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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

Hotel Robinson

AND/OR COMMON

Julian Hotel, Julian Gold Rush Hotel

RECEIVED
MAY 31 1977

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2032 Main Street (situated on State Highway

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

78-79)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Julian

VICINITY OF

43

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

California

06

San Diego

073

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lee Steven Ballinger and Mildred R. Ballinger

STREET & NUMBER

2032 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Julian

VICINITY OF

STATE

California

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records, San Diego County

STREET & NUMBER

1222 First Avenue

CITY, TOWN

San Diego

STATE

California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Julian Townsite State Historical Landmark No. 412
(Structure included within Registered District for Townsite)

DATE

November 15, 1948

___FEDERAL STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

California office for Historical Preservation

CITY, TOWN

P.O. Box 2390 Sacramento

STATE

California

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 DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Julian Hotel, constructed in 1897 has had only four proprietors in its long history, all being family owned and residing on the premises. An instance is the Martin Jacob family who passed it on from father to son, thus it was retained in the family for fifty-three years.

Materials used are a part of history themselves as evidenced by walls in a recently refurbished room which has San Diego Union newspaper, dated June 26, 1870 glued to the surface as a wall covering for insulation from a previously built structure.

This old style country dwelling typical in its lack of architectural ornamentation of the plain tastes and habits of the early settlers is here depicted and treated in a conventional style.

The Hotel is a two story structure, with guest rooms for nightly rental on the second floor only. The exterior is lap redwood siding and cut shingle siding in the gables. The lower level has a moderate lobby, a dining hall (now being used as a gift shop), a large kitchen and owners residence (primarily used for storage). A southerly wing addition was made in 1941 consisting of four rooms lower and three rooms and bath upper (approximety 1300 feet) for the purpose of enlarging the owners residence.

Redwood, cedar and oak are the primary materials used in construction of the original structure and the wing. Walls are of rough sawn cedar and covered with sheet rock and are now disguised beautifully with elaborate Victorian wallpaper. Windows are of the traditional style of that time, 2LT-2HI. Most of the original redwood ceilings are now covered with an asbestos composition board for both insulation and fire resistance. This was accomplished in the early fifties. The floors of cedar now have carpet or asphalt tiles. Since the kitchen and dining rooms were used for their original purposes until 1941 when the Second World War created a shortage and rationing of food supplies some of their aspects are left undisturbed. An example is the still visible redwood tongue and groove ceiling. A porch on the rear upstairs landing was enclosed in the early twenties and remodeled to contain a bath and men's and ladies restrooms. Also then the porch on the westerly side was enclosed to expand the restaurant. The twelve guest rooms upstairs have not had any real structural renovation and remain unaltered. They are small averaging ten by twelve feet and are decorated in antique furniture of that period.

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DESCRIPTION

When the addition was made a concrete front porch and wood overhang was done. The ranch style front railing is definitely a carry over of identical railings of other Julian hotels prior to 1890. On the balance of the grounds are a one bedroom house and three storage sheds (Circa 1920) all blending well with the scenery and mountain vegetation.

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"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT C.R. Wellington and
F.L. Blanc

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Julian Hotel is one of the oldest operating hotels in Southern California, a living monument to a mining boom glory. It was a dream of a former slave and his wife, Albert and Margaret Robinson. The Robinson's came to the Julian area around the 1880's not long after gold was discovered near Coleman Creek. They started a bakery and restaurant on this site and as their reputation and success grew they began construction of the Hotel in 1897. The contractors and builders were C.R. Wellington and F.L. Blanc, prominent citizens of the community. The Hotel is incircled by cedar and lotust trees planted by Mr. Robinson during construction.

Albert Robinson came to the San Diego area with Major Chase and worked on his ranch as a cook. Also during that time he carried water throughout the county. Mrs. Robinson was the daughter of Susan Tull, wife of the "first colored man ever summoned as juror in San Diego County". The population of Julian itself was apparently about five hundred in 1890, with about seven per cent black. It is also noted that at one time Julian became a rival to San Diego and missed becoming the county seat by a few votes.

The Hotel was originally named the "Robinson Hotel". When Mr. Robinson died in 1915, Mrs. Robinson continued to operate it until 1921 when she sold it to Martin Jacob, a renowned hard working mining engineer and foreman of the Stone Wall Mine. It was during that time that the name was changed.

The Hotel fitted beautifully into the new Victorian society. The Hotel register confirms it was a frequent stopping place of Lady Bronston, the Scripps and the Whitneys. It even boasts the presence of many a senator and early congressman.

As the gold rush dwindled the townspeople began looking in different directions for the town survival. The Julian apple grown in the surrounding countryside took on a new importance. At that time the town had the resounding number of 15 hotels. Today the Julian Hotel is the only survivor of an era of rapid fame, fortune and above all adventure.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .23 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 1	5 3 7 2 8 0	3 6 5 9 8 0 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Situated in San Diego County, in the townsite of Julian, northwest corners of Main Street (State Highway 78-79) and B Street.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lee Steven and Mildred R. Ballinger (owners)

May 27, 1977

ORGANIZATION

2032 Main Street

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Julian

714 765-0201

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

California

STATE

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

Harriet Rhoads

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

JUL 25 1977

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

Walters

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Walters

DATE

6-23-78

DATE

6.6.78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The townspeople having realized this important and unique history had the entire townsite declared a State Historical Monument in 1948. A community plan has been approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 1976 and currently the Julian historic townsite plan is in its drafting stage. It represents an effort by the citizens of the community to keep history alive.

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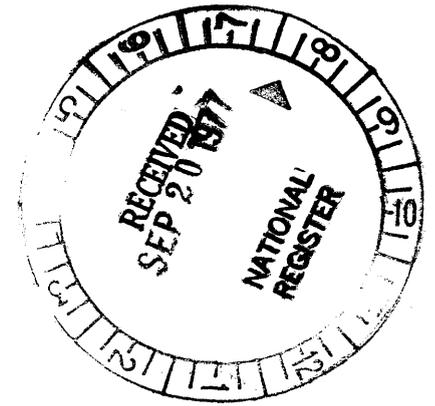
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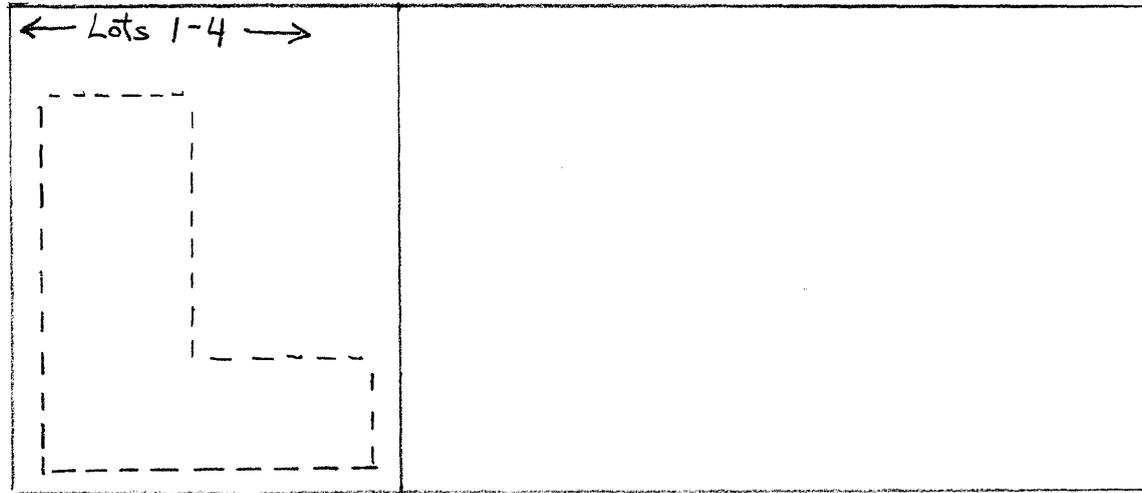
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SKETCH MAP
JULIAN HOTEL
JULIAN, CALIFORNIA
Block 15



"B" STREET



"C" STREET

MAIN STREET (HWY 78 + 79)

