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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: CALIFORNIA	
COUNTY: CALAVERAS	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER MAR 24 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
ANGELS HOTEL

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
MAIN ST., AT BIRDS WAY

CITY OR TOWN:
ANGELS CAMP.

STATE CALIFORNIA	CODE 06	COUNTY: CALAVERAS	CODE 009
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ _____ _____
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
GERALD W AND JACQUELINE L HEINTZ

STREET AND NUMBER:
MAIN ST AT BIRDS WAY

CITY OR TOWN: ANGELS CAMP	STATE: CALIFORNIA	CODE 06
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
COURTHOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:
GOVERNMENT CENTER

CITY OR TOWN: SAN ANDREAS	STATE: CALIFORNIA	CODE 06
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
ASSESSORS MAP INCLUDED

DATE OF SURVEY: _____
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
COURT HOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:
GOVERNMENT CENTER

CITY OR TOWN: SAN ANDREAS	STATE: CALIFORNIA	CODE 06
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

OUTSIDE NEAR ORIGINAL INSIDE CHANGED

The Angels Hotel is essentially a stone block masonry building, with wood frame annex at the rear. Material used for walls in the main historic structure is rhiolate tuff, a volcanic stone much used during the 19th Century for local construction. The original hotel built in 1855-56 was a two story building occupying the northeast corner of Main Street and Chinatown Road (Bird Way). Dimensions were about 32' x 42'. The roof probably followed the prevailing construction of the period, a very low pitch with or without a central ridge supported on rough pine rafters from 2" to 3" by about 12", sheathed with pine boards covered with soldered zinc or tin coated sheet iron. A layer of earth mortar or fired brick often was laid between roof sheathing and metal roofing.

In 1893 a second two-story building, also stone block masonry and very similar in construction to the earlier structure, was erected alongside the original hotel. At that time (and subsequently) the two were under one ownership. A common facade treatment was given the buildings to present the appearance of a single structure along the Main Street front. The whole was roofed over with a new hipped roof, at first corrugated iron sheathed and lately covered with asphalt composition roofing. A modestly ornate Victorian two-story balcony filled the front over the sidewalk with six decorative columns turned balustrade on the second floor, and boxed cornice around the roof. Today (1971) this balcony has been replaced with a plainer one having eight 6" x 6" wood columns, plain shed roof (shingled) and a balustrade with simulated turned balusters cut from flat material.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) BUILT IN 1856

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry		HOTEL
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

THIS IS THE ORIGINAL BUILDING WHERE MARK TWAIN HEARD OF THE JUMPING FROG OF CALAVERAS AND LATER WROTE THE STORY

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The Angels Hotel was erected by C. C. Lake in 1851 at the northeast corner of Main Street and Chinatown Road (Bird Way). At first it was a huge canvas structure that was quickly replaced by a one story wooden building. Here miners tripped to the strains of the fiddle, fife, and drums. Their partners, fellow gold washers, wore patches on their blue jeans which signified that they were ladies for the evening. The favorite dances of the miners were the Masurka, the Polka and the Quadrille.

In 1855 Lake had the frame hotel torn down and on the site began the construction of a one story stone building, to which a second story was added in 1856. The stone, a rhyolite tuff of volcanic origin, was quarried within about one mile of town, from a high lava cap.

The upper floor had 14 rooms. The first floor had a dining room, kitchen, parlor, and a small office and a large barroom. This building was gutted by fire in 1885 but was repaired at once, the walls suffered no damage and in the attic one can still see the smoked wall.

Lake's commodious hotel was dedicated January 1, 1856 at which time a grand ball was given. It was during these early days that Mark Twain who lived for a time with his friend Steve Gillis at Jackass Hill in Tuolumne County made visits to Angels Camp (1860's) and stopped at the Angels Hotel. On one of his visits, Ross Coon, a bartender and part owner at the hotel, told him of the frog jump which had taken place on Main Street between Scribner's store and the Hotel. Mark Twain, thinking this a humorous event, on his return to Jackass Hill, wrote the story "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County". Annual festivities at Angels Camp make use of this legend as the central theme of the celebration.

In 1863 Mr. Lake and Ross Coon sold the hotel to George Tryon who ran it as the first class Commercial Hotel of Angels Camp. In 1887 it was again sold, this time to Otto and Mary Dolling who owned it until 1916. During these years the hotel was rented and managed by several people besides the Dollings. They were Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Shadlick and Ed. and Phil. Pache.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

HISTORIC SPOTS IN CALIFORNIA - HOOVER, RENECH, ABALON, 1966

Official Records of Calaveras County

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.325 acres ±

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 AND TITLE: JOHN P. LEMUE

ORGANIZATION: CALAVERAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: MAIN STREET AT BIRDS WAY

CITY OR TOWN: ANGELS CAMP STATE: CALIFORNIA CODE: 06

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: October 16, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAR 24 1972

Date: _____

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: MAR 14 1972

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8. Significance

(Continuation Sheet)

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In 1893 an addition was built facing Main Street, alongside the Lake building. It was called the Otto Dolling building, and it was also built with stone. A doorway on the second floor connected this addition of nine rooms to the main building. Iron doors were placed in this connecting doorway to serve as a fire break. The first floor became a clothing store. The two buildings were given a common facade treatment and were covered with a common hip roof.

All sanitary facilities were in a frame building constructed at the rear. Directly behind the hotel a large frame dance hall and theater with a stage for plays or other entertainment was erected. This latter building has since been torn down.

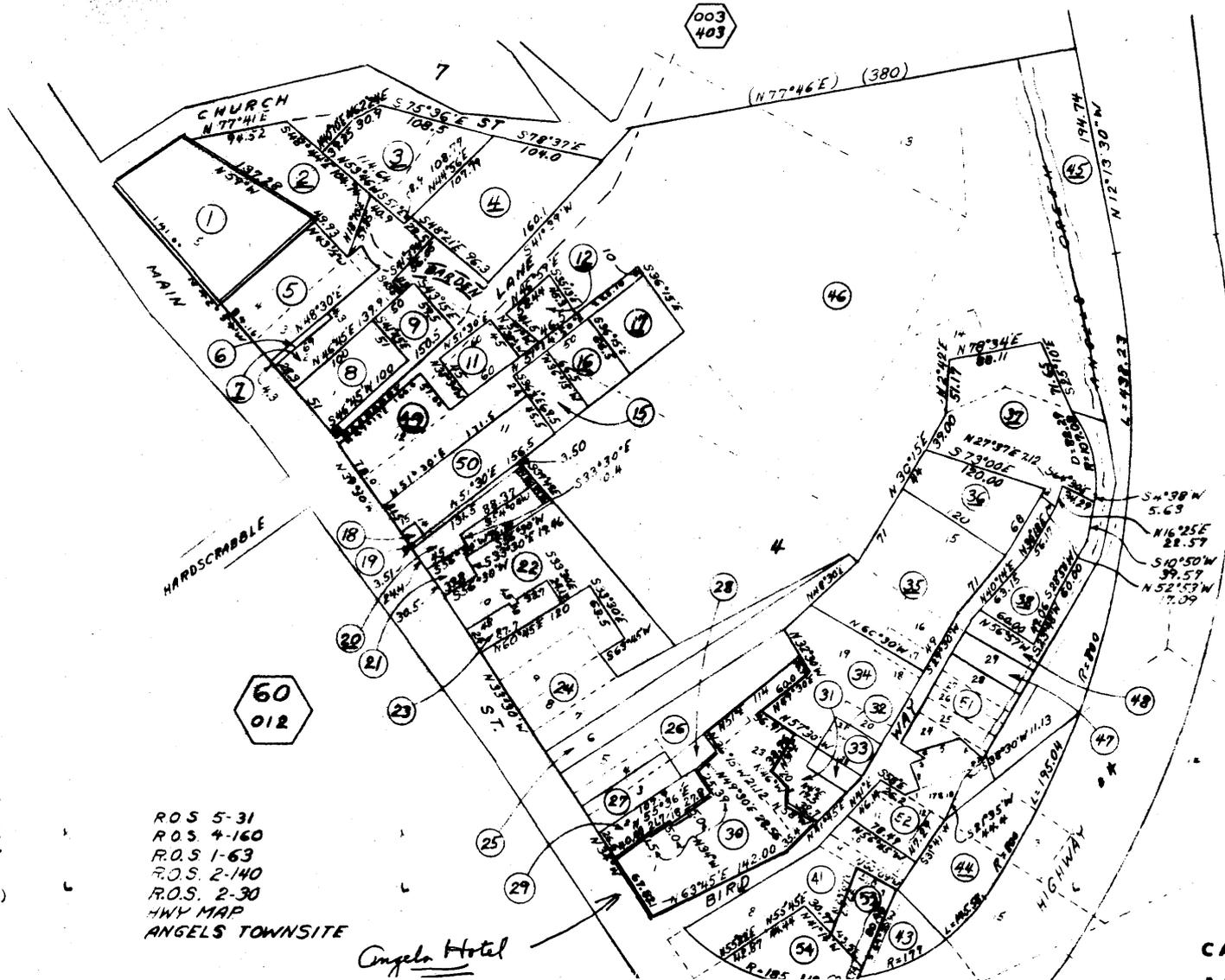
In the deep quartz mining days another annex was added, built on the rising ground in the rear and side of the old building. It contained fifteen rooms. This annex was of frame construction with pressed iron siding and iron roof. As the hill beneath the building put the second story on ground level, only a small part could be used downstairs. It served as a sample room for the traveling salesmen or drummers, and included a doctor's office.

In 1916 the hotel was sold to Ralph and John Lemue who ran it until 1946. It was again sold to several different owners until it was acquired by Jerry and Jacqueline Heintz, the present owners.

In these later years the upstairs has been made into apartments and the lower or ground floor made commercial. The old building is in good shape and repair and recently the front porch and balcony have been replaced. This building has been designated California Registered Historical Landmark Number 734.

PORTION OF THE CITY OF ANGELS
 SEC. 33 & 34 T3N R1E

TAX AREA CODE 1-000



- 1 N 66° 46' E 17.48'
- 2 N 23° 14' W 24.10'
- 3 N 66° 46' E 16.48'
- 4 S 80° 30' E 10.00'
- 5 S 70° 30' W 42.69'
- 6 N 51° 23' W 25.32'
- 7 N 29° 30' E 6.00'
- 8 W 67° 00' E (10.00')

R.O.S. 5-31
 R.O.S. 4-160
 R.O.S. 1-63
 R.O.S. 2-140
 R.O.S. 2-30
 HWY MAP
 ANGELS TOWNSITE

Angels Hotel