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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bayley Hotel is an L-shaped three-story brick building situated near Pilot Hill, California. The simple mid-nineteenth century classical building measures approximately 60 feet wide by 40 feet deep; a 20 x 30 foot wing on the northwest corner of the building forms one leg of the "L". The front of the hotel is graced by a classical porch supported by six wooden columns. The porch rises two stories and forms a veranda on the second floor. The turned wooden posts and railings have been removed from the second and third floor levels. The first floor porch floor has also been removed. The hotel front is divided into five bays, each bay contains a window except for the center bays on the first and second floors which contain doors. All openings are presently boarded up. Fenestration is symmetrical on each wall of the building. Each window and door are fitted with brick pilastars and lintels. The eaves are decorated with dentils. The hotel is covered with a low truncated hipped roof with an observation platform. The ballustrade around the platform has now been removed. Originally, there were five chimneys; only four remain standing.

The hotel interior is decorated with hardwood wainscoting, baseboards and molding. Some of the original wallpaper remains under layers of newer paper and paint. Some of the rooms have had their ceilings lowered and are fitted with acoustical tile. The grand staircase has been stripped of its balusters, handrail and newel post by antique dealers and other vandals.

There are numerous barns, sheds, and outbuildings scattered about. Their antiquity and connection with the Bayley Hotel, however, is not clear. Only the water tower which stands directly behind the hotel is included in this nomination. The low rock wall which runs across the front of the Bayley Hotel appears in an 1883 picture of the hotel and is also included in the nomination.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bayley Hotel, built in 1863, is significant for its historic association with the development of El Dorado County. The hotel is an excellent example of brick architecture now rare in El Dorado County. It is significant for its excellence of craftsmanship and detailing.

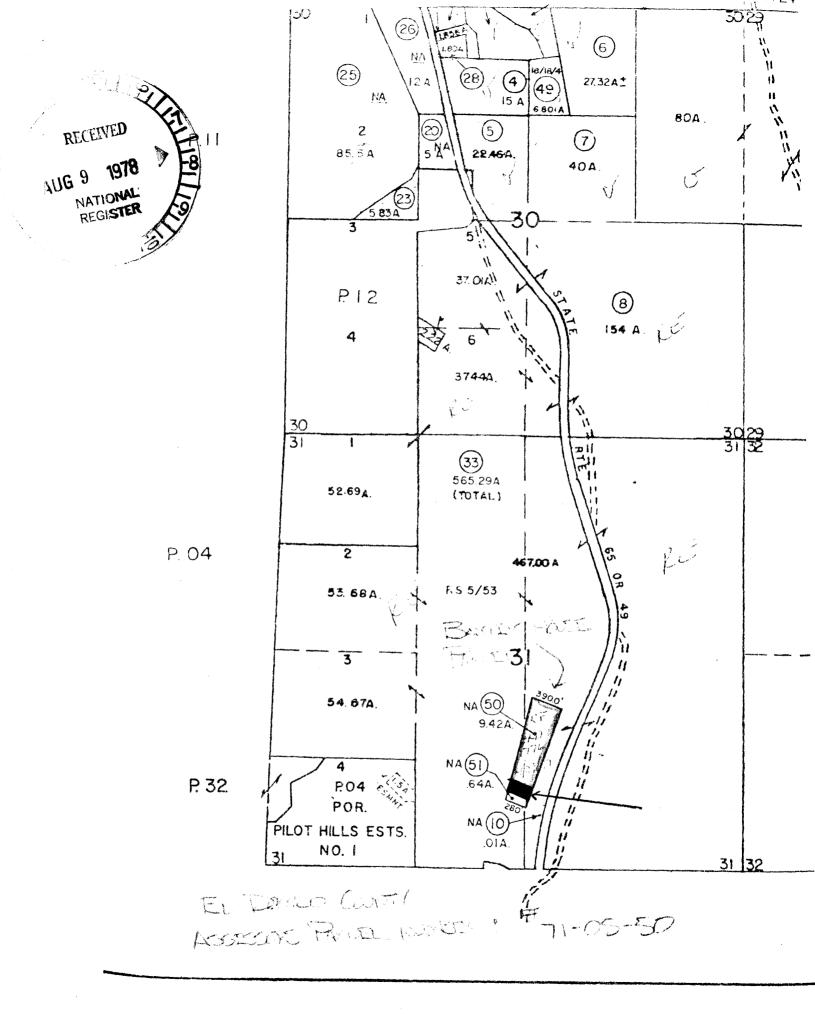
Alcander J. Bayley immigrated to California in 1849 from Boston where he had been in the commission business. When Bayley heard of the California gold discovery, he organized a company of investors who purchased the ship, Edward Everett, which sailed on January 6, 1849. Upon his arrival in California, Bayley and his company secured teams and appropriate supplies and proceeded to the Mokelumne River mining district. As was often the case with such ventures, the Boston Mining Company soon disbanded. Bayley subsequently became manager of the Winters Hotel at Coloma. In September 1850, he resigned this position and built his own hotel, the Oak Valley House at Pilot Hill. This hotel was in operation until 1861 when it was destroyed by fire.

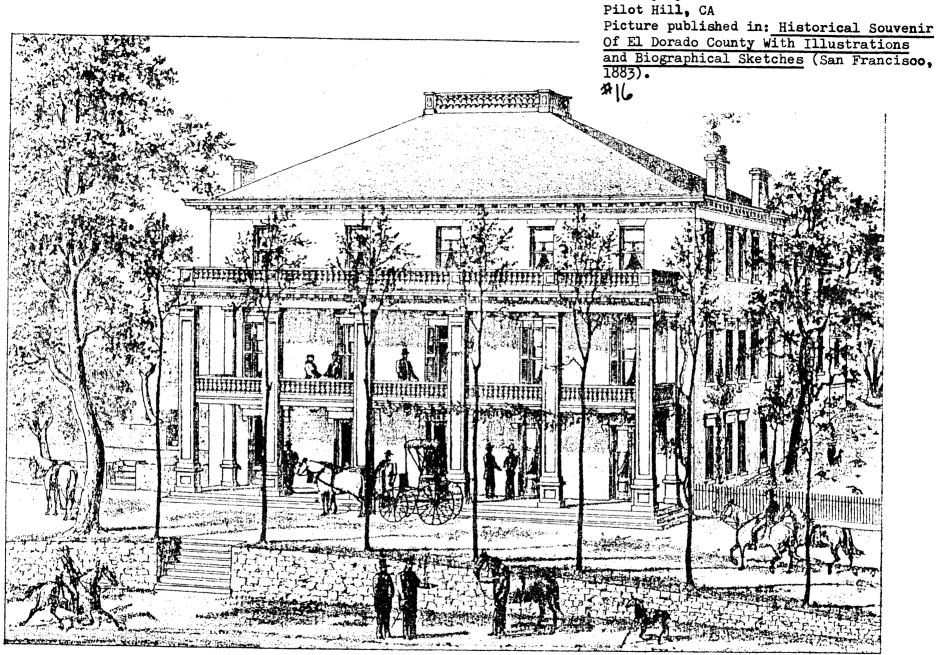
In 1861, Bayley chose another site and began construction of the Bayley Hotel. Bayley labored under the mistaken impression that the Transcontinental Railroad would eventually be routed through Pilot Hill, following the wagon route then in use. The hotel would serve the thousands of rail passengers who would pass through the then-thriving commercial center of Pilot Hill. Bayley manufactured 300,000 bricks and milled all the lumber at the site. The cost of the building was \$20,000. Bayley's grandiose plans did not develop to fruition because the Central Pacific Railroad was constructed using a route some miles north of Pilot Hill. Consequently, he used the hotel as a private residence and headquarters for his ranch. Bayley's ambition to establish a large hotel was satisfied when he acquired the Grand Central Hotel at Lake Tahoe. Bayley was also engaged in the manufacturing business in Pilot Hill and was a pioneer vintner in El Dorado County.

There is no other building in the vicinity of Pilot Hill of similar construction, scale, or architecture. The Bayley Hotel is one of the largest buildings of its type to survive in the Mother Lode region. The Bayley Hotel remains in its original setting. Little in the immediate vicinity has changed in the century since it was built. Despite the deterioration noted above, the Bayley Hotel retains most of its original fabric and character and is an important landmark in the Mother Lode region of California.

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