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DATA SHEET

**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 Odd Fellows Building

AND/OR COMMON

Odd Fellows Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 342 Oak St. (at Washington St.)

CITY, TOWN

Red Bluff

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

CODE

06

COUNTY

Tehama

CODE

103

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: (fraternal)

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge #76

STREET & NUMBER

342 Oak St.

CITY, TOWN

Red Bluff

VICINITY OF

STATE
California

96080

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Tehama County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Washington and Oak Sts.

CITY, TOWN

Red Bluff

STATE
California

96080

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

A Guide to Architecture in San Francisco and Northern California (by David Gebhard, et al)

DATE

1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Dr. David Gebhard, University of California, Santa Barbara; Published by Peregrine Smith, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah

CITY, TOWN University Art Galleries, Univ. of California
Santa Barbara, California

STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a handsome two-story brick, Italianate Victorian, 100 ft. x 45 ft., situated in the central part of town across from the City Hall and County Courthouse. The two street sides of the building are divided into bays approximately 8 ft. wide by ornamental cast iron columns (or buttresses) each bearing the legend "Union Iron Works, Sacramento, 1882" in raised letters at the base. The second floor is reserved exclusively for Odd Fellows functions. The first floor is divided into several sections and rented to local businesses. This has been the pattern of use of the building since its completion in 1883.

The building was designed by architect A. A. Cook of Sacramento (who also designed the still-standing 1886 Cone & Kimball "clock tower" building in Red Bluff). It was constructed by Swain & Hudson (contractors) of Marysville, who were also building the Tehama County Hall of Records (across the street) about the same time.

The street sides of the building have a stucco veneer over the bricks. The second floor has a 20-foot ceiling that has been "lowered" in the dining area but is full height in the main meeting room (which has stamped metal coverings on the ceiling and walls and old-style ceiling fans). The outside walls are 16" thick and partition walls are 12" thick. Interior construction is of wood. The building has a flat roof and no basement.

A fire in May of 1903 resulted in considerable damage to the interior of the building. Reconstruction was completed in February, 1904, in accordance with the original plans. Except for this and a fire escape which was added in the courtyard area in 1975, there appear to have been no significant alterations to the building since its original construction.

no
STORE FRONTS CHANGED

LEIBOWITZ

11.16.76

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 1883. BUILDER/ARCHITECT Architect: A. A. Cook, Sacto. Builders: Swain & Hudson, Marysville

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (See also continuation sheet)

This building is a very fine example of its type of Victorian architecture, of which there used to be many examples but in recent years has been becoming increasingly rare in California. It is a well-proportioned brick and stucco building, with Italianate features and employing cast iron (as previously mentioned), and with a canopy over the sidewalk on the two street sides supported by fluted wooden stanchions. The canopy has been a feature of the building since its original construction, and was for the purpose of minimizing the effect of the hot summer sun (as was also the purpose of the previously-mentioned 20-ft. ceilings). The building's plan is very practical in that it serves the purposes of the original owner (which are non-commercial) and at the same time generates income for the owner from the businesses on the first floor.

The building was erected in 1882-83 by the present owner, I.O.O.F. Lodge #76, which is one of the oldest I.O.O.F. lodges in northern California (as two of the three lodges which assisted in the Red Bluff lodge chartering in 1858 were from communities which have since become ghost towns). Contemporary newspaper accounts of the dedication (Monday, March 26, 1883) indicate that the dedication was attended by several hundred people, including 200 who came on a special train from Chico. The occasion was marked by parades (in between rainstorms) after the dedication ceremony itself, choral renditions by the Handel & Haydn Society, a midnight supper at the new Odd Fellows Hall, and an all-night party and grand ball which was attended by so many people that it was necessary to rent the Masonic Hall and arrange with one of the bands from Chico to play there. That the dedication was quite a local event is also indicated by the fact that the names of several of the lodge officials also appear frequently in contemporary newspaper advertisements and articles. They seem to have been prominent citizens of Red Bluff.

The building can be considered to be significant to the community in that its owner, the I.O.O.F., has always been active in community affairs, both individually and collectively. The lodge established the first cemetery in Red Bluff, and it still has a voice in administering it, although the major part of the administration has been taken over by the local city government. The lodge also built a city park and the first city bandstand, helped to build a local library, and today supports local historic preservation projects (among other things).

The building is the fourth quarters of the lodge since its founding. Businesses on the ground floor at various times have included a marble works, P.G.&E. office, real estate offices, and the offices of the Sentinel (an early Red Bluff newspaper from whose files some of this material has been obtained). The building today looks hardly changed at all from an early picture of it which may be seen at a local restored Victorian house (the Kelly-Griggs Museum).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES (see also continuation sheet)

- A. "History of Tehama County, California" by E.J. Lewis (Elliott & Moore, San Francisco, 1880)
- B. "Memorial and Biographical History of No. California" (author unknown) (Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago, 1891)
- C. "Weekly Sentinel" (March 31, 1883)
- D. Red Bluff Daily News (May 21, 1903)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.126 (5500 sq. ft.)

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,0	5,6,5,2,1,0	4,4,4,7,4,3,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Property is at NE corner of Washington & Oak Sts. in Red Bluff. Extends 100 ft. N. of this corner (along east line of Washington St.), thence east 65 ft., thence south 45 ft., thence west 20 ft., thence south 55 ft. (to north line of Oak St.), thence 45 ft. west to corner.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Winchell T. Hayward

ORGANIZATION

DATE

March 18, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

208 Willard North

TELEPHONE

(415)-386-6544

CITY OR TOWN

San Francisco

STATE

California 94118

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE XX

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Herbert McAdey

TITLE

S.H.P.O.

DATE AUG 13 1976

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

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12/12/94

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/6/76

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One of the large local industries of that day, the Sierra Flume and Lumber Co., had a 35-mile long flume by which logs were conveyed from the lumber camps in the Sierra foothills to the Sacramento River. While it was against company rules to use the flume for personal transportation (except in emergencies), present-day lodge members say that some members of that time used the flume regularly to get to lodge meetings in Red Bluff.

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- E. Historical papers by local students (Allwardt and Groom) (1960)
- F. "History & Membership Roll" booklet (issued 1930 by I.O.O.F. Lodge # 76).