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1 NAME

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HISTORIC "Old Bank of America" building

AND/OR COMMON presently "The Daily News"

OHP

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 710 Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Red Bluff

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1 (one)

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Humboldt Federal Savings and Loan Association

STREET & NUMBER 612 'G' Street

CITY, TOWN Eureka

VICINITY OF STATE California

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Tehama County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 633 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Red Bluff,

STATE California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Listed in A Guide to Architecture in San Francisco and Northern California
Published by Peregrine Smith, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah

DATE 1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS The Art Galleries (Dr. David Gebhard)
University of California at Santa Barbara

CITY, TOWN Santa Barbara

STATE California

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

Located at 710 Main Street, in the city of Red Bluff, County of Tehama, and State of California is the "old Bank of America" building presently occupied by "The Daily News." In relation to other buildings, it is situated at the beginning of a row of stores in the 700 block on the corner of Main & Pine Streets in the downtown area (see photo #1). This 1920's rectangular building (78'6" x 55'6") is one and a half stories with a full basement. The half story being a mezzanine which is presently inaccessible. The basement is partially at ground level and is accessible on the Pine Street and alley sides (see photo #2). The basement floor is of concrete of undetermined thickness and appears very stable.

The building **is** constructed of massive concrete blocks and brick and has been described by David Gebhard as "a classical building sheathed in white terra cotta."¹ The roof is flat and a new roof was put on about four years ago. The parapet around the roof has a carved pattern of scrolls and fans (see photo #3). The windows on the front of the building are rectangular with molded trim on the top and side of each. The sills are continuous and decorated with a scroll pattern. The main door is located at the center front of the building. The shape of the opening is flat with an **overdoor cartouche** at the top. The doorway is plain and recessed from the wall. Double doors, each with a plain glass single pane in a wood frame, are at the entrance.

The recessed portico at the front of the building is supported by two **concrete** columns. Other exterior decorations include small single flowers around the tops of the columns and urns molded on the walls to either side of the porch (see photo #3).

Since its construction, sometime between 1920 and 1925, some remodelling has taken place. The main part of the ground floor has a false ceiling which contains lighting that is anchored to the original ceiling and also accomodates the air conditioning ducts. The original ceiling is approximately 21 feet high. It is very ornate with plaster **pilasters** which appear to be chipped in some places (see photos #4 and #5). There is a large hole in the wall above the false ceiling from which the marble clock, presently in the main floor area, was removed. In one of the offices on the main floor, there is an antique fireplace which is still functional (see photo #6). To the left of the fireplace is a window which is very high and reaches almost to the original ceiling. Another private office on the main floor has a wood beam ceiling with original wood panel walls and carved wooden molding **into** along the top. An area, the present composing room, which was sectioned **into** offices with a dry wall by the present occupants, originally was an open partition which did not reach the ceiling and held iron bars for the teller cages (see photo #5). The windows in this area, facing Pine Street, were boarded up and plaster was put on the exterior when they were unable to find anyone who could repair the glass in the extremely high **rectangular windows with decorated transoms.** (See photos #1 and #7 for comparison.)

¹David Gebhard, A Guide To Architecture in San Francisco and Northern California, Peregrin Smith. Inc.. Santa Barbara; revised edition 1973.

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Other features of the interior include vaults, lounges, and antiques. There are three vaults in the building--one in the basement and two on the main floor. The vault in the basement still has the original door but those on the main floor do not. The vault walls appear to be over one foot thick and are very stable, thus providing interior support for the building. The men and women's lounges have marble walls and tile floors. Both are small but in good condition. Also within the building are antique lights located in the reception area.

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 1925 (construction) BUILDER/ARCHITECT William H. Weeks

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "old Bank of America" building, ca. 1925, is significant for its associations with the development of the banking industry in Red Bluff. The building is an excellent example of Neoclassical styling often used for banks during the early 20th century.

The Bank of America in Red Bluff, with which this building is most commonly associated, has its origins with the Herbert Kraft Company Bank founded around 1893 and was located at what is now numbered 644 Main Street. The Herbert Kraft Company Bank was incorporated as a state bank in April, 1895.

When the Kraft family retired from the business in the early part of the century, the business was reorganized and operated under the name of the Red Bluff National Bank at the 644 Main Street location. In 1925 this bank completed the construction of the building at 710 Main Street and the organization was renamed the First National Bank. Because the bank had made too large an investment in a new building and was not earning good returns, but otherwise was in good condition, it was sold to the Security Bank and Trust Company of Bakersfield in December 1927.

Between 1927 and 1934 a number of changes occurred. In February, 1928, the Security Bank and Trust Company of Bakersfield was succeeded by Security Bank and Trust Company of San Francisco. The successor to this bank was United Security Bank and Trust Company of San Francisco in April 1928. Another change occurred in November, 1928, when the United Security Bank and Trust Company was succeeded by Bank of America of California. Two years later Bank of America (state) purchased the Bank of America of California and in 1934 Bank of America NT & SA purchased the Bank of America (state).

Bank of America NT & SA sold the building to E. B. Hinkle in 1959. In that sale there was a restriction that the building was not to be used for a bank within five years of the purchase. The building stood empty for ten years--1959 to 1969. In 1969 it was purchased by the General Improvement and Investment Co. It then became the Daily News.

The Daily News has made some superficial changes to the building's interior as discussed in the Description section. Before Humboldt Federal occupies the building, many of the superficial changes made by the Daily News will be removed and the original atmosphere will be restored as much as is possible. The building blends in well with this older community, and the residents are very appreciative and supportive of efforts to preserve the older buildings in this community.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Bank of America, Archives; 315 Montgomery Street, San Francisco 94137--Archivist-James E. Babbitt
- 2) Tehama County Assessor's office
- 3) Structural Inspection of the "old Bank of America" building, Donald E. Doss, R.C.E. 18483, November 1977
- 4) Inspection Report, Susan Watland, Branch Manager, Humboldt Federal, Red Bluff.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 55' x 115' (see plat map) .14 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Red Bluff East

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

UTM NOT VERIFIED

A 1,0 56,52,3,0 4,44,715,8,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The south five (5) feet of Lot 22, lots 23 and 24 in Block 11 of the City of Red Bluff, also known as 710 Main Street and "the Daily News."

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

John F. Burger, Executive Vice President

April 25, 1979

ORGANIZATION

Humboldt Federal Savings and Loan Association

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

612 'G' Street

TELEPHONE

(707) 443-6301

CITY OR TOWN

Eureka,

STATE

Calif. 95501

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

Kenneth M. Ellen

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE April 4, 1980

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

Sally G. Olds
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7/28/80

ATTEST: *[Signature]*

DATE 7-27-80

CERTIFICATION

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The building is the finest example of its type and period in the local community. Although a relatively small building, its Neoclassical styling conveys the feeling of monumentality considered "appropriate" for a banking institution of its period. It is the work of a distinguished San Francisco architect, William H. Weeks, who designed numerous important public and private buildings during his long career.

Weeks was one of California's most prolific architects; his works extend throughout Northern and Central California. His buildings encompass a broad range of styles, types and materials. Born January 18, 1864 on Prince Edward Island, Weeks moved with his family to Denver where he received his architectural training at the Berger Institute. He began his California practice in 1892 in Watsonville, and soon became that city's most noted architect. In 1905 he opened an office in the new James Flood Building in San Francisco, and was instrumental in rebuilding that city after the 1906 earthquake and fire. During this time Weeks was very active in designing Carnegie Libraries; the Watsonville Evening Pajaronian of May 13, 1908 reported he had the honor of having designed more libraries and banks throughout the state than any other architect. His staff grew to more than thirty as he opened offices in San Jose and Oakland. The May, 1915 issue of Architect and Engineer was devoted entirely to his work. When William Weeks died in 1936 he was recognized as a prominent force among California architects.

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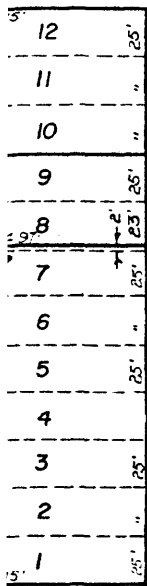
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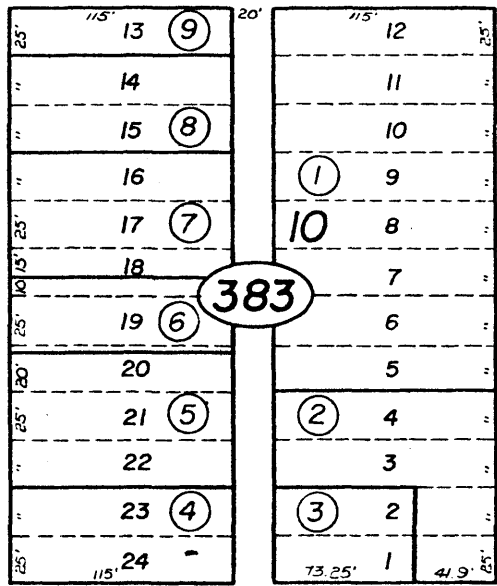
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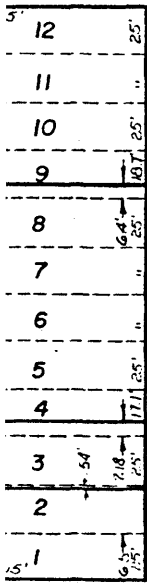
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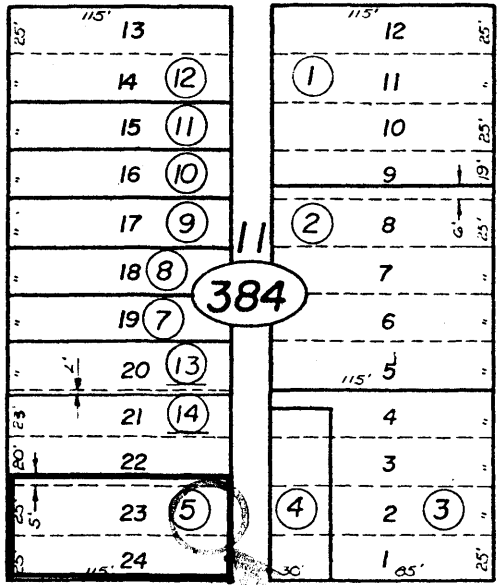
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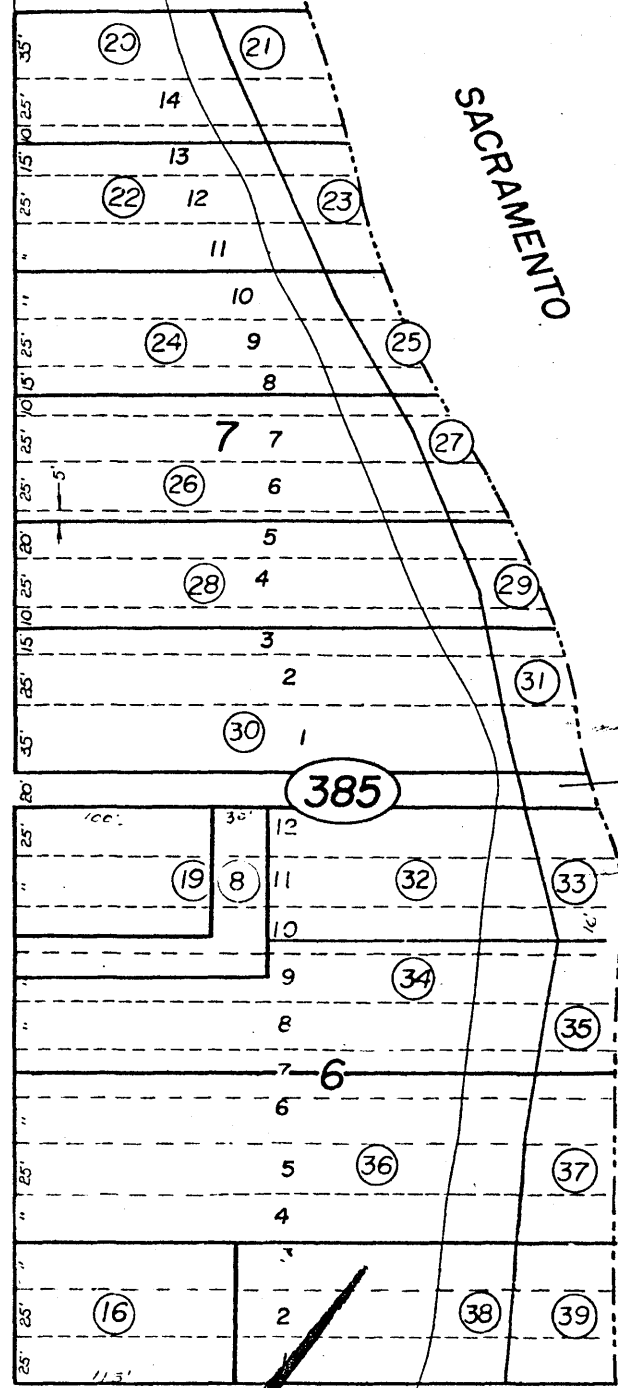
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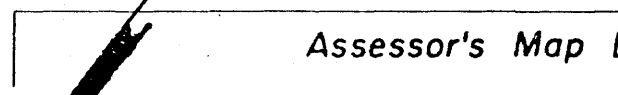
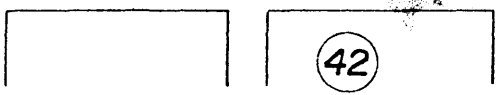


SACRAMENTO ST.

PINE ST.

PINE ST.

This plat is not a survey. It is intended as an aid in locating property only. Although compiled from the best sources of information, the Company assumes no liability of loss by reliance thereon.



Assessor's Map

County of Tehama

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