

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **None**
2. Historic Name: **Montgomery Wards Building**
3. Street or rural address: **191 East Second Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-082-015**
5. Present Owner: **Wayne Cook family trust** Address: **PO Box 4724**
City **Chico** Zip **95927** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **University Bar/ Storage** Original Use: **Commercial**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Commercial**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

The two-story building is rectangular in shape (55 feet on Second Street and 90 feet on Wall Street). On the Second Street side are four large plate glass display windows. The aluminum framed glass doors, originally wood framed, are set back into the building and are flush with the back side of the display cases. The exterior of the building has a combination of brick patterns and at present is painted a light brown color. There is a mezzanine floor above the main floor and basement, and a second floor. A few years after the structure was built, Montgomery Ward built two adjoining structures along Second Street (towards Main Street). They were used for a garden shop and a auto/tractor department. The building is in good condition, but required a few repairs and additions (fire escapes, a sprinkler system) to be brought up to code.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: _____ Factual: **1928**
9. Architect: **Russel G. DeLappe, Victor Oglou**
10. Builder: **11 local contractors, 9 outside contractors**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **55** Depth: **90**
Or approx. acreage: _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1982**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **Door frames changed from wood to aluminum**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential Industrial Commercial **X** Other:
16. Threats to site: None known Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other: **Unoccupied for several years**
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **None**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

The former Montgomery Ward building was built in 1928 on the site of the 1883 Hallam House, a two-story wooden, forty-room lodging house destroyed by fire. The varied brick patterns on the surfaces of the building are unique in Chico where most brick structures are in horizontal stretcher and header patterns. If this building were restored, mainly by uncovering the mezzanine windows and stripping the painted second floor windows, it could become a very positive addition to downtown Chico.

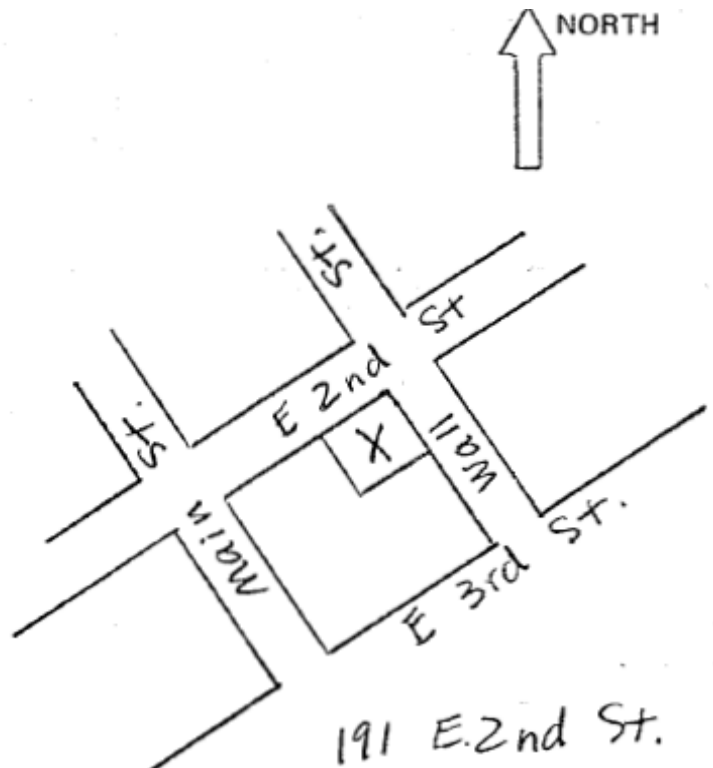
20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Helen McCord: 3-26-1982
Chico Record: 10-15-1928

22. Date form prepared: **4-2-1982 (updated 10/08)**
 By (name) **Charles Stump (planning staff)**
 Organization **CHA**
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 City **Chico** Zip **95927**
 Phone:



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **None**
2. Historic Name: **Doris Breslauer Cottages**
3. Street or rural address: **362 East Third Street**
 City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-093-006**
5. Present Owner: **Reto Schaerli** Address: **468 Manzanita Ave., Suite 7**
 City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **rentals** Original Use: **Rentals**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Vernacular with Greek Revival elements**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

Three small, separate, identical houses on the corner of Flume, next to the city water towers, these rectangular buildings were built as rentals. They probably had horizontal siding, now resided with asbestos. They are one-story on high basements and have clipped gables with the pediments facing East Third St. They have high flights of steps to central entrance porches with two simple turned posts for supports. Double-hung windows with plain window surrounds and narrow shutters are evenly spaced around each house. The gable with pediment and small entrance porch with post give a Greek Revival look to what would otherwise be three Vernacular cottages. They have recently been re-landscaped.



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8. Construction Date:
 Estimated: **1902** Factual:
9. Architect: **Unknown**
10. Builder: **Unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
 Frontage: **126** Depth: **69.5**
 Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: **X** Good: Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **basement windows eliminated, new siding on house**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up
Residential **X** Industrial Commercial **X** Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

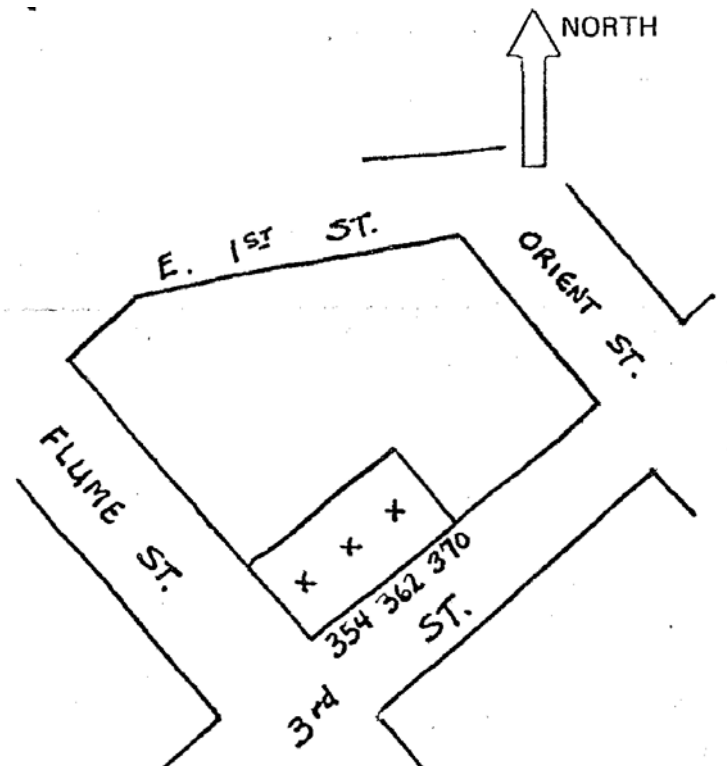
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

These three identical cottages are built on the edge of the original 1872 Bidwell town plan. The Whole block 11 in the Assessment book of 1873 was deeded to Abram B. Bidwell who planted trees on the site. From 1904-1925 Doris and Dave Breslauer were owners of this lot. The cottages were built sometime after turn-of-the-century and are located next to an important city water source (see: E. 3rd/Orient St.). In 1905 and 1913 underground pumps and large water storage towers were built on Lot 4. The cottages, typical of rentals of this period, are on the corner of Flume St. which was so named after the flume that fed John Bidwell's mill.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)
- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Deeds
Sanborns: 1902, 1921
Collier, M. Orient & Flume Sts.
(unpublished paper, 1978)
Mendel Tochtermann: 5-27-1983
Helen O'Farrell: 6-3-1983
Al Stoll: 1-4-1983
Donna Flores: 6-4-1983

22. Date form prepared: **6-6-1983 (updated 10/08)**
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City **Chico** Zip **95927**
Phone:



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **None**
2. Historic Name: **Doris Breslauer Cottages**
3. Street or rural address: **362 East Third Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-093-007**
5. Present Owner: **Hugo & Margrit Schaeerli trust** Address: **26990 Loma Prieta Way**
City **Los Gatos** Zip **95033** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **rentals** Original Use: **Rentals**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Vernacular with Greek Revival elements**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

Three small, separate, identical houses on the corner of Flume, next to the city water towers, these rectangular buildings were built as rentals. They probably had horizontal siding, now resided with asbestos. They are one-story on high basements and have clipped gables with the pediments facing East Third St. They have high flights of steps to central entrance porches with two simple turned posts for supports. Double-hung windows with plain window surrounds and narrow shutters are evenly spaced around each house. The gable with pediment and small entrance porch with post give a Greek Revival look to what would otherwise be three Vernacular cottages. They have recently been re-landscaped.



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Estimated: **1902** Factual:
9. Architect: **Unknown**
10. Builder: **Unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **126** Depth: **69.5**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: **X** Good: Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **basement windows eliminated, new siding on house**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up
Residential **X** Industrial Commercial **X** Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

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20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Deeds

- Sanborns: 1902, 1921**
Collier, M. Orient & Flume Sts. (unpublished paper, 1978)
Mendel Tochtermann: 5-27-1983
Helen O'Farrell: 6-3-1983
Al Stoll: 1-4-1983
Donna Flores: 6-4-1983

22. Date form prepared: **6-6-1983 (updated 10/08)**

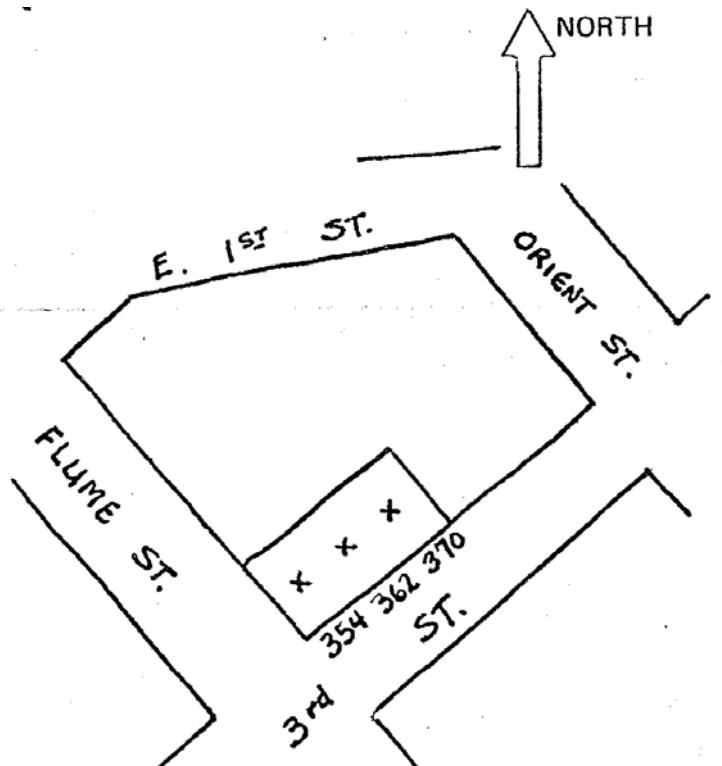
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Organization **CHA**

Address: **P.O. Box 2078**

City **Chico** Zip **95927**

Phone:



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **None**
2. Historic Name: **Doris Breslauer Cottages**
3. Street or rural address: **370 East Third Street**
 City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-093-008**
5. Present Owner: **Reto Schaerli** Address: **468 Manzanita Ave, Suite 7**
 City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **rentals** Original Use: **Rentals**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Vernacular with Greek Revival elements**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

Three small, separate, identical houses on the corner of Flume, next to the city water towers, these rectangular buildings were built as rentals. They probably had horizontal siding, now resided with asbestos. They are one-story on high basements and have clipped gables with the pediments facing East Third St. They have high flights of steps to central entrance porches with two simple turned posts for supports. Double-hung windows with plain window surrounds and narrow shutters are evenly spaced around each house. The gable with pediment and small entrance porch with post give a Greek Revival look to what would otherwise be three Vernacular cottages. They have recently been re-landscaped.



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8. Construction Date:
 Estimated: **1902** Factual:
9. Architect: **Unknown**
10. Builder: **Unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
 Frontage: **126** Depth: **69.5**
 Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: **X** Good: Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **basement windows eliminated, new siding on house**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up
Residential **X** Industrial Commercial **X** Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

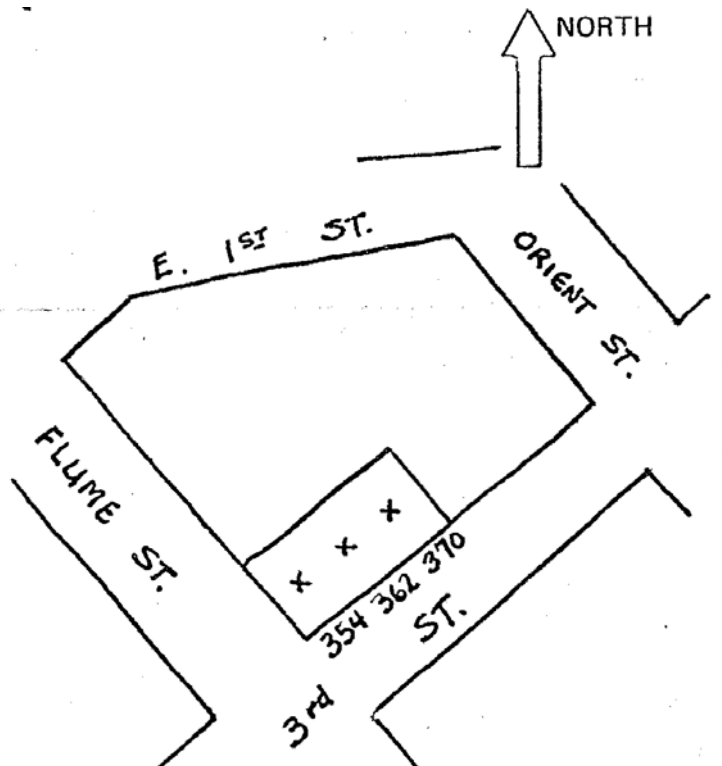
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- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Deeds
Sanborns: 1902, 1921
Collier, M. Orient & Flume Sts.
(unpublished paper, 1978)
Mendel Tochtermann: 5-27-1983
Helen O'Farrell: 6-3-1983
Al Stoll: 1-4-1983
Donna Flores: 6-4-1983

22. Date form prepared: **6-6-1983 (updated 10/08)**
By (name) **Diana D. Boyd (planning staff)**
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City **Chico** Zip **95927**
Phone:



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **Water Towers**
2. Historic Name: **Chico Water Supply Company Towers**
3. Street or rural address: **236 Orient** (NW corner of E. 3rd and Orient Sts.)
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-093-002**
5. Present Owner: **California Water Services Co.** Address: **1720 N 1st St.**
City **San Jose** Zip **95112** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **water towers** Original Use: **same**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **not applicable**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

Two 80 feet high water tanks supported by frameworks of steel beams and girders with crossed truss rods at each level. The four support beams are sunk in concrete footings.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: _____ Factual: **1905, 1913**
9. Architect: **Unknown**
10. Builder: **Chico Bridge & Iron Works**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: _____ Depth: _____
Or approx. acreage: _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1982**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations:
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up
 Residential Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

In 1886, The Chico Water Company announced the drilling of a well on property purchased from Henry Klingst at the corner of 3rd and Orient Streets. Within two years, a second well was needed due to the increasing population. In 1905, the eastern water tower, which holds 125,000 gallons, was put up and in 1913, the larger western tower which has a 152,000 gallon capacity, was built. Both have plaques which give the dates and "Chicago Bridge & Iron Works. Chicago, Ill. Builders." The eastern beams have inscribed on them, "Carnegie" and the western, "Jones & Laughlin." A stem plant adjacent to the 80ft. towers to the north, provided power until it was discontinued in the 1930's and dismantled in 1957. A home for the round-the-clock plant operators had been provided across the street at 229 Orient. California Water Service Co. acquired the Chico Water Co. and these towers in 1926. There are two other newer water towers (c. 1940's) in town, but these two, which are still used for supplemental water, are part of central Chico history.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____

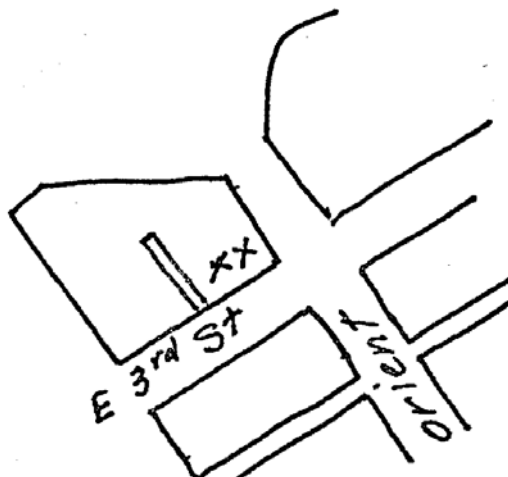
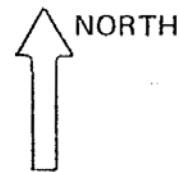
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Collier, Marilyn, Orient & Flume Sts. (unpublished paper, 1978)

Chico Enterprise: 8-6-1886; 9-10-1888; 6-19-1888

Chico Daily Enterprise: 4-17-1888 ; 6-5-1888 ; 6-19-1888

Gene Grant (Manager of Ca. Water Serv) 6-13-83



22. Date form prepared: 6-19-1983 (updated 10/08)

By (name) G. Jackson / M. Collier (planning staff)

Organization CHA

Address: P.O. Box 2078

City Chico Zip 95927

Phone:

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **Chico Women's Club**
2. Historic Name: **Chico Art Club**
3. Street or rural address: **592 E. 3rd St.**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-094-011 zone R1**
5. Present Owner: **Chico Women's Club** Address: **P.O. Box 1375**
City **Chico** Zip **95927** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **Club house** Original Use: **Club house**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Mission Revial**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

A long, single story building, the Chico Women's Club vaguely recalls the Mission Revival style. Stucco walls and capped with a wooden shingle roof. A shed roof veranda supported by large wooden post with simple braces runs along the front. The main door, into a small entryway with restrooms and a storage room, is recessed giving the impression of thick walls. The main room is a large rectangular space open to the beamed ceiling with a stage at one end. A kitchen opens to the veranda or a small rear patio. Dense foliage at the rear obscures Big Chico Creek. A parking lot is on the west side. Shrubs somewhat obscure the building which is just off a very busy street.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: _____ Factual: **1933**
9. Architect:
10. Builder: **William Shalz Construction Co.**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **143.29** Depth: **178.6**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1984**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **1983-84: patio**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other: **backs onto Big Chico Creek**
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **yes** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **parking lot**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

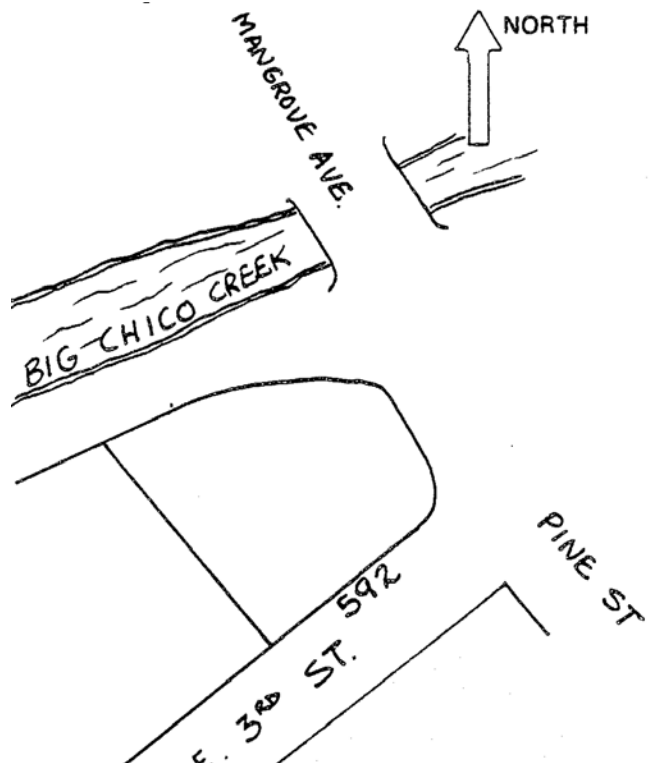
The Chico Women's Club, a social group, was originally formed at the A.J. Landis Home (see: 381 E. 4th St.) as the Chico Art Club. The lot for this club house was purchased in 1928 and notice of completion of the building was filed in 1933. The building was repaired in 1950 by Oscar T. Carlson, In 1983, a patio was constructed from the legacy of former member, Faye Bedford. The club house is an integral part of Chico's recreation and cultural life, providing space for dance classes, meetings and receptions.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture _____ Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial __ _ Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education **X** _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

**Title Search;
 Chico Enterprise: 10/5/1933, p.5**



22. Date form prepared: **1/84** (**updated 10/08**)
 By (name) **Vivian Shaw** (**planning staff**)
 Organization **CHA**
 Address: **P.O. Box 2078**
 City **Chico** Zip **95927**
 Phone:

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **None**
2. Historic Name: **John G. Murphy House**
3. Street or rural address: **270 E. 4th St.**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-171-008**
5. Present Owner: **Gene McFarren Trust** Address: **1063 Woodland Ave.**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **Office** Original Use: **Residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Greek Revival Cottage**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

This single story, shiplap cottage is basically square in plan with a partially enclosed porch across the front. The hip roof is finished with a boxed cornice and frieze with dentils along the soffit of the cornice. A pediment-like dormer extends up from the roof edge over the entrance with a louvered vent at the center. Four short square truncated columns resting on the shiplap porch wall support the porch roof. Steps lead up to the porch from the west side. A long, recently added ramp provides access to a door further back on the west. Most of the windows are double-hung, 2/2 sashes. French doors, next to the glass front door, have been added in place of a pair of windows. The cottage, now used as offices, sits close to the sidewalk and is surrounded by low shrubs and many trees.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1905** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **58** Depth: **66**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations:
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial **X** Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **Garage**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

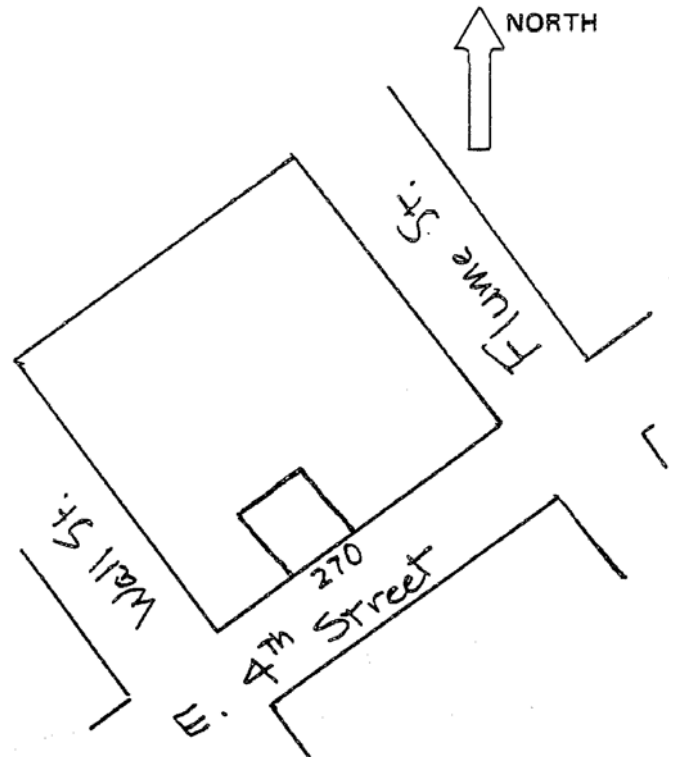
This cottage appears to have been built for John G. Murphy around 1905. He had purchased the property in 1901 and apparently lived at first in another house already on the lot. Murphy was manager of United Harness Co. at 218 Broadway and also City Treasurer around 1918. The house was sold to John S. Waterland, who lived around the corner on Wall St., in 1917. It was retained by the Waterlands, probably as a rental, until 1959. It is now used as architects' offices.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture **X** Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Title Search
Tax Assessor's records
City Directories



22. Date form prepared: **7-84** (**updated 10/08**)
 By (name) **Jacqueline F. Jones** (**planning staff**)
 Organization **CHA**
 Address: **P.O. Box 2078**
 City **Chico** Zip **95927**
 Phone:

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **None**
2. Historic Name: **A.J. Landis Home**
3. Street or rural address: **381 E. 4th St.**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-175-003**
5. Present Owner: **Alpha Chi Alumni** Address: **PO Box 6286**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **sorority** Original Use: **Residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Colonial Revival**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

This 2-story, hip-roofed house, clad in shiplap and on a brick foundation, was originally T-shaped with a single-story addition at the rear and a veranda across the front. Sometime after 1902 it was remodeled. Its tall, narrow, box-like look has been softened by the addition of a shed-roofed, 1-story section to the west and the removal of the veranda. An entrance portico with an arched pediment section is supported on 2 Tuscan columns. An old iron lamp hangs from the underside, lighting the 10-paned glass front door. The window are tall, 9/1 double-hung sashes except for a 3-part picture window on the first floor. The re-modeling of this house successfully changes it from a late 19th century to an early 20th century appearance.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1889** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **66** Depth: **120**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1984**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **removal of veranda; picture window added on 1st floor, one story addition on west side**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **Double garage facing rear alley**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

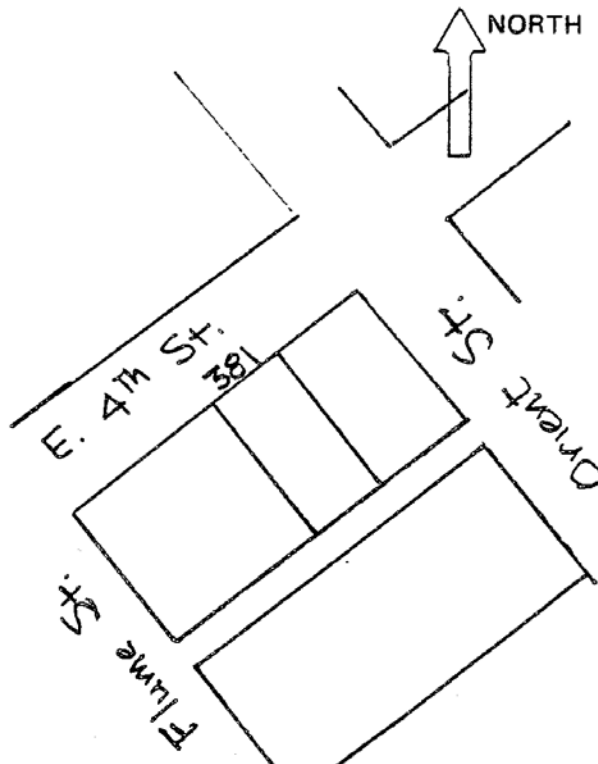
Dr. Amos J. Landis, native of Indiana, moved to Chico from South Dakota in 1888 with his first wife, Sarah Tinkham Landis. The following year he purchased this lot from A.H. Crew and has this house built. Landis remained in Chico for the rest of his life working as a doctor and also owning several ranches. His second wife, Mattie Pratt Landis, and a friend, Mrs. March, started the Art Club for women such as Annie Bidwell, Sada Welshke, Mrs. Canfield and Miss Crew were early members of this group which has grown into the present Chico Women's Club with its permanent building at 592 E. 3rd St.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture **X** Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Title Search, City Directories, Tax Assessor's Records, Sanborn maps, unpublished research by Marilyn Collier, Mrs. Earl Landis 4-30-84, Dorothy Fiorini 3-22-84, Mrs. Del John 3-20-84, Mansfield's History of Butte Co.



22. Date form prepared: **7-84** (updated **10/08**)
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 Organization **CHA**
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **Malloy House**
2. Historic Name: **Malloy House**
3. Street or rural address: **1006 Chestnut St (271 E 4th St)**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **4-17-4-002**
5. Present Owner: **Piper Cook** Address: **2076 Ellis St**
City **San Francisco** Zip **94115** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **apartments** Original Use: **Residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Craftsman**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

The duplex at 271 W. 4th St. is a 2-story rectangular building with two front-facing gabled roofs. A two-story bay window with a decorative balustrade at the top, projects from the left side. A Former entrance portico now supports an added second-story room. The entire building is faced with unpainted shingles which give the building a Craftsman appearance, along with the exposed rafter tails and notched brackets used in the gables and on the porch. In the Bay Area, this type of two-story shingles building is described as a Brown Shingle or Western Stick Style. There is a small parking lot on the east side and little attempt at landscaping.



8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1907** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **40** Depth: **90**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1982**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **room built over porch balcony; two entrances added**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial **X** Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? Moved? **X** Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

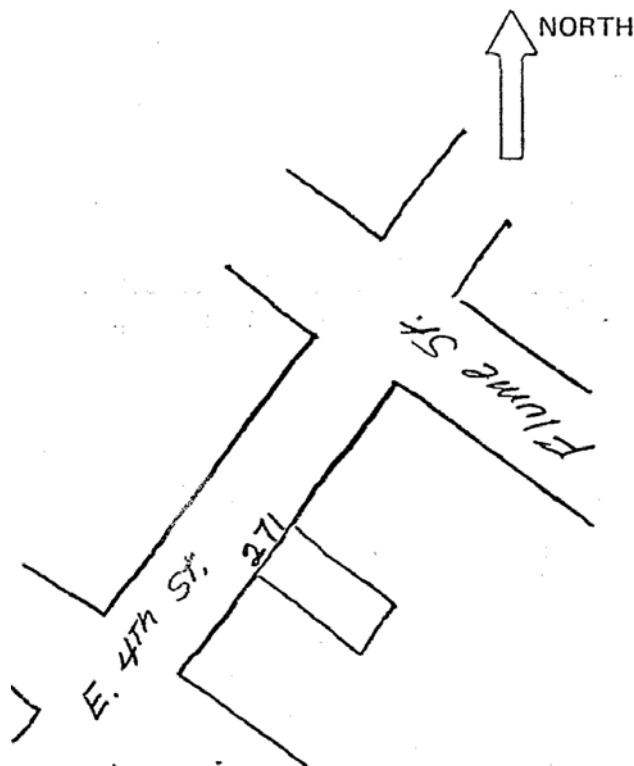
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

This duplex is on the edge of the commercial area of downtown Chico. The unfortunate addition of the second-floor room above the entrance porch detracts from what was an interesting application of Craftsman elements to a 2-story residence. Further to the east, there is a heavier concentration of Craftsman bungalows but the scale of this dwelling relates well to several of the two-story residences around it. It is the only two-story shingles building in the are of town. It was built around 1907 for Alice and Edward Malloy and was sold in 1939 to Fred and Mary Ruddy.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)
- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

**Deeds. Assessors Records.
 City Directories: 1907-1938**

22. Date form prepared: **6-17-1983**
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 Organization **CHA**
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 City **Chico** Zip **95927**
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **W.J. King House**
3. Street or rural address: **382 E 4th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-172-007**
5. Present Owner: **Myrna Vandenplas** Address: **382 E. 4th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **residence** Original Use: **Residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Gothic Revival Cottage**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

A one-story shiplap-sided house, 382 E. 4th St. has its most dominant feature a steeply-pitched front-facing gable such as A.J. Downing described as the hallmark of a Gothic Building. Another steeply-pitched cross-gable creates a “+” shaped building. The shed roof porch with exposed rafter tails extends across the full width of the house with three slightly tapered plain piers on a low enclosing wall evenly spaced across the front. A rectangular vent is in the attic gable and a pair pf double hung windows are centered on the first floor beneath it. An interior chimney exits at the point of the gable crossing. Many years of plantings have contributed to the overgrown look of the yard.



8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1874** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **66** Depth: **120**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: Fair: **X** Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **addition to back**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning RP Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **garage/apartment**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

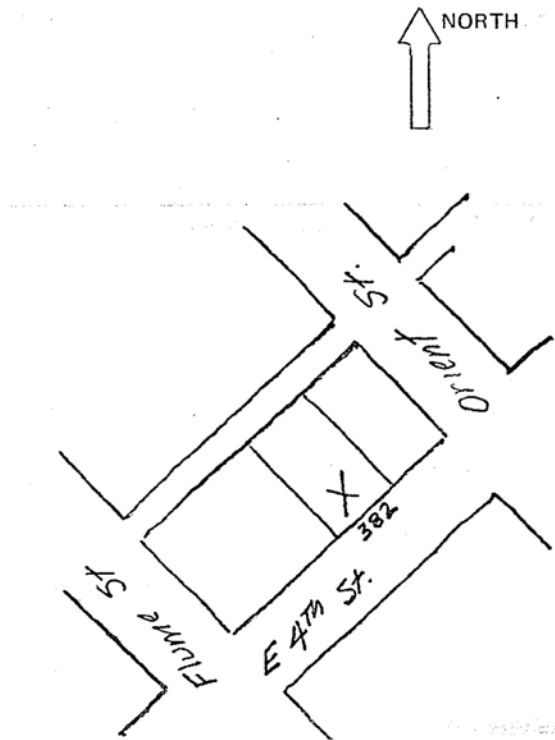
This small cottage and the one next to it (370 E. 4th) are among the oldest remaining residences on East 4th St. The "Eastern Extension" subdivision was just laid out the year of their construction so that they were no longer at the fringe of the city. The lack of extraneous detail was characteristic of 1. 1870 houses in Chico. However, the steeply pitched gable roof was an attempt to create interest in what otherwise is a small, plain house. The first owner, DR. W.J. King, a dentist and music teacher at Mary Jane White's school (see: 703 Salem), could have been aware of A.J. Downing's theories on cottages and the necessity for verandas and pointed gables to create the "Rural Gothic style." August Chapman had already applied Downing's principles to his home across the Little Chico Creek in Chapman Town (256 E. 12th St., Nat. Register). Dr. King may have attempted to apply those theories in his own modest home.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

**Deeds. Assessors Records.
 City Directories: 1874
 Waterland Papers
 Downing, A.J. Victorian cottage residences, p.13,23**



22. Date form prepared: **5-5-1983 (updated 10/08)**
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 City **Chico** Zip **95927**
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **J.C. Daly House**
3. Street or rural address: **484 E 4th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95927** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-173-008**
5. Present Owner: **Michael Scott McPherson** Address: **823 Sheridan Ave**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **duplex** Original Use: **single family residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Colonial Revival cottage**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

A single-story “L” shaped cottage, 484 E. 4th St. has had its original porch remodeled. The porch roof continues the slope of the pyramid roof and it now supported by pairs of this square posts. A small dormer also with a pyramidal roof is off-center over the main door. The most striking feature of this cottage is the clearly classical derivation of the gable section of the facade. A pedimented gable with louvered lunette is balanced by the Palladian-derived window below with its center arched window exhibiting a keystone. This section of the facade was probably originally balanced by columns on the now cement based porch. Still, it is interesting use of classical motifs in a small cottage.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1910** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **66** Depth: **120**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **altered into 2 apartments**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up
Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **garage**

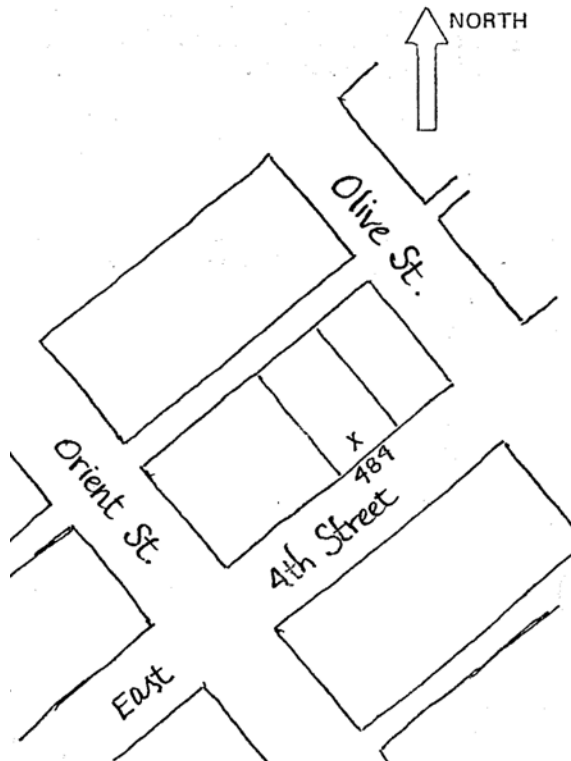
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19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

The "Eastern Extension" subdivision was a one block addition to the eastern edge of Chico recorded in 1874. It was for many years as "Bidwell's Cornfield". By the time John C. Daly, proprietor of Haley & Ash Boots & Shoes at 236 Main St, built his home on the eastern end of 4th St., just after the turn-of-the-century, other home-owners were beginning to venture past Olive St. boundary. The Daly's lived here until 1929 when Lee Richardson, manager of Richardson Springs, brought the house so that his two boys could live in town during the school year. Lee was President of Richardson Springs Stage Line and Vice President of the Peoples Savings and Commercial Bank during the 1920's. He moved back to Richardson Springs around 1932 but retained the 4th St. house which was sold by his sons to the Ernest McPherson's in 1946. The McPherson family still retains ownership.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)
- Architecture _____ Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial __ _ Exploration/Settlement **X** __
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education __ _
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

**Deeds. Assessors Records.
City Directories: 1904-32.
Waterland Papers
Marian Richardson Archer: 6-12-1983**



22. Date form prepared: **5-5-1983** (updated 10/08)
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **Schwein House**
2. Historic Name: **Schwein House**
3. Street or rural address: **491 E 4th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-176-004**
5. Present Owner: **Schwein Trust** Address: **935 Main St**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **residence** Original Use: **residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Italianate with Bungalow additions**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

This basically Italianate, two-story, square house is clad with shiplap siding, stands on a brick foundation and is capped with a low-pitched, hipped roof. There are square bay windows on the façade and east side. The tall windows are 2/2, double-hung sashes with bracketed shelf molding. The former narrow Italianate shape was squared by the 1911 second floor extension over the porch. The original boxed eaves with plain frieze was changes to extended eaves with exposed rafters, more appropriate to a Bungalow or Craftsman look. The curved veranda with turned posts and brackets was changes with the 1911 remodeling to a cement-walled veranda with paired stocky columns reminiscent of Bungalow porch supports. This is an interesting combination of two disparate styles.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1886** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **87** Depth: **180**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **around 1900**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **Bungalow style porch: second-story addition on the west side; eaves changed; sun-porch remodeled into kitchen.**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up
Residential Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known Private development Zoning Vandalism
Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

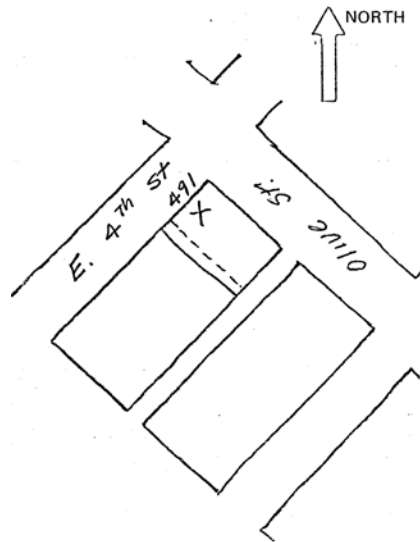
For over eighty years this house has been occupied by the Schwein family. The Schwein's were originally from Germany and came to Chico in 1879. The Schwein family has played a important part in the commercial growth of Butte County. Matt and his son, Louis Schwein both were engaged in the butcher business. They dealt in cattle, both buying and selling them extensively and they did their own butchering in their finely equipped slaughter house. Matt Schwein ran the Junction Meat Market at the corner of 9th and Oroville Ave. Louis Schwein ran the California Market located in the Noonan building at 3rd and Broadway. Louis Schwein purchased this house from Charles A. Johnson who had built it around 1886. Four generations of the Schwein family have lived in the house and maintained it in excellent condition. Its combination of 1880's Italianate and 1910's Bungalow seem almost to make it a link between the old 1800's neighborhood it was built in and the area to the east dominated by post-1905 bungalows.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

William Schwein 7-27-82, 1-20-83
History of the State of Ca.
History of Butte County
City Directory 1904
Chico Wkly Chr. Record 1-14-1888, 3-11-1889, 4-26-1890
Deeds. Assessment Records



Date form prepared: 2-28-1983 (updated 10/08)

By (name) Karen Zinniel (planning staff)

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **C.L. Crowder House**
3. Street or rural address: **598 E 4th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-181-005**
5. Present Owner: **Marilyn McGee** Address: **598 E. 4th St.**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **single family** Original Use: **single family**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Craftsman Bungalow**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

A single-story bungalow with a bellcast hip roof, 594 East Fourth Street, has two distinct dormers. One is a shed roof dormer with louvered vents centered over the entryway and a large gabled dormer with an open bargeboard centered over the left portion of the house. The walls are clad in clapboard up to the waves. Craftsman details are seen in the exposed rafters and the clinker brick chimney. The house is appropriately surrounded by many flowering shrubs and deciduous trees.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1912** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **69.5** Depth: **125**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: Fair: **X** Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations:
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **Garage**

SIGNIFICANCE

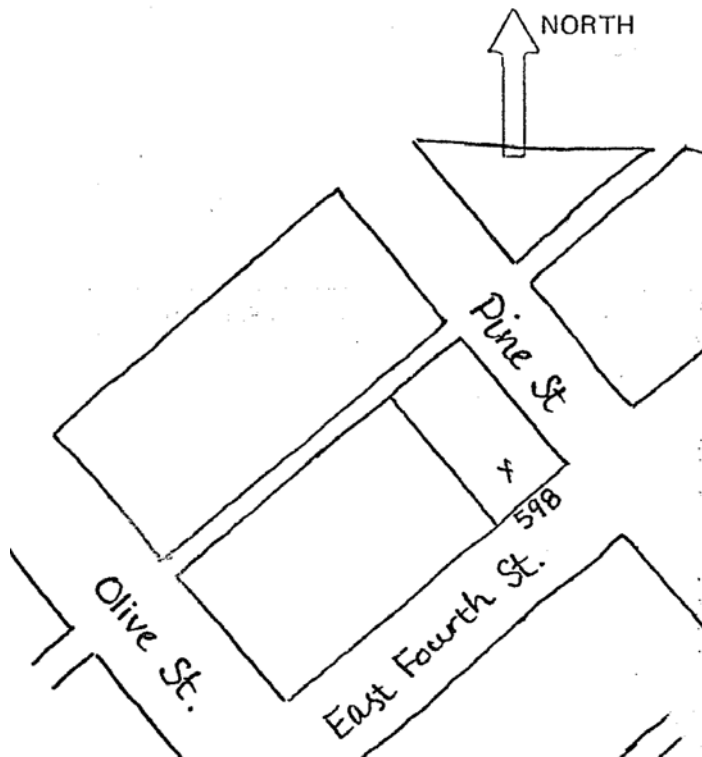
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

This Craftsman Bungalow is one of several large bungalows built about the same time at the eastern end of Fourth Street. It was built by C.L. Crowder, a bookkeeper, around 1912 who continued to live in it until 1960. This is a well-maintained bungalow with good details and is nicely landscaped.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)
- Architecture **X** Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement
 Government Military
 Religion Social/Education
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Deeds
Assessment Records
City Directories: 1911-25

22. Date form prepared: **5-5-1983** (updated 10/08)
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 City **Chico** Zip **95927**
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **Andrews House**
3. Street or rural address: **655 E 4th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-184-001**
5. Present Owner: **Juliette Rossiter** Address: **655 E 4th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **residence** Original Use: **residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Bungalow**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

A large clapboard bungalow, 655 E. 4th St. has the characteristic front sloped gable roof of a bungalow. A large dormer indicates living space on a second floor. A cement-walled porch extends across the front of the house within the roofline. Curved angles at the porch corners appear to frame the center door with paired windows at each side. A garage with a room above it faces Pine St. Its dark green color enables it to blend with the foliage around it.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1916** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **70** Depth: **125**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations:
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **Garage (in poor condition)**

SIGNIFICANCE

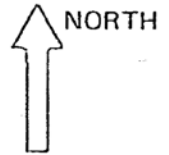
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

This large shingled bungalow retains the look of being related to nature through its dark green color scheme. It was built for Charles A. Andrews, proprietor of a men's clothing shop, around 1916.

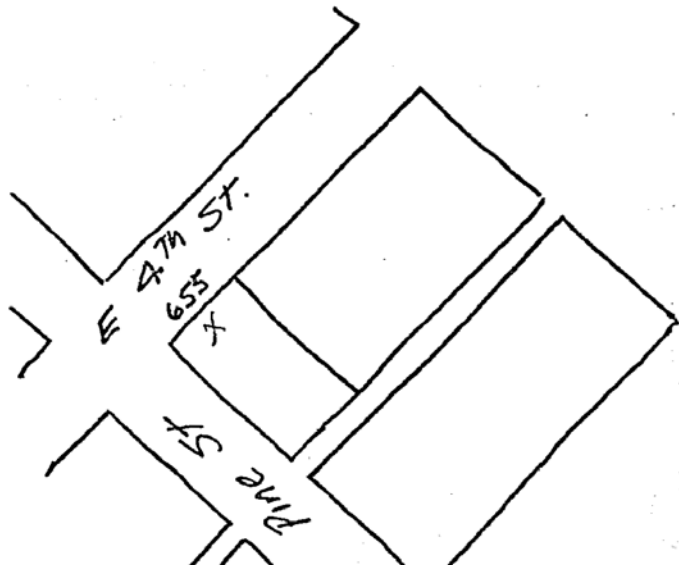
20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)



**Deeds
 Assessment Records
 City Directories: 1904-1921**



22. Date form prepared: **5-10-1983 (updated 10/08)**
 By (name) **Jacqueline F. Jones** (planning staff)
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **none**
3. Street or rural address: **675 E 4th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-184-003**
5. Present Owner: **Robert Malowney** Address: **320 Broadway St**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **residence** Original Use: **residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Craftsman Bungalow**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

This is a small, single-story shiplap bungalow such as one could find in bungalow pattern books of the period. The pitched gable roof slopes towards the street and includes a porch beneath the roofline. A low center dormer provides roof interest and ventilation. The front porch has been closed in on the east side with casement windows which still provide an open look to the porch. Four tapered piers support the roof. Craftsman elements are seen in the exposed rafters, “handmade” brackets, notched barge boards, and overhanging eaves. The bungalow seems to hug the ground with shrubbery around the foundation further adding to the look of its being a part of the landscape.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1914** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **46** Depth: **125**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: **X** Good: Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **front porch enclosed on east side**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

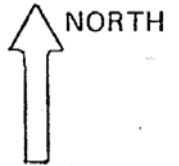
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

This small Craftsman Bungalow is typical of the modest yet interesting homes built by the middle class during the 1910's. It was built for Fred H. Groat, a clerk for various Chico businesses during the 1910's and 1920's. He and his wife sold it to Nell & Othel Kilpatric, proprietors of Kilpatric & Sons Groceteria, in 1922. It is located in the middle of a block which has larger bungalows at each end. With its nicely kept yard, it contributes to a streetscape of comfortable-looking homes derived from the Bungalow ideal.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

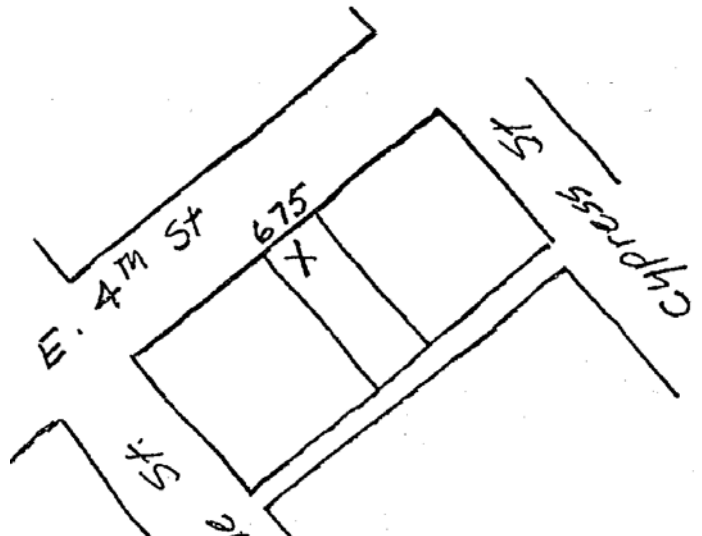
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Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement
Government Military
Religion Social/Education

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)



**Deeds
Assessment Books.**

22. Date form prepared: **5-10-1983 (updated 10/08)**
By (name) **Jacqueline F. Jones (planning staff)**
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City **Chico** Zip **95927**
Phone:



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **Archer-Robinson House**
3. Street or rural address: **695 E 4th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-184-005**
5. Present Owner: **Robert & Doris Laughlin** Address: **695 E 4th St**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **residence** Original Use: **residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Craftsman Bungalow**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

This single-story, shiplap Craftsman Bungalow has a broadly pitched gable facing the street & encompassing the front porch. Tapered piers on the low porch wall support the front gable which features a mltipaned window & window box. A cross gable covers the main portion of the house & an addition, also gabled, extends to the west. A wooden shingle roof has been retained which adds to the look of “naturalness” this style strives for. Craftsman details are a clinker-brick chimney, exposed notched rafters, notched bargeboards and curved brackets. The house was extensively remodeled in 1958 when a rear porch was removed, the many-paned windows replaced with solid panes, and many of the 30 interior doors removed. The living and dining room boxed beams and stained glass decorated pocket doors remain. At some point the interior woodwork was painted. The corner lot is well-landscaped.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1914** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **69.5** Depth: **125**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: **X** Good: Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **room added to west side ca. 1930's; extensively remodeled ca. 1958**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up
Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **carport, pool**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

This Craftsman Bungalow and the one across the street (see: 753 Woodland, Guynn House) sit on one of the busiest corners in the eastern section and are an asset to the entrance to Bidwell Park. The house was built for J.E. Archer about 1913 and then sold to Frank S. Robinson in 1917. Robinson was City Engineer and co-owner of Polk & Robinson Construction Co. Graham C. Loufbourow, a professor at California State College, Chico, lived here from 1941-57, when the house was then bought by Robert & Doris Laughlin.

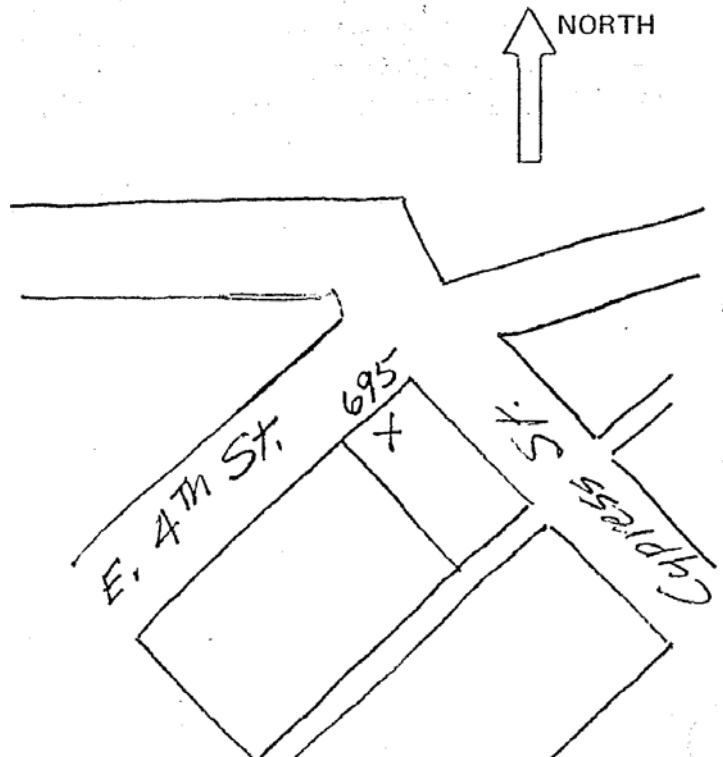
20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture **X** Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial __ Exploration/Settlement __ __
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education __ _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

**Deeds
 Assessment Books.
 City Directories; Robie Amer: 6-15-1983; Robert Laughlin: 6-20-1983**

22. Date form prepared: **6-17-1983 (updated 10/08)**
 By (name) **Jacqueline F. Jones / GRJ (planning staff)**
 Organization **CHA**
 Address: **P.O. Box 2078**
 City **Chico** Zip **95927**
 Phone:



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **Bidwell Park**
2. Historic Name: **Bidwell Park**
3. Street or rural address: **City of Chico**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **005-310-001**
5. Present Owner: **City of Chico** Address: **411 Main St**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private
6. Present Use: **Public Park & recreation** Original Use: **Public Park & recreation**

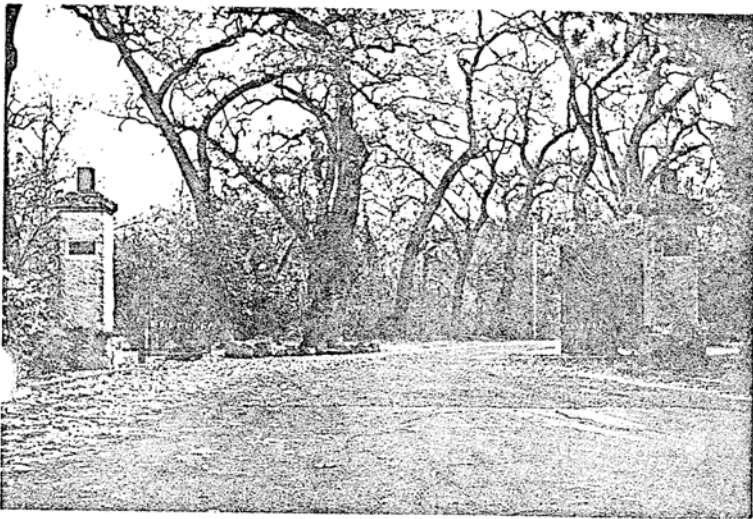
DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **n/a**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

Bidwell Park, the second-largest municipally-owned park in the U.S. is 10.2 miles long and contains 2200 acres. It begins in the west edge of town and ends deep in Iron Canyon. Big Chico Creek meanders through the entire length of the park. Annie E.K. Bidwell gave to Chico in 1905 some 1900 acres. In 1911 she gave another 3 acres which were designated as a Children's Playground. Other acquisitions and grants have enlarged the park. There are trails, paths and roads throughout the park-some built by the Bidwell's. Major alterations: footbridges, two dams (for swimming areas), baseball diamonds, a course; highway 99 crosses above Lower Park. The park is mostly natural with a great number of beautiful old sycamores, oaks (Cedar Grove has over 100 varieties of trees), trailing vines, and dozens of different kinds of birds, wildflowers and especially, Big Chico Creek.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **N/A** Factual:
9. Architect: **N/A**
10. Builder: **N/A**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: _____ Depth: _____
Or approx. acreage: **2200**
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1982**

13. Condition: Excellent: **X** Good: Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **dams, roads, recreational area**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up
Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known Private development Zoning Vandalism **X**
Public Works project Other: **constant vigilance is needed; highway expansion**
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

Annie E.K. Bidwell gave the majority of the park to Chico in 1905. Bidwell Park offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities and is used by as many county as well as city residents all year long. It is of incalculable value because most of it is completely natural, easily accessible, containing many different trees, birds as well as the delights of the creek. For a time, the Chico Forestry Station and Nursery (California Historical Landmark) was operated by the State and then University of California, (1888-1922). The Bidwell's set aside a large part of their Rancho and took care that it would always be a part of the heritage of Chico. Sixteen major movies were partly filmed in the park, including "Gone With the Wind", "Robin Hood", "Friendly Persuasion". Bidwell Park, the second largest municipal Park in the U.S., is Chico's greatest natural resource and forms the main part of the core of its visual identity.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)
- Architecture___ Arts & Leisure___ **X** ___
- Economic/Industrial__ Exploration/Settlement__
- Government_____ Military_____
- Religion_____ Social/Education__
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Deeds. Parks Department File: P-Gen-27 "History of Bidwell Park" Bidwell Park Master Plan, 1952. Dan Neff, 6-23-83

22. Date form prepared: **6-27-1983 (updated 10/08)**
By (name) **Elizabeth C. Stewart (planning staff)**
Organization **CHA**
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City **Chico** Zip **95927**
Phone:

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **F. Zadik House**
3. Street or rural address: **457 E 5th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-179-001**
5. Present Owner: **Johnston Grant Trust** Address: **456 E Sacramento Ave**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **apartments** Original Use: **apartments**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Vernacular**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

The two-story house at the SE corner of 5th & Orient Streets appears to have started its life as a box-shaped building with a truncated hip roof and an open veranda running the width of the façade with a turned balustrade above. Several one-story additions have been made to the east and south sides and the veranda has been replaced by a small porch, out-of-scale to the rest of the house. The roof is ridged metal and its boxed cornice overhangs a plain frieze. The siding on the original part of the house is shiplap and the additions are of shiplap, vertical boards and plywood panels. The original foundation is brick with cement additions. There is a central transomed door. Double-hung 2/2 windows have decorated lugsills and are symmetrically arranged. Its undecorated surface and lack of stylistic precedents place it in the Vernacular mode. Two palm trees in the front yard planted after 1900, now tower the building.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1889** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **76** Depth: **120**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: Fair: **X** Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **several one-story additions; replacement of veranda**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial **X** Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **one story cottage and metal shed**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

Ferdinand Zadik had this Vernacular Style house built around 1889 probably as a single family residence. The J.W. Jewells owned it from 1889 to 1916, when Barnet & Tillie Purtiz bought it. They lived downstairs and used the upstairs as a rooming house. The Purtiz's started B. Puritz Oil Co. after WWI (see E. 7th & Wall Sts, B. Puritz Oil Co. Station). It remained in the Puritz family until 1980. 457 E. Fifth Street is the only large 19th c. house in its immediate neighborhood.

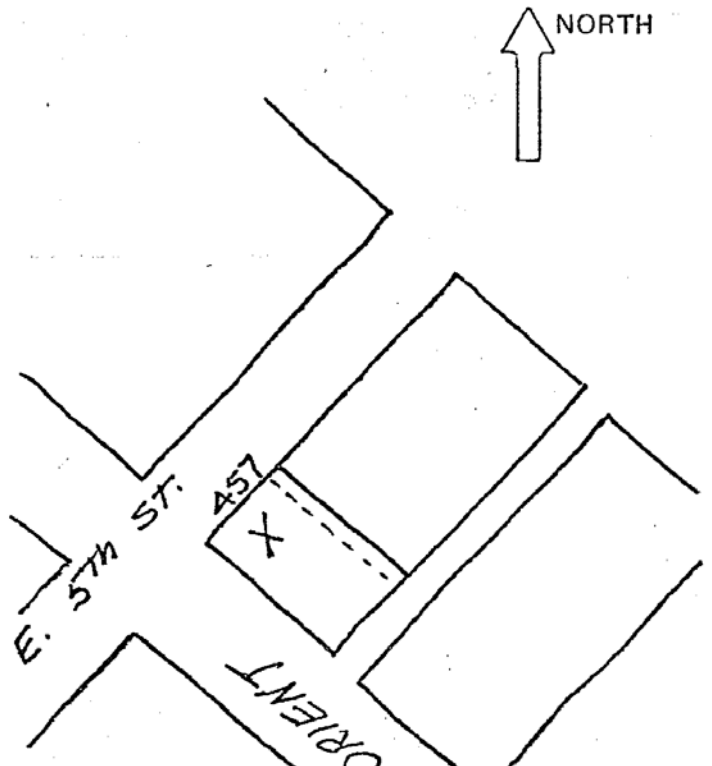
20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture **X** Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

**Deeds;
 Assessment Records
 Mrs. Joe Purtiz: 5-17-1983
 Sanborn Maps: 1884, 1902**

22. Date form prepared: **5-30-1983 (updated 10/08)**
 By (name) **Joen Stanberry / Judy Collins (planning staff)**
 Organization **CHA**
 Address: **P.O. Box 2078**
 City **Chico** Zip **95927**
 Phone:



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **Star House**
2. Historic Name: **J.T. Daly House**
3. Street or rural address: **494 E 5th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-176-005**
5. Present Owner: **Ronald Moore Trust** Address: **P.O. Box 1900**
City **Chico** Zip **95927** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **multiple dwelling** Original Use: **residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Vernacular with “Downing Cottage” and Octagon elements**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

Octagonal buildings were popularized during the 1850’s as practical, centrally planned homes. The Daly House is on a much smaller, simpler scale than usual large, two to three-story octagons with cupolas built nationwide.

The unique eight-sided floor plan is executed in a “Downing Cottage” style with one-story slanted bay windows on either side of the entrance porch. The shiplap clad house sits on a brick foundation. Simple brackets under the bay and porch eaves are the sole decorative elements. Eight steeply pitched gable roofs originate from a common center emphasizing the octagonal shape of the building and causing it to appear to be star-shaped when viewed from above.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: Factual: **1881**
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **75** Depth: **75**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1982**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **converted to apartments; addition to north east side; cement steps**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features:

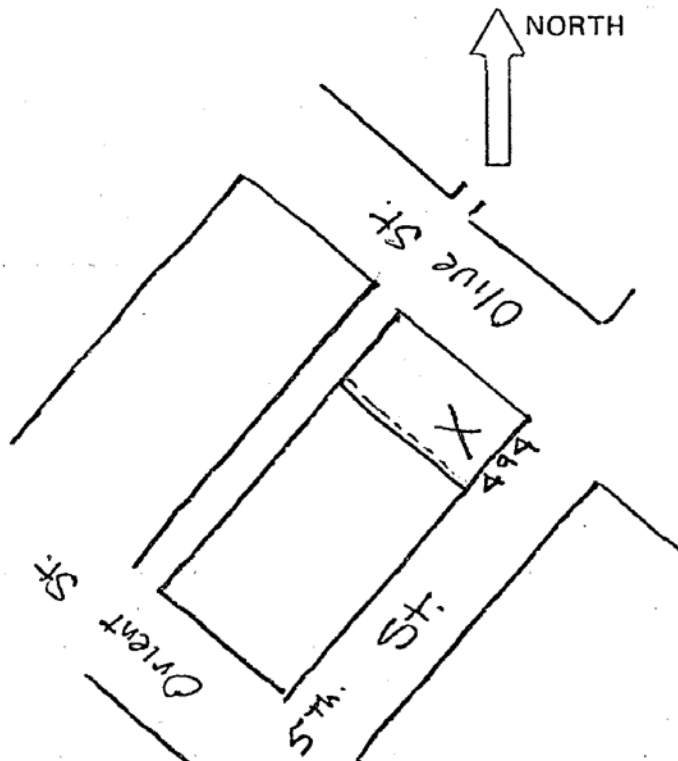
SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

Chico's only octagonal building was built in the area originally referred to as "Bidwell's cornfield" but know as the "Eastern Extension", the first area subdivided after the initial 1860 town site was laid out. Judge J.T. Daly, a local attorney and notary-public, had this unusual house built and he took up residence in it in January 1882. It is now apartments.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)
- Architecture **X** Arts & Leisure
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement
 Government Military
 Religion Social/Education
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

**Deeds. Assessment Records
 Weekly Butte Record, 1-28-1882
 Sanborn Map 1902**



22. Date form prepared: **5-19-1982 (updated 10/08)**
 By (name) **Barbra Frazier** (**planning staff**)
 Organization **CHA**
 Address: **P.O. Box 2078**
 City **Chico** Zip **95927**
 Phone:

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **Neubarth-Snow House**
3. Street or rural address: **670 E 5th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-184-008**
5. Present Owner: **Tim and Ann Edwards** Address: **670 E 5th St**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **residence** Original Use: **residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Craftsman**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

The house at 670 E. 5th St. is a two-story, rectangular dwelling with a basement. An enclosed porch with slightly tapered piers and a gable projection over the entry runs the full width in front and a closed porch spans the back side. Square butt shingles cover the façade while clapboard siding is used on the other three sides. Exposed rafter tails and knee-brace brackets define this as a Craftsman Style building. The medium gable roof slopes towards the front façade with another smaller gable facing the front. A pent roof with exposed rafter tails over a projecting set of double-hung windows creates further façade interest. A garage is located on the back alley. Although the house has been remodeled several times, it remains essentially intact. It is located in an area of similar but slightly more modest homes.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1913** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **99.5** Depth: **125**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations:
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up
 Residential Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **Garage**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

This Craftsman house was built for the John Neubarth's in 1913. George R. Snow, owner of the Chico Meat Company, and his family lived in it from 1917 until its present owners, the Larry Hildenbrand's, purchased it in 1974. This house provides a good example of the Craftsman Style – a style popular at the time of its construction. The distinctive quality of the house results primarily from the wood shingle siding, knee-brace brackets and its study, solid appearance. Also contributing to its visual impact is the beautifully landscaped large yard full of camellias planted soon after the house was built and lovingly maintained by the two owners since.

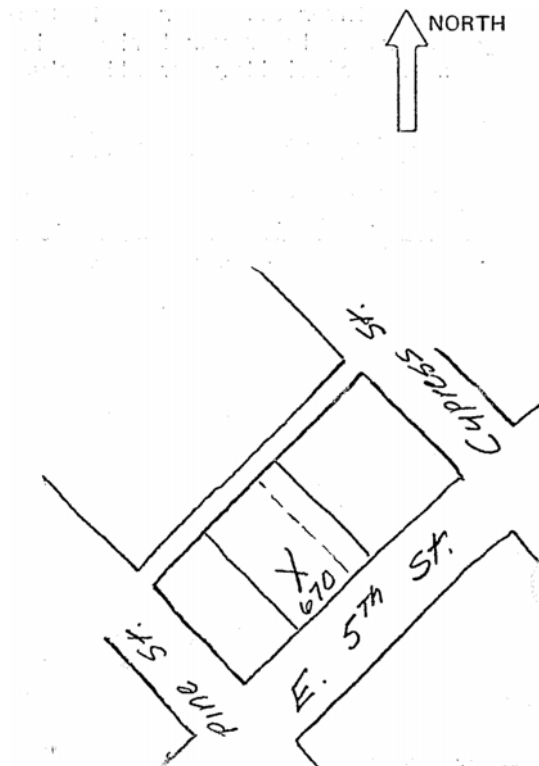
20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial __ Exploration/Settlement __ __
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education __ _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

- Deeds. Assess. Books.**
Katherine Snow King: 5-22-1983
Larry Hildenbrand: 5-18-1983
Richard Snow: 6-1-1983
Sanborn: 1921
City Directory: 1922

22. Date form prepared: **6-2-1983 (updated 10/08)**
 By (name) **Joan Stanberry, Judy Collins (planning staff)**
 Organization **CHA**
 Address: **P.O. Box 2078**
 City **Chico** Zip **95927**
 Phone:



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **Barnett-Lillibridge House**
2. Historic Name: **Clifford House**
3. Street or rural address: **853 E. 5th St.**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-189-001**
5. Present Owner: **Strong Family Trust** Address: **853 E 5th St**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **residence** Original Use: **residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Prairie Bungalow**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

This single-story dwelling is an interesting application of the Prairie School style to a bungalow-sized house. A more usual Prairie School residence would be 2 stories or more (see: 442 W. 3rd St., W.B. Dean House). This white stucco house has a cement foundation. It has a distinctive, multi-level flat roof with deep overhangs and decorated fascia. The same decoration is repeated on the interior as a wall boarder and over the fire place. Window-like rectangular vents within the shadow of the eaves give the illusion of a 2nd floor. The front porch is supported by massive battered piers. Bands of casement windows with 4 or 5 lights in the upper thirds flood the interior with light and lend a special charm to this unique house. A separate garage on the ally is apparently original, and there appear to be few, if any, alterations.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1922** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **Walter Hann**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **55.5** Depth: **124.5**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: **X** Good: Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations:
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **Garage**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

The section of Chico, east of downtown, is composed of a variety of building types but contains a large proportion of bungalows. This is a unique interpretation of the Prairie School style adapted to a small building. It is another example of the creativity and skill of local builder Walter Hann. (See 934 the Esplanade, Stamper House.) Prairie style architecture is not a common feature of Chico buildings, and there are at best three or four other examples of this style of design in the Chico area. The Clifford's, for whom the house was built, were locally prominent, and founders of a local business which still enjoys family ownership. Beyond the near uniqueness of its architectural style, the Clifford House, being built in the twenties, can at the end of the bungalow era, and may be among the last such residences to have been built in the Chico area. This, coupled with the excellent physical preservation of the house, make the Clifford House an important historical resource.

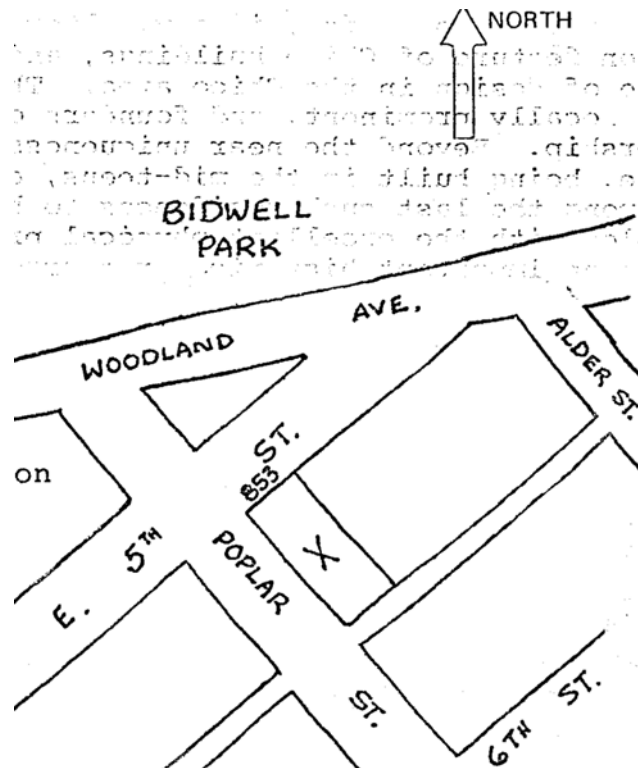
20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture **x** Arts & Leisure _____
- Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
- Government _____ Military _____
- Religion _____ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Ruth Clifford Hicks: 2-23 & 5-23-1983
Deeds; Assessor's Books; Sanborn Map: 1921;
Edmund Barnett: 6-2-83; Lorraine Curtis: 6-2-83;
S.K. Hann: 5-23-83; Chico News & Review: 5-5-
1983, p. 26-27

22. Date form prepared: **6-1983** (updated 10/08)
 By (name) **Collins, Stanbury, Branson** (planning staff)
 Organization **CHA**
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 City **Chico** Zip **95927**
 Phone:



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **Gatchell House**
3. Street or rural address: **885 E. 5th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-189-010**
5. Present Owner: **John Franklin** Address: **885 E. 5th St.**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **residence** Original Use: **residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Colonial Revival**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

The Gatchell home, a 2-story structure, is a good example of Colonial Revival architecture, with its boxy shape, columned portico (3 columns on either side of the porch), front dormer & low-pitched hip roof. Narrow horizontal clapboard siding lends itself well to the overall stately design of the home. The windows are double-hung & the roof is asphalt shingles. A cement foundation supports the dwelling & a basement is included.

A large garage combined with a separate room for potting plants & one for furniture storage was added in 1953. At that time, extensive remodeling was done to include a study; the porch was lengthened to include front rather than side steps & the balustrade was removed, & alternations were made to the back entrance porch as well. The well manicured grounds create a park-like, spacious setting since the house is set on what were originally two lots.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1912** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **55.6** Depth: **124.5**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **Front porch enlarged; study added; side porch enclosed; garage re-built**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up
Residential Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known Private development Zoning Vandalism
Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **Garage; covered patio**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

Dr. Ella Gatchell, a prominent physician in Chico during the early years of the century, was a cousin of John Bidwell & the personal physician of Annie Bidwell. Dr. Gatchell also tended the needs of the Indians living on the Chico Rancheria. She was the first woman north of Sacramento to practice medicine.

She, along with her physician husband, owned much property in Chico, and in 1912, built the home at 885 E. 5th St. where they lived for a number of years. It was also the home of Herbert and Marjorie Barman from 1931-1976.

The home is a stately Colonial Revival and its superbly well maintained grounds combine to make it a silent testimony to upper-middle class living during Chico's early days.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial __ Exploration/Settlement __ __
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education 1

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

**Deeds; Assessors' Records
Sanborns: 1902,1921;1923 Plat Book;
City Directories; Mansfield, Hist. of Butte County;
Nancy Fortino: 5-24-1983**



22. Date form prepared: **6-3-1983** (updated 10/08)
By (name) **J Collins / J Stanberry** (planning staff)
Organization **CHA**
Address: **P.O. Box 2078**
City **Chico** Zip **95927**
Phone:

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **none**
3. Street or rural address: **794 E. 6th St.**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-188-005**
5. Present Owner: **Michael and Kathleen Gabriel** Address: **794 E. 6th St.**
City **Chico** Zip **96926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **residence** Original Use: **residence**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Craftsman Bungalow**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

A well-preserved example of a Craftsman Bungalow-style, this home is 1-story structure plus basement & is rectangular in shape. The exterior appears to be unaltered from its original form, dating back to about 1912. Wide, wood shiplap siding graces the exterior & the dwelling features a low gable roof. Wide eaves set off by decorative brackets add to the exterior loveliness. The house is set on a decorative foundation. A porch running almost the entire width of the front catches the eye immediately with its groupings of narrow square columns topped with decorative brackets. In addition, the French front doors & full-length side windows inset with countless panes of glass & glass transoms add a distinctive touch & functionally brighten the interior rooms at the front of the house. A separate small garage probably built at the same time as the house contradicts the hitching post standing as sentry as the front curb.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1913** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **69.5** Depth: **125**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **back porch enclosed**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **Garage; hitching post at curb**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

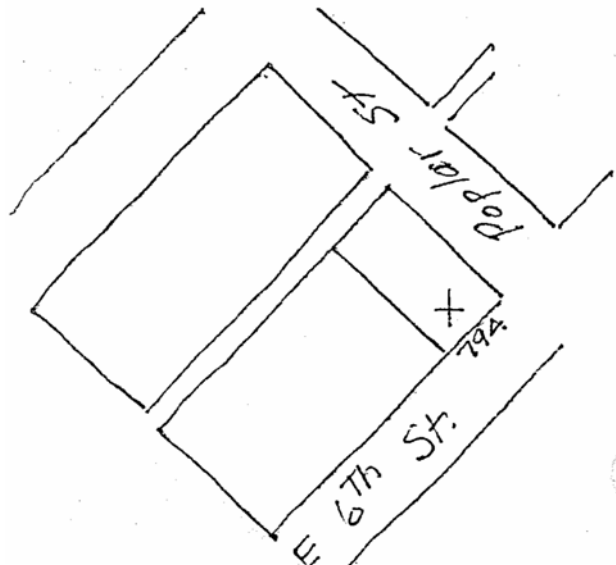
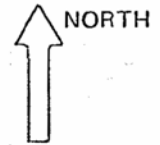
This unusual version of a Craftsman style bungalow was built around 1912 for county official, B.F. Hudspeth. An almost solid window wall is created on the façade, sheltered by the porch, through the use of multiple & transomed French doors. It is one of the more interesting houses on its street.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture **X** Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Deeds;
Assessors' Records;
Sanborn Maps: 1921; Plat Map: 1923;
City Directories;
Dan Bridges: 6-6-1983;
Mrs. Moore: 6-6-1983;
Chico News & Review: 5-6-1983, p. 26-27.



22. Date form prepared: **6-3-1983** (**updated 10/08**)
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **B. Purits Oil Co. Station**
3. Street or rural address: **178 E 7th St (corner of 7th and Wall Sts)**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-252-007**
5. Present Owner: **Joseph Puritz Trust** Address: **PO Box 935**
City **Chico** Zip **96927** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **unused** Original Use: **service station**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Vernacular**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

A prefab. c.1927 metal gas station. Originally the office was composed of industrial multipaned, metal frame windows on all four sides, but it has been boarded-up due to vandalism. A metal gable roof extends from the square former office over the drive-thru to the pump area where it is supported by a slender metal beam. A concrete foundation was sunk at the time of the move in the late 1930's.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1927** Factual:
9. Architect: **none**
10. Builder: **Michele & Pfeiffer San Francisco**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **40** Depth: **66**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: Fair: **X** Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **windows boarded with plywood**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential Industrial Commercial **X** Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? Moved? **c.1937** Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

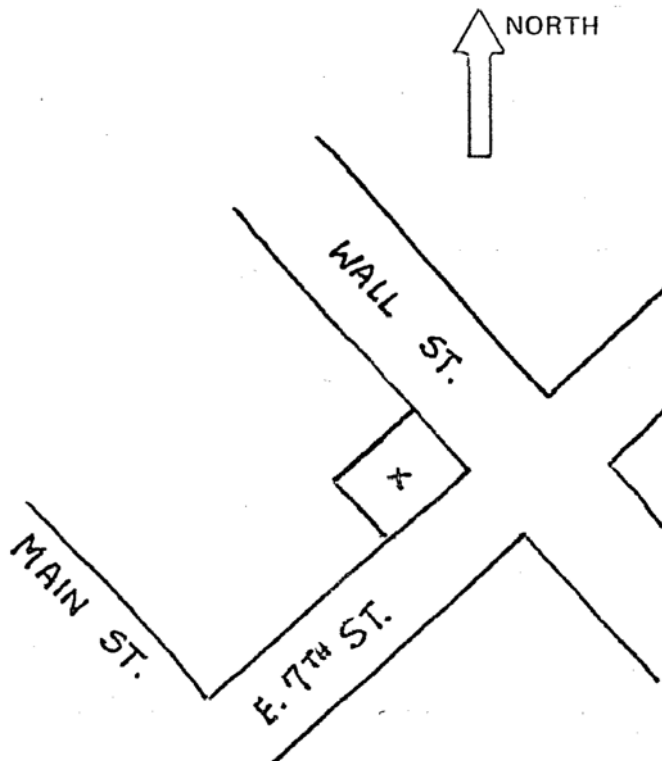
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

Chico's oldest, still operating, gas station is now used with a key lock. Barnet and Tillie Puritz, both Russian immigrants, came to Chico in 1911 and established a clothing store on Main St. During WWI they started a junk business and in the mid-1920's went in the oil business. B. Puritz Oil Co. started on the corner of 9th St. and Oroville about 1927, with this pre-fab, 2-pump station. About 10 years later, the property was sold to Angelo Volpato and the station moved to the SE corner of 7th & Wall Streets next to the company office where it still is in use as a gas pump and a storeroom.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)
- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Joseph Puritz: 5-19-83
Mrs. Joseph Puritz: 5-4-83

22. Date form prepared: **5-19-1983 (updated 10/08)**
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **none**
3. Street or rural address: **372 E. 7th St.**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-382-010**
5. Present Owner: **Leif Peterson** Address: **681 E 5th St**
City **Chico** Zip **96926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **apartments** Original Use: **single family dwelling**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Vernacular**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

The house at 372 E. 7th St. is a 1-story L-shaped dwelling topped by a high hip roof covered with composition shingles. A bay extends out diagonally from each of the front corners of the house. Between them is an open porch. Wide clapboard siding sheaths the house except for the gables over the 2 bays & the gable at the end of the L on the east side. The distinctive appearance of this Vernacular cottage stems from its unique shapes formed by the odd angle of the bays. This shape appears to be unaltered since its construction around 1903. In addition, the house has unusual decorative shingles in the gables over the bays-- concave-sided, diamond-shaped shingles with small straight-sided diamonds at the lower tips. Square butt shingles adorn the gable over the L and inward-curved barge boards finish the gable edges. A small metal garage shares the long narrow lot with the dwelling. It is located in a neighborhood of other small houses and commercial buildings.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1903** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **44** Depth: **120**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **none apparent**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: **metal garage**

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

Its distinctive architectural details make this Vernacular Cottage worthy of a second look. It is built in an L shape with bays extending out diagonally from each of the front corners. The decorative shingles on its gables are quite unique on what otherwise is a very functional-looking late 19th century cottage.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture **X** Arts & Leisure
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement
 Government Military
 Religion Social/Education

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

Dees; Assessors' Books; Sanborn Maps: 1902, 1921; Dakin Map: 1885; 1923 Platbook; Otis Karr: 6-1-1983

22. Date form prepared: **6-10-1983 (updated 10/08)**

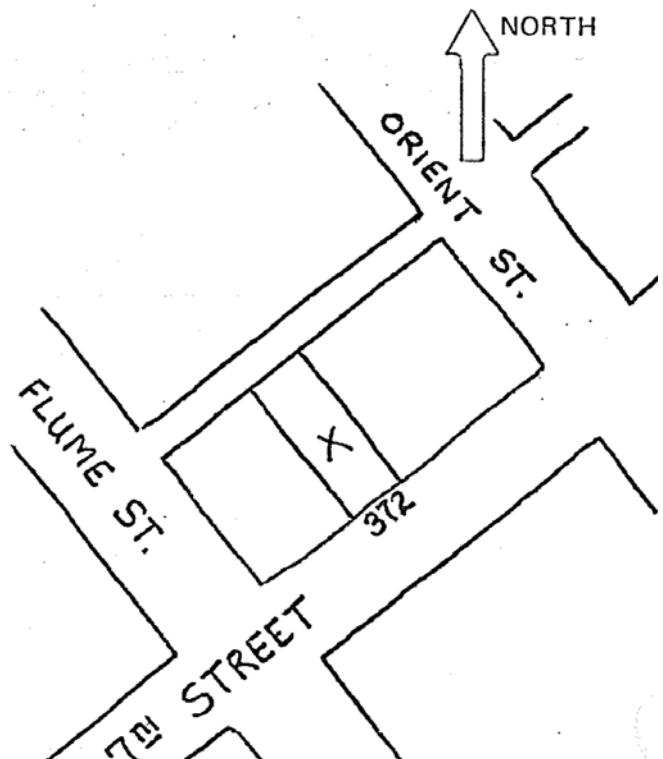
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **Hugh T. Bell House**
3. Street or rural address: **458 E 7th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-383-010**
5. Present Owner: **Frank and Sandra Sperling** Address: **458 E 7th St**
City **Chico** Zip **96926** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **multiple residence** Original Use: **single family**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style: **Italianate**
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

This is a relatively plain, square Italianate style house from the early 1870's. Its sparseness is due no doubt to the lack of milling machinery necessary for the more complex details seen by the 1880's. There is a two-story, two-room deep front section and a one-story rear section making it "T" shaped. It has a low-pitched, shingled hip roof and clapboard siding. Its components are symmetrically arranged: single story slanted bays on either side of central paneled and glass door with transom above. 2/2 double hung windows are used throughout. A porch roof extends between the bays with two square support posts, probably replacements for simple turned posts. Quoins at the corners and double brackets under the overhanging eaves are hallmarks of the Italianate. Two large fir tree shade the front yard. This house, once on the edge of town, is now on the inside edge of an area developed mostly after 1900.



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8. Construction Date:
Estimated: **1874** Factual:
9. Architect: **unknown**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: **80** Depth: **120**
Or approx. acreage:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1982**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations:
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

This is one of Chico's earliest residences in this are of town and one of its earliest extant buildings in the Italianate Style. Hugh T. Bell, a native of England, arrived in California to mine but soon became a bookkeeper in Marysville. He began work with a Chico lumber company in 1872 and two years later had this fine house built on the corner of Seventh and Orient in the "Eastern Extension". He began to develop an interest in ranching and in 1882, sold this house to John J. Hallam, soon-to-be proprietor of Hallam House (c.1883), a large downtown boarding house. The land Bell accumulated is still operated as the Hugh T. Bell Ranch which was a recipient of the California Historical Society's Historic Business Register award in June 1983.

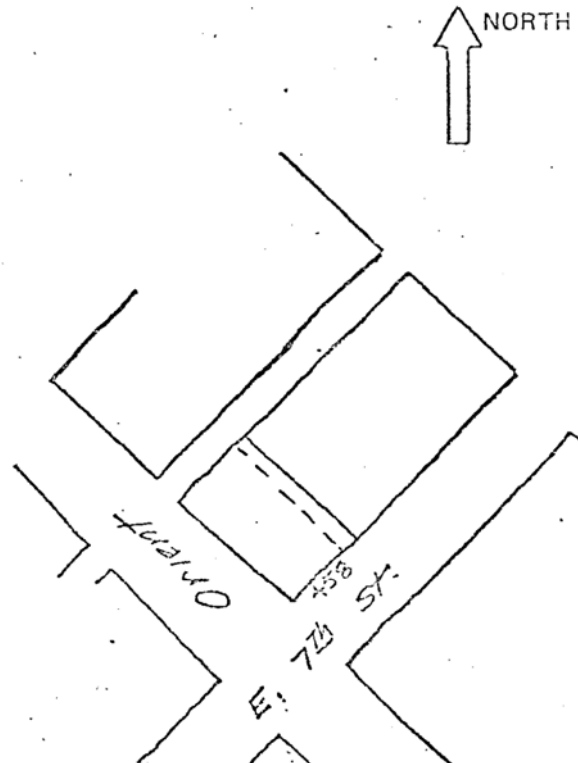
20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement 2
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

John Nopel: 10-4-82, 12-9-82
Deeds. Assessors Records
Mansfield. History of Butte Co.
Chico Daily Enterp. 3-1-06 (obit)
City Directories: 1881, 1904
Sanborn 1902, Dakin 1884

22. Date form prepared: **1-3-1983** (updated 10/08)
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **Chico Unified School District Offices**
2. Historic Name: **Linden School**
3. Street or rural address: **1163 E 7th Street**
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **004-412-001**
5. Present Owner: **Chico Unified School District** Address: **1163 E 7th St.**
City **Chico** Zip **96926** Ownership is: Public Private
6. Present Use: **school administration office** Original Use: **school**

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural Style:
- 7b. Brief present physical description of site or structure and any alterations from original condition:

This is a rectangular, single story school building with gable roof covered with shingle. The entire structure stands on a thicker, continuous foundation wall with socle moulding. The main entrance is placed roughly in the center of the long rectangle, facing East Seventh Street. The curved stair with open railing is connected to the projecting entry hall. The corners of the entry projection are simple chamfered. The opening arch is shaped, following the Spanish Mission Baroque mode with a series of diagonally recessed continuous concave narrow and board chamfer-scoops as the arch moulding. The top of the shaped arch is segmental with an accented scroll-work keystone decoration. On either side of the keystone spreads a moulded, festoon garland decoration, dropping down to the spandrel shoulder. The fenestration is both round-headed with a sash and transom and rectangular with tow sash. Dividing the rectangular windows are, however, Eastlake-like, moulded decorative posts. The close eaves run above a continuous frieze band separated only by the projecting entry hall. The rear side of the building is plain, but repeats the similar fenestrations.



8. Construction Date:
Estimated: Factual: **1928**
9. Architect: **Chester Cole and Louis Brouchoud**
10. Builder: **J.M. Evans and Sons**
11. Approx. property size (feet):
Frontage: Depth:
Or approx. acreage: **1.61**
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent: Good: **X** Fair: Deteriorated: No longer in existence:
14. Alterations: **remodeled into administrative offices; print shop added to**
15. Surroundings: Open land Scattered Buildings Densely built-up **X**
 Residential **X** Industrial Commercial Other:
16. Threats to site: None known **X** Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On original site? **X** Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with site).

In March 1928, the Chico School Board voted to purchase lots from George E. Vadney on 7th and Linden Streets in order to build a school on the quickly developing east site. Local architects, Cole and Brouchoud, were chosen to design the four classrooms, teachers and principal's rooms, and basement out of reinforced concrete for \$32,000. J.M. Evans and Sons were the contractors. The architects created another of their basic schools with large industrial windows but with the refined classically-derived details which characterize their work. Linden School opened February 1, 1929, with four teachers and 115 students. The building was capable of enlargement to 8, 10 or 12 rooms with an auditorium, but when the population shifted further east, it was decided, in 1957, to build a new school in the east and use Linden as the Chico Unified School District Offices.

20. Main theme of historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)

- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education 2

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

School Board Minutes: 1926-1930
Nina Lorach: 6-22-1983

22. Date form prepared: **6-4-1983** (updated 10/08)
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