

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **Bower House**
2. Historic Name: **Bower House**
3. Street or rural address: **106 Ord Ferry Stage**  
City **Outside Sphere** Zip **959XX** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **39-49-1**
5. Present Owner: **James M. and Clare B. Bremner** Address: **106 Ord Ferry Stage**  
City **Chico** Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **residence** Original Use: **residence**

DESCRIPTION

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

**The Bower House sits back from River Road and is about ten miles south-west of Chico. It is a grand, two-story, brick Italianate residence. A low-pitched hipped roof, with 22' x 30' deck, covers the "L" shaped building. Boxed cornice with brackets and a plain paneled frieze top the walls. Two shaped brick chimneys with corbelling extend from the center and north interiors. Two side-by-side bay windows enrich the east side. The double-hung, 2/2 round-headed windows are paired across the façade and on the west side. A former ornate open veranda has been replaced by a plain one with square piers supporting a balcony, both levels having plain stick balustrades. The central recessed entrance still retains the double, glass and paneled, arched doors which open into a niched entry way. A large stairhall divides the house which originally had 11 rooms. A one-story addition, now used as a kitchen, was added to the short leg of the "L." This addition retains a plain boxed cornice and frieze. A former west entrance has been replaced by a wooden, shed roofed screened porch. The lower floor has 13 foot ceilings and the unused upper floor has 11 foot ceilings. A small (approx. 12' x 12') brick structure on the south-west side probably was built at the same time as the house either as a kitchen or a "cheese house."**

8. Construction Date:  
Estimated: **1877** Actual:
9. Architect: **Fred W. Beardslee**
10. Builder: **unknown**
11. Approx. property size (feet):  
Frontage: \_\_\_\_\_ Depth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Or approx. acreage: **168.54**
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):

13. Condition: Excellent:      Good:      Fair: **X**      Deteriorated:      No longer in existence:
14. Alterations:      **Kitchen added to rear and side porch added to south-east side.**
15. Surroundings: Open land **X**      Scattered Buildings      Densely built-up  
 Residential      Industrial      Commercial      Other: **farm land**
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:      **small brick structure off south-west corner of house, various barns**

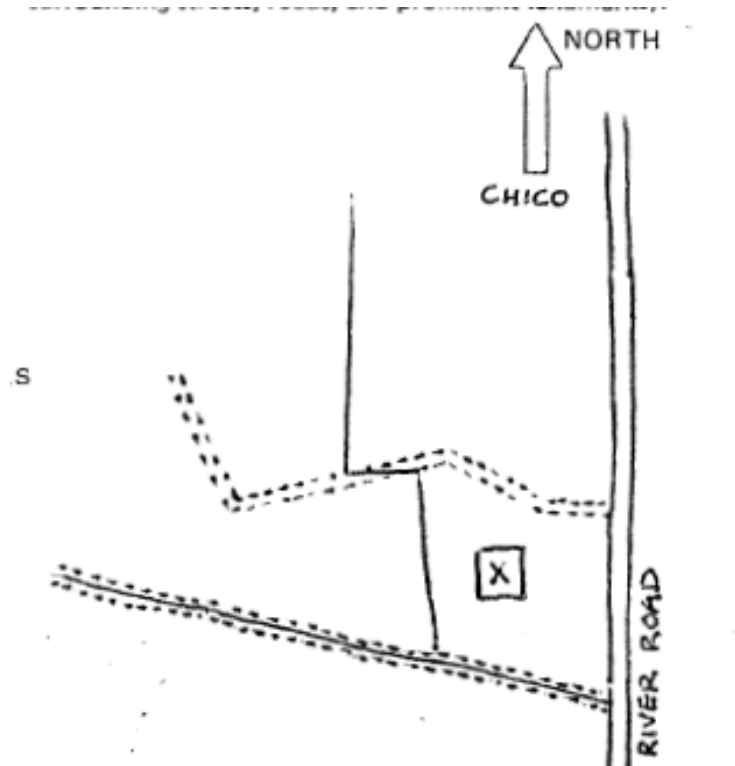
**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

**The Bower House, c. 1877, is one of the Chico area's grandest remaining rural houses. It is also one of few brick pre-1900 residences. Rancher John Bowers hired architect Fred W. Beardslee to design this house. About 225,000 bricks were fired by Walker Bros. of Chico (see: 702 W 3rd St) for the structure which was 42' x 64'. It remained neglected for many years and the present owners are gradually restoring it.**

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)

**Assessment Books: 1877 – 1878**  
**Deeds**  
**Butte Co., Illustrations**  
**Smith and Elliot: 1877**  
**Clare B. Bremner: 11-19-1982**  
**John Nopel: 3-1983**



22. Date form prepared: **4-1983**
- By (name)      **Daniel S. McGann**
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- City      **Chico**      Zip      **95927**
- Phone:

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **Patrick Ranch**
2. Historic Name: **Old Patrick House**
3. Street or rural address: **11047 Midway (formerly the Chico Oroville Road)**  
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **039-060-094**
5. Present Owner: **Warren Brusie, Inc** Address: **626 Broadway**  
City **Chico** Zip **95928** Ownership is: Public Private **X**
6. Present Use: **residence** Original Use: **residence and rooming house**

DESCRIPTION

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

**Originally a one-story structure, the Patrick Ranch House had a second gabled story added in the late 1850's. The two-story clapboard sided section has a veranda with straight posts and a stick-work balustrade running around three sides of it. The double-hung 6/6 sash windows are arranged symmetrically on either side of both first and second floor doors. A central chimney extends from the roof. A gabled one-story section extends to the west. An original barn and smoke house are part of this ranch complex.**



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8. Construction Date:  
Estimated: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: **1853**
9. Architect: **Owner Built**
10. Builder: **unknown, probably owner**
11. Approx. property size (feet):  
Frontage: **400** Depth: **900**  
Or approx. acreage: **part of 300 acres of this place**
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1983**

13. Condition: Excellent:      Good: **X**      Fair:      Deteriorated:      No longer in existence:
14. Alterations:                    **bath added downstairs; bath upstairs between 1920 – 1930**
15. Surroundings: Open land **X**      Scattered Buildings      Densely built-up  
 Residential      Industrial      Commercial      Other:  
 Threats to site: None known      Private development **X**      Zoning      Vandalism  
 Public Works project      Other:
17. Is the structure:      On original site?      Moved? **X**      Unknown?
18. Related features:      **The house is set in a grove of native white oaks, original barn and smoke house**

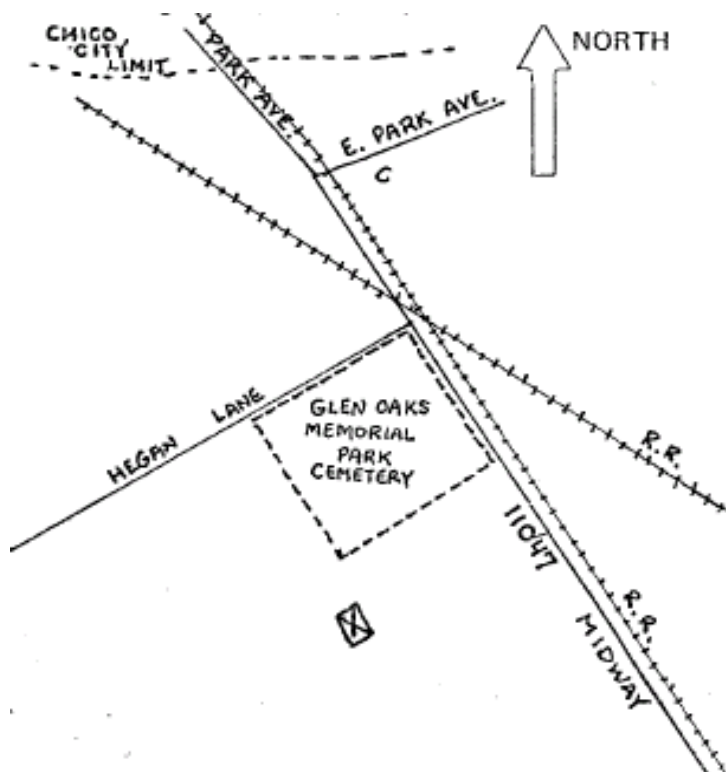
SIGNIFICANCE

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

**Located just outside of Chico, this lovely California farmhouse is the area's oldest structure, the foundation dating from 1853. The current owner attests that the foundation holds a structure built in 1850 and moved to the site in 1853. The ranch itself has been in the Patrick family since 1850 and was part of the Aguas Nieves Mexican Grant. The second story of the house was added in the late 1850's, with windows (some with original glass) shipped around the Horn. The upstairs originally contained four small bedrooms with a bathroom; the rooms were often rented to travelers. In 1899 a large kitchen was added. Water to the house is still supplied by the original well. This ranch is the site of the first airport in Butte County; Patrick Airport (1929) founded by William Garrison Patrick III, and is next to the Patrick family cemetery and near Maidu Indian Rancheria. Nearby, the wagon ruts of the old drayage are still evident. This house and ranch are historical treasures, a link with the area's agricultural/economic heritage and a virtually unchanged representative of ranch life in early California.**

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   1    
 Government \_\_\_\_\_      Military \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_      Social/Education \_\_\_\_\_
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and other dates)

**Mansfield, History of Butte County  
 Deuel, History of Butte County  
 Interviews: W. G. Patrick II  
 Bee Patrick Compton  
 W.G. Patrick III**



22. Date form prepared: **6-21-1983 (updated 10/08)**
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- Phone:

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**

Ser. No. 04-5926-6-158  
HABS \_\_\_\_\_ HAER \_\_\_\_\_ NR 5 SHL \_\_\_\_\_ Loc X  
UTM: A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_  
C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **none**
2. Historic Name: **none**
3. Street or rural address: **Cussick Ave and W. Lindo Ave**  
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **State Bridge #12C-65**
5. Present Owner: **Butte County** Address:  
City **Oroville** Zip **95965** Ownership is: Public  Private
6. Present Use: **bridge** Original Use: **bridge**

DESCRIPTION

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

**An 80-foot, single span steel Warren pony truss bridge.**



8. Construction Date:  
Estimated: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: **1905**
9. Architect: **Popert**
10. Builder: **San Francisco Bridge Co**
11. Approx. property size (feet):  
Frontage: \_\_\_\_\_ Depth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Or approx. acreage: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1984**

13. Condition: Excellent:      Good: **X**      Fair:      Deteriorated:      No longer in existence:
14. Alterations:
15. Surroundings: Open land      Scattered Buildings **X**      Densely built-up  
 Residential **X**      Industrial      Commercial      Other:  
 Threats to site: None known      Private development      Zoning      Vandalism  
 Public Works project      Other: **Older bridges being closed and replaced by county and state**
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 a single span bridge joining 2 semi-rural residential areas on either side of Lindo Channel. When it was first built, the surroundings were all farm areas. As an older bridge, it is under threat of replacement.**

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

**John Snyder (CalTrans): 3-28-1984**  
**Butte Co. Board of Supervisors minutes, v.9, p. 485 and v. 10, p. 39;**  
**Chico Record: 9-15-1904; 10-3-1904**  
**Historic Preservation: Nov/Dec 1979, pl1f**

22. Date form prepared:**7-1984**
- By (name)      **E. Stewart**
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- City      **Chico**      Zip      **95927**
- Phone:

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**

Ser. No. 04-5926-6-159  
HABS \_\_\_\_\_ HAER \_\_\_\_\_ NR 5 SHL \_\_\_\_\_ Loc X  
UTM: A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_  
C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common Name: **Gynn Bridge**
2. Historic Name: **none**
3. Street or rural address: **Gynn Ave and W. Lindo Ave**  
City **Chico** Zip **95926** County **Butte**
4. Parcel number: **State Bridge #12C-66**
5. Present Owner: **Butte County** Address:  
City **Oroville** Zip **95965** Ownership is: Public  Private
6. Present Use: **bridge** Original Use: **bridge**

DESCRIPTION

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

**An 85-foot, single span steel Warren pony truss bridge.**



8. Construction Date:  
Estimated: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: **1911-1912**
9. Architect: **Charles Sam Polk**
10. Builder: **Chico Construction Co.**
11. Approx. property size (feet):  
Frontage: \_\_\_\_\_ Depth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Or approx. acreage: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): **1984**

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:  
 Threats to site: None known Private development Zoning Vandalism  
 Public Works project Other: **Older bridges being closed and replaced by county and state**
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).

**A well-designed, functional bridge in good repair, it provides access between semi-rural areas on either side of Lindo Channel now being developed. It was built by Chico Construction Co. for \$3,386. The Warren truss, which was used for this bridge, was patented by 2 British engineers c. 1846.**

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

**John Snyder (CalTrans): 3-28-1984**  
**Butte Co. Board of Supervisors minutes, v.12, p. 14 and 28;**  
**Historic Preservation: Nov/Dec 1979, pl1f**

22. Date form prepared: **7-1984**
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