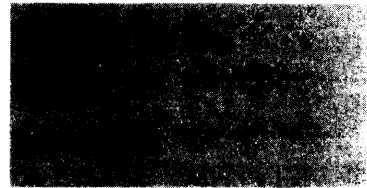


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 R. H. Beamer House

and/or common Beamer-Schell House

2. Location

street & number 19 Third Street na not for publication

city, town Woodland na vicinity of congressional district 4

state California 95695 code 06 county Yolo code 113

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Carolyn Robinson

street & number 19 Third Street

city, town Woodland 95695 na vicinity of state California

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 20 Cottonwood Street

city, town Woodland 95695 state California

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Woodland Arch. Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date in progress federal state county local

depository for survey records State Office of Historic Preservation, P.O. Box 2390

city, town Sacramento state California 95811

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Facing west on Third Street, in the northern part of the Town of Woodland, the Beamer-Schell house is a two-story, raised, rectangular building constructed in the High Victorian Italianate style. The house is of wood frame construction, covered with channel rustic siding. The shingled, truncated hip roof is pierced by two single-stack interior chimneys. A widow's walk balustrade has been removed for repairs but will be replaced after restoration work is completed. The house has a heavily bracketed, denticulated cornice, and the wide eaves characteristic of the Italianate style.

The front entrance portico has an encircling balustrade supported by Corinthian columns and pilasters. A segmental arch fanlight, now painted over, surmounts the front door. The front elevation is distinguished by a two-story slanted bay. The upper story windows are round-arched, while the lower story windows have segmental arches. The corners of the building are delineated by wooden quoins.

The bay window and accompanying features are repeated on the south side of the house, except that the lower story windows are rectangular. On the same side, a leaded glass box window, supported by brackets, projects from the lower story.

A two-story addition to the rear of the house was completed c. 1904. In the 1930s, according to the present owners, the interior walls of the house were relocated to allow for the construction of five apartments. The present owners are now restoring the walls to their original locations, and the structure will then become a single-family residence again.

A contributing, one-story wood frame structure lies to the north, near the rear of the main building. Built as a summer kitchen, about 1904, it is L-shaped, covered with wood siding, and has a shallow hip roof.

The site of an earlier structure, a carriage house, is now occupied by a modern corrugated metal noncontributing shed which lies along the back of the property, approximately 20 feet from the house.

A decorative iron fence of the period runs the length of the Third Street boundary of the property.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1877-8 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The Beamer-Schell house is an outstanding example of the Italianate style, and one of the finest representatives of its type remaining in the area. Moreover, from the time of its construction until 1916, the structure was the residence of Richard Henderson Beamer, described by a contemporary newspaper (The Sacramento Union, April 21, 1916) as "Woodland's chief citizen." Beamer was prominent in local banking enterprises and was active in local and state politics. For a term he served as mayor of Woodland, although he also held various other elected and appointive positions. He was also instrumental in the development of Woodland's library system. In 1916, the Sacramento Bee noted Beamer's contribution to Woodland: "Beamer was a leader in civic matters. There were very few phases of civic development in the last forty years in which he was not the guiding hand."

Beamer was born in Caldwell County, Missouri in 1849. His father, R. L. Beamer, another of early Woodland's influential residents, had been a goldminer in California before bringing his family out to settle in Woodland in 1854. Young Beamer was educated in local schools, except for a few years spent at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. In 1870, he married Mary E. Hogden and two years later at the age of 23, he was elected to his first public office, becoming Auditor of Yolo County. After a two-year term, he became Assessor and, in 1885, he was elected Sheriff. For approximately 16 years, he served on the State Board of Equalization, and in 1903 he was elected mayor of Woodland. His tenure in this office was characterized as progressive, and while mayor, Beamer was instrumental in fostering a program of street and sidewalk improvements that made a substantial contribution to Woodland's physical attractiveness.

In the last decade of his life, Beamer continued in state and local public service. In 1910 he became State Bank Examiner, and in 1913 he served as the representative of the Yolo County Supervisors in their efforts to have the new state highway routed along the west side of the Sacramento River. Although he declined the nomination, he was chosen by Yolo and Napa Democrats to run for state senator from the area. By the time of his death, there were some suggestions that he run for Governor.

In addition to his political activities, Beamer was well known for his role in Woodland's banking circles. Reliable banking institutions were critical to the development of western America, and without them, land transactions, business ventures, and building construction would have taken longer to be launched or completed. When the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Woodland was established in September of 1892, Beamer was one of the directors, and was also one of a committee of six who brought the infant institution through the incorporation process. In 1901, Beamer became the bank's president, and held that position until 1910 when he resigned to become State Bank Examiner. Just as Beamer was a prominent figure in the Farmers and Merchants Bank (which later became the First National Bank, and then subsequently acquired by Bank of America), he also became associated with the Home Savings Bank as well.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Assessment List Books, 1877-1886, located at Yolo County Courthouse,
Woodland, California.

Deed Book V, pp. 405-406, located at Recorder's Office, Woodland,
California (see continuation sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 108.2' x 150' (0.37 acre)

Quadrangle name Woodland, California

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property occupies its original 108.2' x 150' lot on the east side of Third Street between Beamer and Clover Streets as shown on the attached map. Assessor's Parcel #5-626-03.

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

state N/A code county N/A code

state N/A code county N/A code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth McKee and Maryln Lortie

organization Lortie & McKee Research date January 25, 1982

street & number 1067 57th Street telephone (916) 455-7631

city or town Sacramento, 95819 state California

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 *W. M. Ellen*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date May 27, 1982

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

William D. ... date 8.2.82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Patricia ... date 8/2/82

Chief of Register

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Beamer's concern for the establishment of sound banking institutions is not surprising in light of his extensive dealings in land and development. Although Beamer started out as a rancher, by the 1880s, he had combined his interest in agriculture with plans for the promotion of Woodland's growth through the subdivision of large tracts into smaller landholdings. In furthering this purpose, he platted the 100-acre area known as Beamer's Addition, a subdivision of residential lots placed on the market about 1890. Beamer's participation in land and other investments continued throughout his life. He owned a great deal of ranch property and land within the town of Woodland, and he was also heavily involved with investments in mining property, including ventures outside the United States.

No assessment of Beamer's importance to the City of Woodland would be complete without mention of his role in the establishment of the town's Carnegie Library. Beamer was instrumental in the donation of the land for the library, and responsible for much of the landscaping which surrounds the building. According to an article in the Sacramento Bee, Beamer personally planted the trees in Library Park, and provided them with "constant care" for a number of years. Tree planting was Beamer's hobby, and many of the mature oaks in Woodland now grow as a result of Beamer's personal interest and direction in planting them.

Beamer was well recognized by his contemporaries as one of Woodland's most prominent individuals. On the day of his funeral in April of 1916, all banks in the town shut their doors from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Other businesses closed while the funeral services were being held.

The Beamer house is itself significant for its architecture. It is a fine example of the High Victorian Italianate style, exhibiting many of the features classically associated with that style. The house has round and segmental arched windows, a shallow hip roof, bay windows, channel rustic siding, wide eaves, and a heavily bracketed cornice. Although it has been removed for repairs, a roof balustrade was original to the house and will soon be restored to it. Woodland has few remaining homes with this decorative roof feature, and additionally, few properties in which the decorative iron fencing has survived. The Beamer house is a graceful residence which makes a genuine contribution to the beauty of Woodland.

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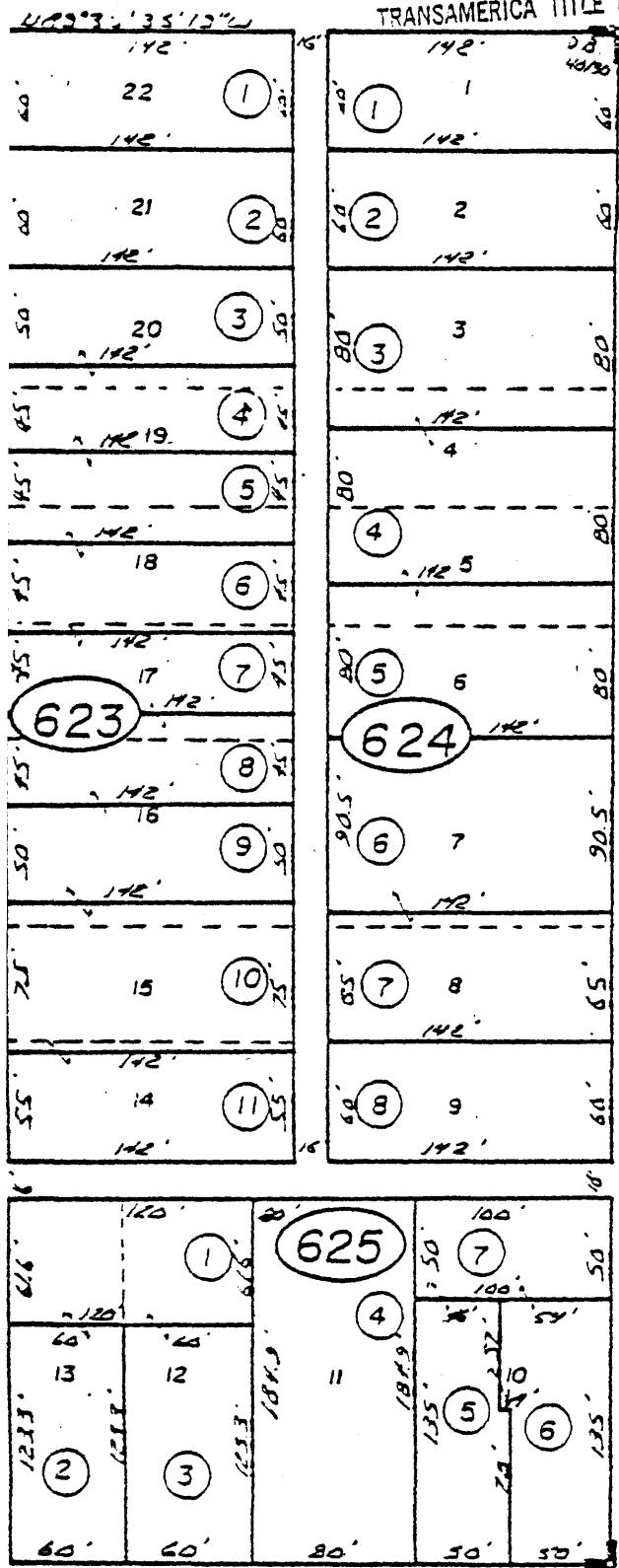
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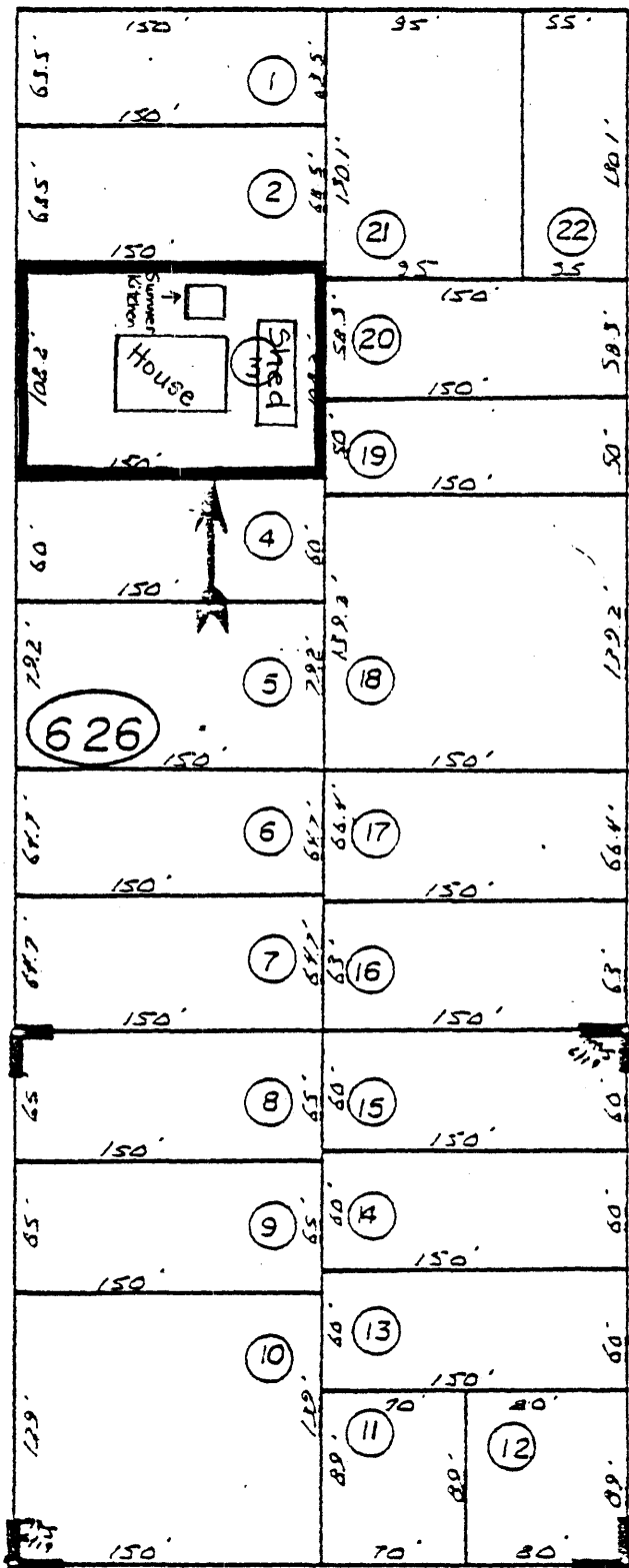
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Beamer ST.



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60' ST.

60' THIRD

60' FOURTH

Clover ST.

R.H. Beamer House
19 Third Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Assessor's parcel:
#5-626-03

CITY OF WOODLAND
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County of Yolo, Calif.

NOTE - Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses

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