

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 I. O. O. F. Building

and/or common I. O. O. F. Building

**2. Location**

street & number 723 Main Street <sup>6</sup> not for publication

city, town Woodland vicinity of congressional district 4th

state California code 06 county Yolo code 113

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Lodge Hall

**4. Owner of Property**

name International Order of Odd Fellows Hall Association

street & number 723 Main Street

city, town Woodland vicinity of state California 95695

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Yolo County

street & number 723 Main Street

city, town Woodland state California

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title A Guide to Architecture in San Francisco Tax Reform Act Preliminary Certification  
and Northern California has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
(4/21/80)

date 1973 federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Dr. David Gebhard, Director  
University Art Galleries, University of California

city, town Santa Barbara state California

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The I. O. O. F. Building was built in 1905 for use as a store, business college, social hall and lodge hall. It is a three story brick and frame structure in the Mission style. The 85 x 100 feet building has a full basement. The exterior walls are brick 16 inches thick with cement plaster on the south and east exterior walls. The south side of the building has six brick and plaster pillars supporting the entrance arcade. Two towers on this side have simulated red tile hipped roofs with bracketed eaves. Small pent roofs project above the third floor on the south and east sides; they also are of simulated red tile supported by brackets. The third tower, which is on the northeast corner of the building is identical to the other two. The building's exterior remains essentially unchanged since its construction.

The first floor has an arcade ten feet deep on the Main Street facade. Three store fronts exist within the arcade, all with large plate glass windows. A small, simulated red tile pent roof supported by consoles is located at the center of the arcade, announcing the ceremonial entrance to the building. Here the Roman arch is replaced by a rectangular opening; the arch shape is suggested by an infill of elaborate metal work which curves from the pedestals in a semicircular form. (This treatment is repeated at the east end of the arcade.) Positioned behind this ceremonial entrance is the main entrance which opens into a stairwell with a 20' ceiling and a nine-foot wide stairway of marble which gives access to the second floor. The second floor contains lounge rooms across the front and two social halls 25 feet by 53 feet each with a kitchen, dressing rooms, hat room and toilets. The staircase continues to the third floor which contains two lodge rooms where the ceilings are coved for a dome effect. These rooms are 40 feet by 65 feet. There is also a robing room 10 by 33 feet, ante rooms, lockers and toilets for each lodge room.

A large lightwell north of the staircase goes from the roof down to the basement. The north and west facades are unadorned brick. The original plans called for cement plaster on these walls, but the plaster was omitted to save money on the sides which did not front on the street.

The windows are double hung measuring 4' x 8' on the second floor and 4' x 9' on the third floor. They are placed in pairs on the south, east and west facades of the second floor and on the west and east facades of the third floor. Windows on the third floor of the south facade are single, as are those of the southeast corner. The window size and placement are irregular on the north side.

The building is being renovated using the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation under the Tax Reform Act of 1976.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1905

**Builder/Architect** Builder: W. H. Curson

**Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)**

The I. O. O. F. Building is significant for its long role in the social and architectural history of the City of Woodland. It headquartered an order which was an important part of the community's history, and included in its membership many of the area's most prominent individuals. It is a notable example of its type and period and appears to have been the first major building in Woodland designed in the Mission style of architecture. It marked an important departure from the Victorian architecture which dominated Main Street in Woodland until this building was erected around the turn of the century.

The I. O. O. F. Building was contracted in 1905 to W. H. Curson for \$36,532 by Woodland Lodge No. 111. The lodge had been organized June 7, 1863. In 1905 it had 207 members and two Rebekah lodges. The corner stone was laid in March of 1905 to coincide with the 86th anniversary of the International Order of Odd Fellows. It contained a time capsule which included records of the Yolo County I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs. The membership included at that time most of the prominent families in Yolo County.

The grand opening which signified the completion of the building on December 22, 1905 included a banquet and ball and an inspection of the entire building. The ground floor was designed for commerce. One part of it was occupied almost immediately by the Telephone Company whose bell shaped logo is still visible where it was painted on the building's west tower on Main Street. Another section was occupied by the Yolo County School Superintendent's Office until 1978. The Yolo County Recorder's Office still occupies a section of the ground floor. The second floor contains two large social halls. One is adjacent to a full kitchen for banquets and the other has a raised platform for musicians. There are also dressing rooms, a hat room and toilets. This floor was the center of the social activities for the town and county. The third floor has served the lodge activities up until the present time.

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

"The Yolo Democrat," Woodland, California, Thursday, March 23, 1905, May 4, 1905, and December 21, 1905  
David Gebhard, et. al., A Guide to Architecture in San Francisco and Northern California, Peregrine Smith, Inc., Salt Lake City, 1973.

### 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.4 acre, 91' x 190'  
Quadrangle name Woodland Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	<u>10</u>	<u>607010</u>	<u>4281520</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated property is the entire original lot. Bounded on the South by Main St., on the East by Third St., and on the North by Dead Cat Alley, Woodland, California, in Yolo County. Assessor's parcel No. 5-224-04.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
<u>Ca</u>			

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Kate Connor Logue

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date October 27, 1979

street & number 905 California Street telephone (916) 662-8109

city or town Woodland state California 95695

### 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:  
 national  state  local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Kang m ellan

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 12/8/80

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

*for* [Signature]  
Keeper of the National Register

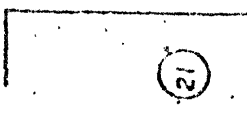
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Chief of the National Register

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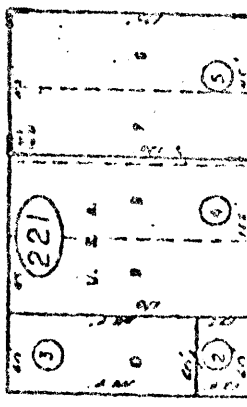
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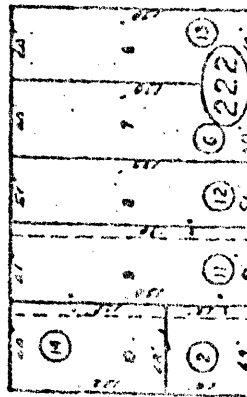
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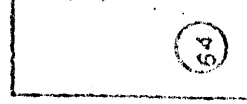
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CITY OF WOODLAND  
Assessor's Map 5x. 5. Pg. 22.  
County of Yolo, Calif.

ASS - Assessor's Credit Number Shown in Ellipses  
M.S. - Assessor's Map Number Shown in Circles