

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California	
COUNTY: Shasta	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.10.06.0063	DATE 10/14/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Shasta State Historic Park

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Shasta

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
U.S. Highway 299, Approximately 6 mi. w. of Redding

CITY OR TOWN:
Shasta

STATE California	CODE 06	COUNTY: Shasta	CODE 089
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Town (historic)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER:
1416 9th Street (Resources Building)

CITY OR TOWN: Shasta SACRAMENTO	STATE: California	CODE 06
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Shasta County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
1416 9th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Redding	STATE: California	CODE 06
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee

DATE OF SURVEY: **9/49** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER:
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CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

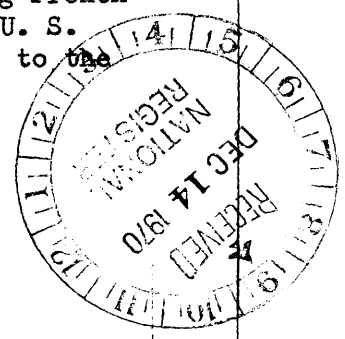
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old town of Shasta stands astride of State Highway #299, about six miles west of Redding, California. The town site is at an elevation of about 1170 feet above sea level. Ranged along the Highway (Main Street), on the southeast side, are the ruins of eight brick buildings and "Litsch's Brick Store" building partially restored. Along the northeast side of the highway are the ruins of "Whaley's Brewery", partially restored "Courthouse" and the "Masonic Hall" buildings. These are all of brick construction. A wood framed modern public comfort station is located near the "Courthouse". An historic old wood framed barn building has been reerected on Monument land near the "Courthouse". A modern residence and garage is located on Monument land easterly of the "Courthouse". Old and newer residences are scattered about the town site half hidden by fine old trees and shrubbery. The home of Doctor Benjamin Shurtleff, built in 1851, is a two-story frame house.

The old town of Shasta is gradually crumbling into ruins, many camps have completely disappeared. Bronze tablets have been placed commemorating activities of Early Pioneers. On the hills are cemeteries, Catholic, Protestant, Masonic and Odd Fellows, Indian and Chinese. Here are the remains of many of the first builders of Shasta. A frequent inscription on tombstones is "Killed by the Indians".

Beginning at the intersection of U. S. Route 299 W (Main Street) with Boell Alley, thence southwesterly about 200 feet to the intersection of Boell Alley with High Street, thence northwesterly in a line with High Street about 1500 feet to a point southwesterly of the Summit of Main Street, thence northeasterly about 600 feet to a point northeasterly of the Summit of Main Street, thence southeasterly about 500 feet to Trinity Alley, thence northeasterly about 500 feet to the intersection of Trinity Alley with Second Street, thence southeasterly and southwesterly along Second Street about 900 feet and continuing southwesterly along French Alley about 300 feet to the intersection of French Alley with U. S. Route 299 W (Main Street), thence southeasterly about 200 feet to the point of beginning.

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SIGNIFICANCE

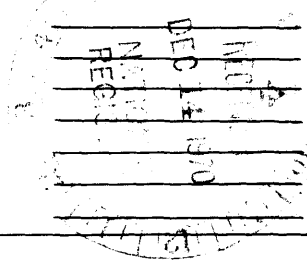
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" 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 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

Founded in 1849 as Reading's Springs and named Shasta, June 8, 1850, it was the second county seat for Shasta County, 1851-1888. It was the metropolis of Northern California during the 1850's. Here the road ended and began the Oregon Pack Trail until 1861. Present home of the Western Star Lodge No. 2 - F & A.M., whose charter was brought across the plains in the Peter Lassen Party of 1848. Today the town, reduced by fire and time to a few structures and a row of ruined buildings, bears the testimony to mining and freighting in the Trinity Alps when "gold" was the byword of the time.

State Historical Landmark No. 77.

Shasta State Historical Park today contains much of the old business district. The remaining brick buildings and stabilized ruins are representative of the period type architecture, designed to employ brick, heavy iron plate and sheet iron in the construction of "fire-proof" business buildings. Classical Greco-Roman elements were freely adapted. Their vogue lasted over several decades, springing from the costly and anguishing experience of fires that devastated Shasta and many of her sister towns of the Gold Rush era.

Principal structures within the State Park project are the restored Courthouse and Litsch Store, the Masonic Hall and the "Brick Row" ruins.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

California Historical Landmarks Booklet
Rensch's Historic Spots in California

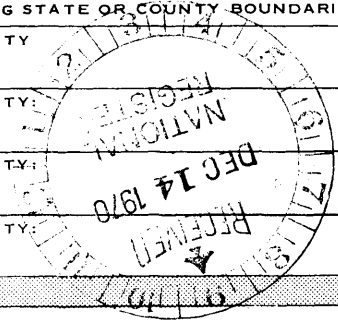
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	40°	35'	58"	122°	29'	27"						
NE	40°	36'	04"	122°	29'	20"						
SE	40°	35'	56"	122°	29'	08"						
SW	40°	35'	50"	122°	29'	16"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **15 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Allen W. Welts, State Park Historian III**

ORGANIZATION: **Department of Parks and Recreation** DATE: **3/23/70**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1416 9th Street (Resources Building)**

CITY OR TOWN: **Sacramento** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: *Ben M...*
Title: State Liaison Officer
Date: August 3, 1970

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

Ewert A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Date: OCT 14 1971
ATTEST:
William D. ...
Keeper of The National Register
Date: OCT 4 1971

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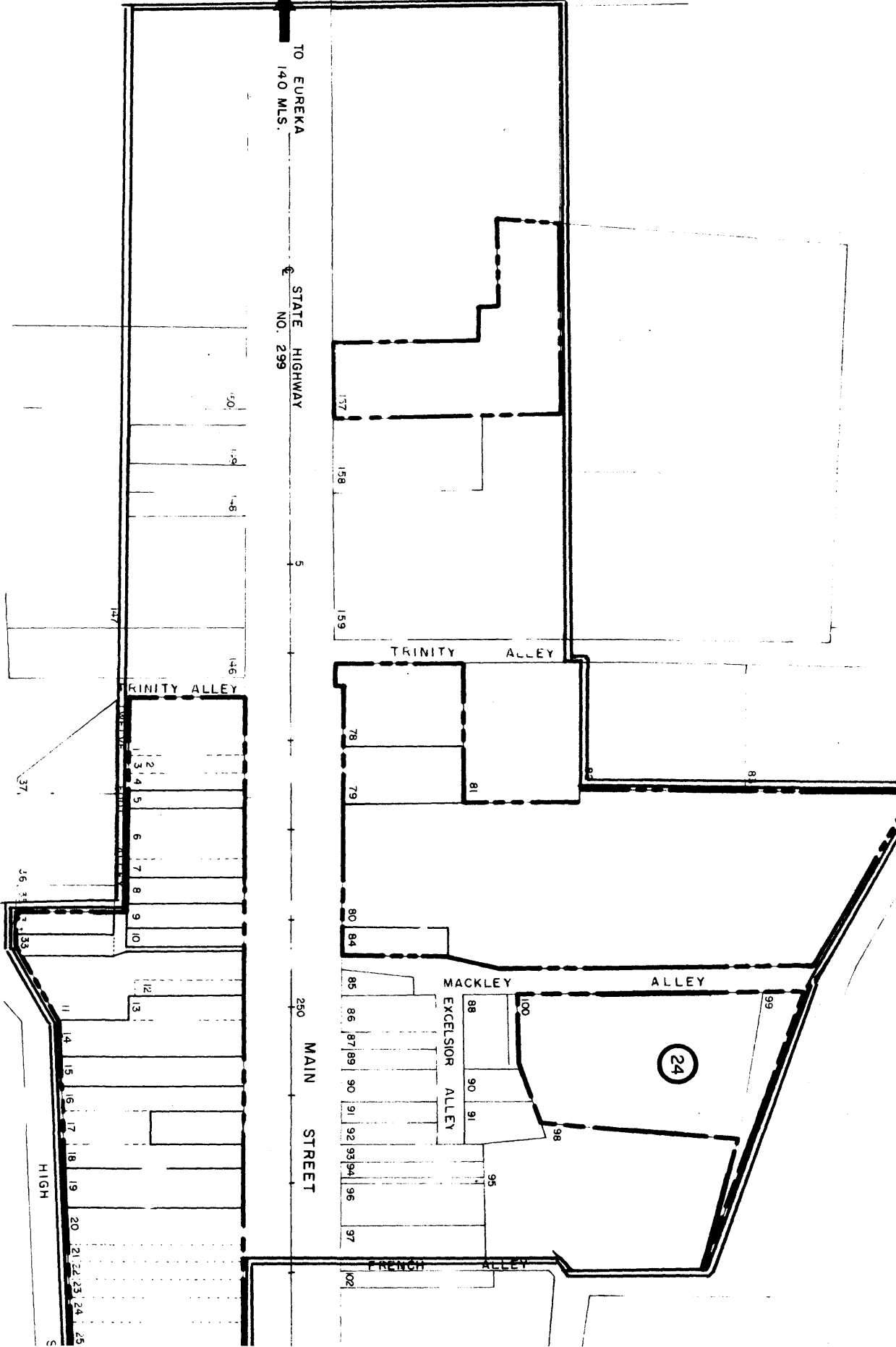
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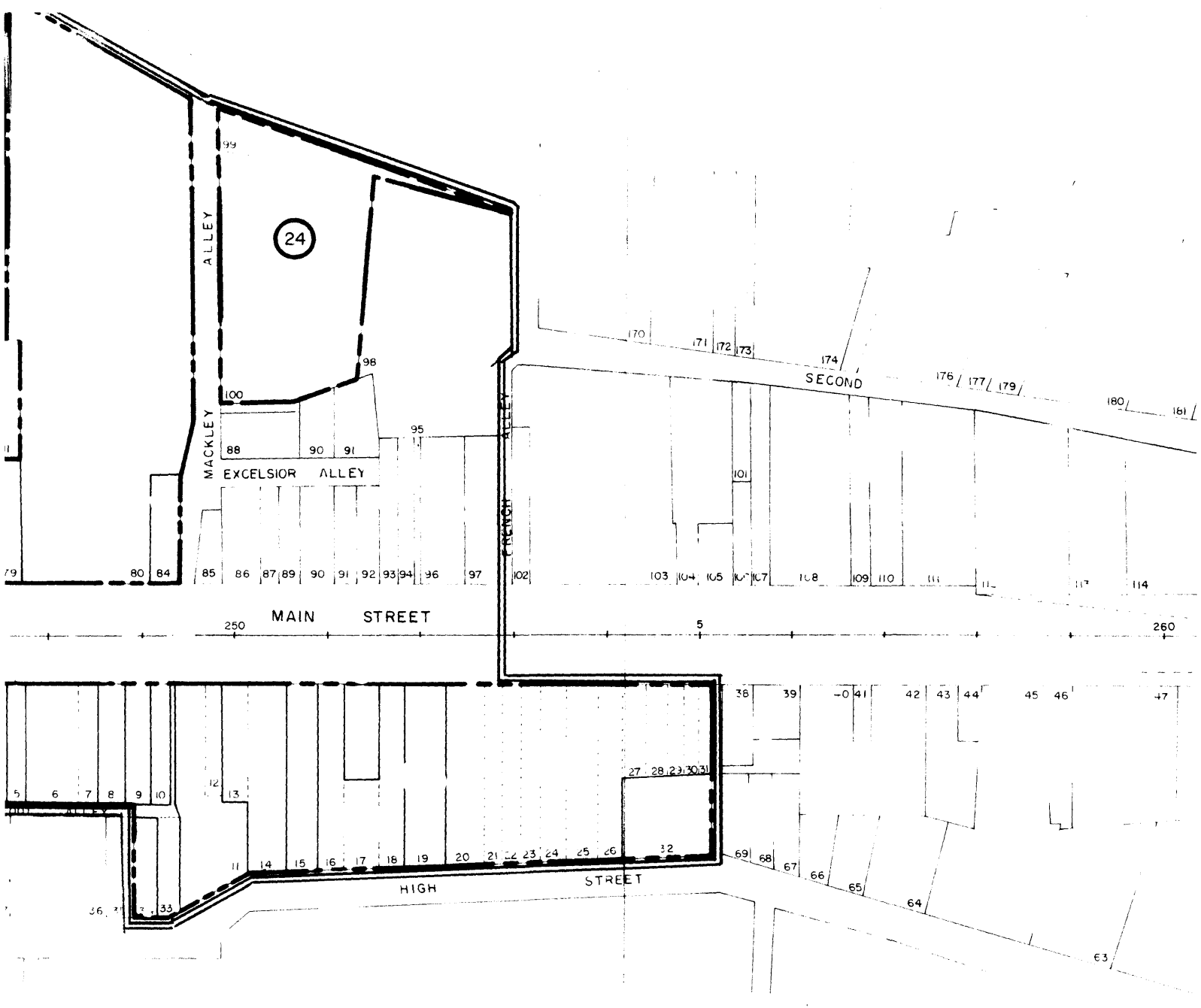
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NO. 299

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250 MAIN STREET

HIGH





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MACKLEY ALLEY

EXCELSIOR ALLEY

CRENCH ALLEY

SECOND

MAIN STREET

HIGH STREET

79 80 84 85 86 87 89 90 91 92 93 94 96 97 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 170 171 172 173 174 176 177 179 180 181 5 250 260 5 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 69 68 67 66 65 64 63

