design and materials. The garage retains its original wooden, double, hinged doors.

Acreage: less than one

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