United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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city, town	St. Helena	vicinity of	congressional district	2
state Califor	nia code	06 county	Napa	<b>code</b> 055
3. Clas	sification			
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#### 7. Description Condition Check one Check one XX\_ excellent XX original site \_\_ deteriorated \_ unaltered XX altered \_\_\_ moved \_\_ good \_\_\_\_ ruins date \_\_ \_ fair \_\_ unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated on Railroad Avenue, the Taylor, Duckworth & Co. Foundry is a two-story industrial building constructed in 1884. It is one of several surviving stone commercial, industrial, and warehouse structures constructed between Main Street and Railroad Avenue in St. Helena in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The presence of these nearby structures of a similar period and method of construction provides an historically appropriate setting for the Taylor, Duckworth & Co. Foundry, the subject of the present nomination.

This foundry building is trapezoidal in plan, measuring 35' and 50' on its parallel east and west sides, and 75' and 78' on the south and north. The loadbearing walls are of native fieldstone. The roof is of corrugated metal, and is capped by a flat metal plate with vents at either side. Iron tierods are visible on the north and south elevations, located between the first and second stories and at the roofline.

The north elevation (facade) is punctuated by three arched doorways and seven arched windows; surrounds and voussoirs are rusticated. The placement of the several arched entrances and windows is asymmetrical, but follows an interesting and aesthetically pleasing pattern. The arched entrances are graduated in size, with the largest entrance at the right (east). The keystone above the middle entrance bears the inscription, "TDG, 1884". The three first story and four second story windows are similarly asymmetrically placed and irregularly sized. From left to right (west to east), the first and second first-story windows and first, second, and fourth second-story windows are the same size. The third first-story window is larger than any of the three arched entrances, and its placement at the extreme right of this facade continues the graduated pattern of the arched entrances. Each window has large rectangular casements with fanlights overhead. Windows at this elevation and throughout the structure have stone sills.

The south elevation is lighted by five arched windows on the first story, and four arched windows and a rectangular window on the second story. A rectangular doorway is located on the first story of this elevation. The east elevation contains two first-story arched winows, one of which has been filled with fieldstones. elevation is a plain stone wall. View of this elevation is partially obscured by a free-standing corrugated metal storage shed, which is not included as part of this nomination.

The exterior of the Taylor, Duckworth, & Co. Foundry is largely unchanged, except for the above-mentioned filled windows and the recent corrugated metal roof. The interior has been modified as part of the commercial adaptive reuse of this industrial structure. The original interior consisted of two open floors without dividing walls or partitions. Framed partitions have been added on each story to accommodate a restaurant on the first story and six offices and an art gallery on the second story.

Marketing to the North

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### 8. Significance

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Specific dates	1884	Builder/Architect Stone	or, Duckworth & Genui	ng, Contractors;

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Taylor, Duckworth & Co. Foundry building illustrates the high degree of building technology in motive stone achieved by local masons in St. Helena in the late 19th century. It is a major contributor to the historically and architecturally significant 19th century commercial district, built primarily of stone and brick, which remains the cohesive core of St. Helena today. The Foundry building is historically significant as a major manufacturing and industrial plant in Napa County: (1) in 1884, as the Taylor, Duckworth & Co. Foundry, it specialized in manufacturing wine presses vital to this viticultural region; (2) in the late 1880s, as the St. Helena Electric Light and Power, Co. plant, it served as an early attempt in commercial electrification; (3) in 1906, as California Glove Factory #2, it was a subsidiary to the second largest glove factory in the United States.

In 1883, partners John Taylor, Lawrence Duckworth and William Genung established a planing mill in St. Helena on the portion of the property adjoining the present stone building. (1) The mill, known as the St. Helena Foundry, was operated under the firm name of Taylor, Duckworth & Co., operating in 1883-84 as a combined foundry, planing mill, box factory and barley crusher, the firm made a specialty of building wine presses and supplying grape boxes, both essential to this viticultural region. (2) By June 1884, expansion of the mill to include an addition to accommodate a larger foundry was necessary. (3) In October 1884, plans for the two-story stone foundry addition (the present building) were announced with completion scheduled for January 1885 under the direction of Taylor, Duckworth & Co. (the stonemasons were not listed). (4) The legend "TDG 1884" above the keystone over the main entrance refers to the partners Taylor, Duckworth and Genung. The original planing mill has disappeared. Taylor, Duckworth & Co., with its expanded facilities in the stone foundry, was acknowledged as the leading establishment of its kind in Napa County in 1884.

(5) Lawrence Duckworth acquired total interest in the stone foundry building in 1886-87, continuing to furnish wine cellar equipment, and established the St. Helena Electric Light and Power, Co. plant in the building. On June 11, 1890, Duckworth was killed in an accident in the plant. The Electric Light and Power Co. was not successful; however, the building continued in use as a foundry and machine shop despite fires in 1893 and 1900.

In 1906, Earl H. Raymond opened California Glove Factory #2 in the former Foundry building as an auxiliary of California Glove Factory #1 in the City of Napa. Labor unrest in San Francisco in the 1880s and 1890s had forced Raymond to move his glove factory from San Francisco to Napa in the 1890s; he subsequently also opened factories in Petaluma and Sonoma. (6) The factory in Napa was the second largest glove factory in the United States. (7) Since the early 1870s, Napa had been a major leather tanning center in the West. The Glove Factory in St. Helena contributed to the prosperity of the town until it ceased operations in the early 1920s.

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A former superintendent of the glove factory, Leo Cavanaugh, subsequently converted the building for mushroom raising; it was not profitable. In 1926, Dan Gardner, Mayor of St. Helena (1930-34), purchased the building and used it as a chicken hatchery; a use which continued until the late 1950s and which has given the building its common name, "The Hatchery".

In the 1960s, owners Albert and Janet Hawke remodelled the interior of the former foundry and hatchery for restaurant, gallery, and office space. In 1970, the Vailima Foundation purchased the building in which it had previously established the Silverado Museum, centering on the life and works of Robert Louis Stevenson, and continued with the restaurant and gallery. The current owners, Mark and Elizabeth Baer, acquired The Hatchery in 1976 and have continued the tradition of the past two decades in maintaining The Hatchery's restaurant and galleries, encouraging public access to the building.

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1) The St. Helena Star (1-7-1884) refers to the propietors of the planing mill as Taylor, Duckworth & Co. as do subsequent issues in 1884:

"BUILDING IN 1883. A Long List of Improvements in and Near St. Helena....

Taylor, Duckworth, & Co., planing mill...."

However, an obituary in The St. Helena Star (6-13-1890) for partner Lawrence Duckworth describes the partnership in different terms:

"...In 1883, in company with his brother-in-law, William Genung and a friend, John Taylor, Mr. Duckworth came to St. Helena and started the St. Helena Foundry and Machine Works, under the firm name of Taylor, Duckworth & Genung. In 1886 Mr. Taylor sold his interest in the foundry to William Russell and the firm name was changed to Duckworth & Genung & Co. In a few months Mr. Russell withdrew, and the two remaining conducted the business successfully. ... Early in the winter months Mr. Duckworth purchased Mr. Genung's interest in the establishment and has since carried on the business alone..."

2) The St. Helena Star, (7-14-1884):

"The mills of Taylor, Duckworth & Co. are becoming important factors in the manufacturing interests in this county... They are now prepared to do any kind of machine work and are making a specialty of manufacturing wine presses." An advertisement in the same issue: "TAYLOR, DUCKWORTH & CO. Proprietors ST. HELENA FOUNDRY - Planing Mill, Box Factory and Barley Crusher - This firm (is) now making a specialty of WINE PRESSES."

3) The St. Helena Star (6-2-1884):

"...Business is very lively now and it is the intention to build an addition to their [Taylor, Duckworth & Co.] present building to cover the rest of their lot, using the new portion as a foundry. The present facilities are inadequate to the demand upon them. This firm is now prepared to make wine presses for the coming vintage, for which there is quite a demand. Fruit and grape box making is going on as fast as possible."

4) The St. Helena Star (10-6-1884)

"Our enterprising mill men, Taylor, Duckworth & Co., are about getting out plans for a fine two-story stone building, 75 x 45 feet in size, to accommodate their machine works, barley crusher and planing apparatus. Work on the new building will likely be commenced within a week and when completed it will represent the largest establishment of the kind in the county."

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5) The St. Helena Star (11-10-1884)

"...Taylor, Duckworth & Co. will, when their present improvements are completed, have the leading establishment of the kind in the county. It will be a combined foundry, machine shop, planing mill and barley crusher, and they will ultimately employ upwards of 100 men. The building will probably be completed and their new machinery in place by the first of January."

- 6) Mrs. Edna Raymond Langhorne, Reminiscences, February 11, 1976.
- 7) The St. Helena Star (2-16-1906):

"St. Helena at last has a factory, it having opened for business Monday morning. The factory is a branch of the California Glove Company's business and has been established here as an auxiliary of the Napa factory, which is one of the largest institutions of its kind in the United States, having 275 hands employed... The factory at Napa has grown to be a very large institution, there being only one larger in the United States..."