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Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	California
COUNTY:	Napa
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ENTRY DATE	OCT 1 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Sam, Kee Laundry Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:
same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1245 Main Street (Corner Clinton and Main)

CITY OR TOWN:
Napa

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
1

STATE: California CODE: 06 COUNTY: Napa CODE: 055

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify)
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC (Yes): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Walter and Ramona West

STREET AND NUMBER:
330 Silverado Trail

CITY OR TOWN:
Napa

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Napa County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Brown Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Napa

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Preservation in Napa

DATE OF SURVEY: January 1974 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Napa Community Redevelopment Agency

STREET AND NUMBER:
1559 First Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Napa

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two story cut stone masonry commercial building with a basement, built in 1875. The building is approximately 30' x 50'. Square windows with stone lintels and sills. The entrance way has a concrete stoop with iron handrails. Date of the building is carved in a nameplate over the door. The roof is of corrugated steel. An ornate Italianate cornice is present on an otherwise simple design.

There have been no known alterations to the building's exterior appearance. There is a metal covered frame addition to the rear of the building. Large areas of the exterior walls have been painted over, presumably to cover up past advertising signs. Some of these signs still exist on the north wall.

Architect, designer, and builder are not known at the present time. The design of this building reflects the frontier quality of Napa's very early days. Located on the Southwest corner of Main and Clinton Streets in Napa, the building presently houses the Sam Kee Laundry.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Built 1875**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is the oldest stone building in the City of Napa. It is also believed to be the oldest commercial structure still existing in the City of Napa, and is a prime example in Napa of primitive design in early California. Over the last two years, especially, it has been repeatedly identified as an historic landmark by such people as the Napa Community Redevelopment Agency, local government officials, the Napa Historic Preservation Society, and local citizens.

Details of the building's history are sketchy. It is known that in 1880, it was part of Barth's Bavarian Brewery. There is inconclusive evidence that this brewery may have been the first brewery in the City of Napa. Since then, the building has served as a boarding house, a saloon (known as the Old Stone Saloon, c. 1908), and currently houses the Sam Kee Laundry. In a 1901 history (History of Napa County, by W.F. Wallace), this laundry was described as the oldest established laundry in the County of Napa.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Darms, H.A., Napa City and County Portfolio and Directory, Napa, 1909
 Napa Community Redevelopment Agency, Historic Preservation in Napa,
 Napa, 1974
 Napa Daily Reporter (newspaper), miscellaneous issues, 1880
 Pierpont, R. "Very Important Structures"--This is an unpublished survey
 done for the Napa Community Redevelopment Agency. Napa, Summer 1973
 Wallace, W.F., History of Napa County, 1901

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

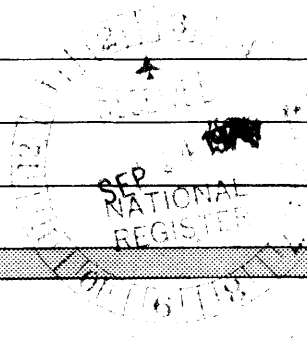
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .031 ac.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
David R. Kernberger, Vice-chairman

ORGANIZATION: Napa Historic Preservation Society DATE: April 9, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 793

CITY OR TOWN: Napa STATE: California CODE: 06

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: July 30, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/1/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7-30-74

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys

"Very Important Structures"--this is a preliminary unpublished survey done for the Napa Community Redevelopment Agency by R. Pierpont.
Napa Community Redevelopment Agency, 1559 First Street, Napa, CA.
Summer 1973 local survey

