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DATA SHEET

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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

Emporium

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Main 735

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Jamestown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

13th

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

06

COUNTY CODE

Tuolumne 109

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

X OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

X BUILDING(S)

X PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

X COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

X YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Jake Barendregt

Paul Barendregt

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 481

CITY, TOWN

Jamestown

VICINITY OF

STATE

California 95327

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tuolumne County Court House - County Recorder

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Sonora

STATE

California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Located within California Historic Landmark 431 for tour of Jamestown

DATE

March 16, 1949

FEDERAL X STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

California Dept. of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 2390

CITY, TOWN

Sacramento

STATE

California 95811

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1897, the Emporium is a late Victorian rectangular two-story commercial brick building with original living quarters on the second floor and sales room and offices on the first. A second story roofed balcony is distinguished by a series of four symmetrical arches which are repeated on the first floor level. Eastlake finial details on the false front above the balcony and in the second story archwork complete the ornamentation of an otherwise simple structure. A newspaper article writing during September of 1897 indicates that the main sales room on the first story had a "balcony running around on three sides" and that "the front was lighter with plate glass". These features are still in place and the facade including the ground floor retains its original integrity and millwork.

The basement's stone foundation and the back wall are in the process of deterioration but remain original. Also, a rear balcony has been removed. Interior changes are insignificant. The upstairs apartment and dance hall, the original hall stencilling, and redwood wainscotting and molding are in the process of being restored to their 1897 appearance. The building has a new concrete tile roof, one entire side of the encircling roofline parapet has been rebuilt, and three chimneys recapped.

# 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"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **Constructed in 1897** BUILDER/ARCHITECT **C.H. Wilson**

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Emporium has both architectural and historical significance in the region. This simple brick two-story commercial building is distinguished by an outstanding facade composed of a two story gallery and false front ornamented with good Eastlake detailing. The facade's double archwork contributes to the structure's design integrity, and the building serves as a focal point along a street of good but less distinguished commercial buildings.

A September 1, 1897 newspaper article in the Mother Lode Magnet documents the new Emporium Building and states that "the new \$10,000 business block erected by J.W. Witney and Sons is with one exception, the Hotel Victoria, beyond question the most imposing business structure in Tuolumne County...C.H. Wilson is the architect and builder; C.G. Witman did the tinning and plumbing; the Central Electric Light Company furnished the electrical appliances. Taken in all it is a splendid structure and reflects credit upon the energy and enterprise of the manager, J.W. Witney."

Historically, the Emporium makes an important local contribution to the region's commercial patterns. The building served as a pioneer department store in Tuolumne County and was recognized as dealing in the finest clothing and furnishing goods in the county. J.W. Witney, its original owner, only occupied the building for six months. Moses Areant acquired and managed the business until 1928 when he sold it to Porter and Barendregt who continued the department store until 1969. In addition, between 1906 and 1923 the Emporium served as a telephone station for calls through the county.

Architecturally, the building is an outstanding and rare example of its type and period in Tuolumne County. In remarkably unaltered condition, the building strongly exemplifies commercial architecture in the Mother Lode during the late 19th century. Its facade has unusual design integrity and the building makes a significant visual contribution to the community's setting.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Mother Lode Magnet, September 4, 1897

Union Democrat, September 1, 1897

Tuolumne County California, published by The Union Democrat, 1909.

The Mother Lode Press, Vol. 1, February 15, 1958

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A 10 726450 4203500  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B                 
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the southeast corner of the building, proceed northeast along Main Street 47 feet, then northwest along alley 100 feet, then southwest 47 feet, then southeast along property line 100 feet to point of origin encompassing the building at 735 Main Street known as the Emporium.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jacob Barendregt (staff revision by Office of Historic Preservation 7/29/77)

ORGANIZATION

DATE

July 17, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Main 735

(209) 984-5657

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Jamestown

California 95327

# 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Knay Mellon*

10/20/77

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Robert B. Rettig*

DATE 2/17/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Charles [Signature]*

DATE 2.9.78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Representation in Existing Surveys

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