

**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 MOLINO LODGE BUILDING JAN 21 1980  
and/or common (to be) TEHAMA COUNTY MUSEUM FOUNDATION CHP

**2. Location**

street & number THIRD AND C STREETS \_\_\_ not for publication  
city, town TEHAMA \_\_\_ vicinity of 1st congressional district  
state CALIFORNIA code 06 county TEHAMA code 103

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name COMMUNITY LIGHTHOUSE c/o James Lauderdale  
street & number P. O. Box 7  
city, town TEHAMA, CA 96090 \_\_\_ vicinity of state

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. TEHAMA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RED BLUFF  
street & number WASHINGTON AND OAK STREET  
city, town RED BLUFF state CALIFORNIA

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title STATE REGISTERED LANDMARK has this property been determined eligible?  yes \_\_\_ no  
date 1935 \_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local  
depository for survey records Calif. State Beaches and Parks  
city, town P. O. Box 2390 SACRAMENTO state CALIFORNIA

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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    date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Molino Lodge building is a rectangular, two-story building originally measuring 30 feet by 40 feet and approximately 24 feet high, constructed of brick with a common bond and header course at every sixth course. The roof is a simple gable roof of wood frame construction covered with wood shingles.

The building was constructed in 1859 during a period in American architecture known as the "First Eclectic Period" (c.1815-c.1860)<sup>1</sup>. The style of architecture at this time was predominantly Greek Revival, of which this building is a good example. While not using columns separate from the building as was typical of this style, the columns still are present in the form of pilasters and were made a dominant feature of the building by projecting them out from the exterior of the main walls of the building. The ornate brick work at the cornice is another detail typical of the Greek Revival Architecture.

The main entry and window directly above at the east end of the building have semi-circular or Roman arches while the remaining windows have two-course segmental arches.

In 1910 a major 35-foot extension was added to the west end of the building with a separate roof-covered entrance on the south side. The addition is wood-frame construction covered with a sheet metal siding. The column effect was repeated in this extension in an attempt to capture the original character.

A second floor fire exit was added to the north side of the original building by converting an existing window into a door and adding a metal folding stairway to the exterior. In 1950 a concrete block structure was added to the north side to house a new heating and cooling system. The ductwork to the second floor is exposed to the outside. The structure measures approximately 9'4" by 11'4" with a shed roof. Various minor modifications have been made over the years such as windows being either bricked or boarded up, and electrical lines installed on the exterior; however the original portion of the building has maintained its character and original style.

--by Edward I. Long, A.I.A.

<sup>1</sup>Sir Banister Fletcher, "A History of Architecture on the Comparative Method", 17th Edition, p. 1126

## 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1859 Builder/Architect S. H. Depuy

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

When Peter Lassen brought the first Masonic Charter to California in 1848 he planned to have a chapter of the Masonic Lodge at Benton City which is approximately nine miles from Tehama. Although the Gold Rush of 1849 interfered with the establishment of Benton City, and consequently, the Lodge, those early settlers in the area did plan for a Masonic Lodge. This particular site in Tehama was part of Rancho Saucos, granted by the Mexican governor and confirmed by the U.S. Lands Claims Commission in 1857 to R. H. Thomes. Thomes and his friend, Albert Toomes, who had received another of the large Mexican grants in the county, jointly gave this plot to Tehama for the combined schoolhouse and lodge building constructed in 1859. Newell Hall acted as trustee for the school district in this transaction - and later became a judge in Colusa County. Albert Toomes was a charter member of the lodge and continued to serve as an officer until his death in 1873. Joint use of the building continued until a separate building in Tehama was completed for a school - in 1881. Title to the Masons was not given by the school district until 1910, however.

A third charter member of the lodge, William G. Chard, was grantee of the land grant known as Rancho de los Flores. Another charter member was Henry Clay Wilson, owner of the cobblestone house built in 1855 along Thomes Creek six miles from Corning. Henry Wethers Brown of Newville was first master of the lodge and continued to attend meetings from his ranch 60 miles distant, until the Newville lodge was established. William Chard's son-in-law, Edward J. Lewis, was an early member of the lodge; he became a California state senator and judge in later years.

Besides the school and use by the Masons, the lodge rented or was loaned to other community groups. Uses before 1900 included: "Sons of Temperance" - 1862; The Good Templars - 1865; the Washingtonian Society - 1869; I. O. O. F. - 1870; the Camp of Caucasians - 1879; Ancient Order of United Workmen - 1881; and the Eastern Star - 1884.

Standing across the street from Habert Park, a city park of the city of Tehama, this historic building is well placed to serve as a museum for the pioneer items and Indian artifacts still in the area which have no permanent home in any Tehama County Museum in existence. Tehama, on the Sacramento River, was a stopping place for steamboats from 1850 on; and served briefly as county seat when the county was first established in 1856.

The Moline Lodge is significant architecturally and for its association with events important to the settlement of Tehama County. Its predominantly Greek Revival architectural features are characteristic of its period of construction and it is one of the few remaining large structures in the area dating to the 1850s. Throughout the nineteenth century, the structure served as the focus for the emerging pioneer community, housing its earliest school and a variety of fraternal organizations.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Hisken, Clara Hough, Tehama, Little City of the Big Trees, Exposition Press, 1948  
 Davis, Grover, One Hundred Years of Masonry in Molino Lodge 150, Tehama, California,  
 Walker Lithograph Co., Red Bluff, 1961.

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 59 ACRES

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Los Molinos

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	110	5715770	4430970
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification Please see Continuation Sheet

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

state	--	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title N. E. Bartoo N. E. BARTOO, Special Representative  
 organization Molino Lodge #150 F. & A.M. date January 1980  
 street & number 25020 Tehama-Vina Road telephone. (916) 384-1985  
 city or town Los Molinos state California 96055

# 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 Kenneth M. Ellison

title \_\_\_\_\_ date May 6 1980

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Sally S. Adelt</u>	date <u>6/6/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u>[Signature]</u>	date <u>6-2-80</u>
Chief of Registration	

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COMMUNITY LIGHTHOUSE CORPORATION

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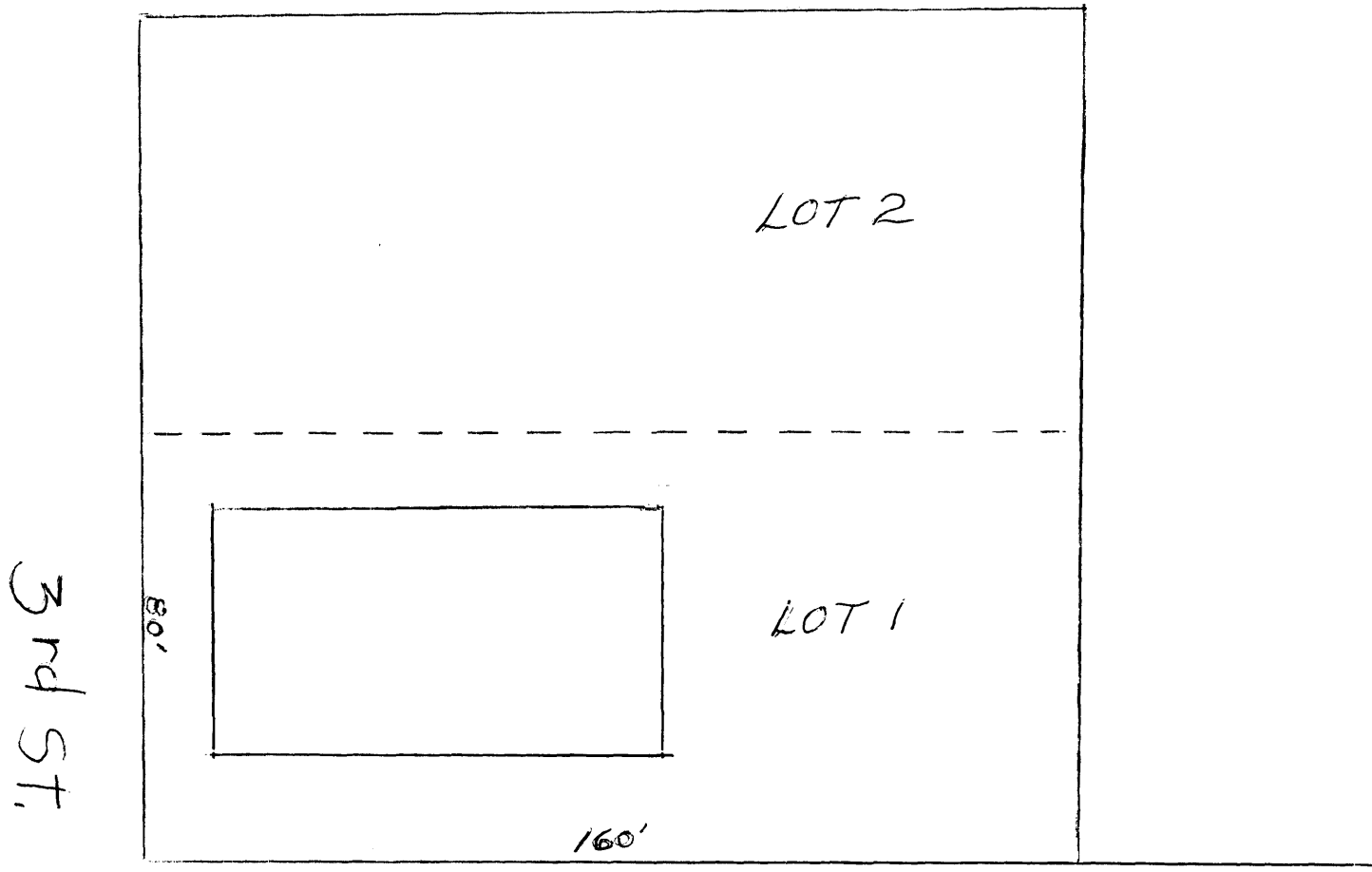
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Beginning at a point at the northeast corner of the intersection of 3rd and C Streets in the City of Tehama, Map Book A, p. 37, thence 160 feet north to the middle of the block, thence 160 feet east to the center of the block, thence 160 feet south to the middle of the block, thence 160 feet west to the point of beginning. Also known as Lots 1 and 2 of Block 77, Village of Tehama as surveyed in 1871. Although the majority of the nominated structure is situated in lot 1 of Block 77, lot 2 has been historically associated with the use of the Lodge structure, serving as a playground for the school and assembly grounds for lodge meetings.



C St.

↑ N

Molino Lodge  
3rd & C Streets  
Tehama, Tehama Co, California

Molino Lodge  
Tehama, Tehama County, California

# RANCHO SAUCOS

Tax Area Code

66-07

Bk.  
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R.M. Bk. A, Pg. 37- Tehama, Town of

Assessor's Map Bk. 66 - Pg. 07  
County of Tehama, Calif.

NOTE: Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses  
Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles.

