

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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10-12-3910-4171350

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Shell Gas Station
2. Historic name, if known: Shell Gas Station
3. Street or rural address Yosemite Blvd.  
 City: LaGrange ZIP: 95329 County: Stanislaus
4. Present owner, if known: Frank Birdsong Address: P. O. Box 92  
 City: La Grange, CA ZIP: 95329 Ownership is: Public  Private
5. Present Use: Service Station Original Use: Service Station  
 Other past uses: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

6. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Prefabricated tin service station comprised of main building, projecting covered service area and separate restroom unit. Finials decorate the four corners of the flat-roofed service area. Poignantly distinctive restroom unit also prefabricated tin; completely free standing, with rounded lines reflective of nascent Moderne.

7. Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

VBD; beginning at SW corner of Parcel 13, <sup>NORTH</sup> Assessors map 8-26 at the intersection of said parcel and Yosemite Blvd, proceed 40 ft E, then 65 ft N, then 40 ft W, then 65 ft S to point of beginning.

Per SHPO 8/2/79

8. Approximate property size:

Lot size (in feet) Frontage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Depth \_\_\_\_\_';  
 or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Condition: (check one)

a. Excellent  b. Good  c. Fair   
 d. Deteriorated  e. No longer in existence

10. Is the feature a. Altered?  b. Unaltered?

11. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary)

a. Open land  b. Scattered buildings   
 c. Densely built-up  d. Residential   
 e. Commercial  f. Industrial   
 g. Other

12. Threats to site:

a. None known  b. Private development   
 c. Zoning  d. Public Works project   
 e. Vandalism  f. Other

13. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: The following (Items 14-19) are for structures only.

14. Primary exterior building material: a. Stone  b. Brick  c. Stucco  d. Adobe  e. Wood   
f. Other  Tin
15. Is the structure: a. On its original site?  b. Moved?  c. Unknown?
16. Year of initial construction ca, 1920' This date is: a. Factual  b. Estimated
17. Architect (if known): Unknown
18. Builder (if known): Unknown
19. Related features: a. Barn  b. Carriage house  c. Outhouse  d. Shed(s)  e. Formal garden(s)   
f. Windmill  g. Watertower/tankhouse  h. Other  Restroom unit i. None

SIGNIFICANCE

20. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site when known):

Illustrative of early U.S. service station architecture from the 1920's. Prefabricated technique also representative of the new cultural mobility. Both the traditionalist and avant-garde trends are present: decorative finials are indicative of the 1920's eclecticism often associated with skyscraper caps of the period; simple Moderne lines of restroom unit are indicative of the progressive aesthetic of streamlining. A rare vernacular example of this architectural type and period.

21. Main theme of the historic resource: (Check only one): a. Architecture  b. Arts & Leisure   
c. Economic/Industrial  d. Exploration/Settlement  e. Government  f. Military   
g. Religion  h. Social/Education

22. Sources: List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates:

23. Date form prepared: \_\_\_\_\_ By (name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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