

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: The Palms Hotel/Apartments
2. Historic name: Crocker Sanitarium
3. Street or rural address: 504 Matheson St.  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-223-05 c/o Calif. Land Title
5. Present Owner: Trans Western Title, Address: P.O. Box 711  
City San Rafael, CA Zip 94902 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential (apartments) Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Mission Revival
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This Mission style stucco apartment building, built in 1904, has a two-story rear building with flanking one-story wings making a U-shaped court yard. The rear building has flanking two-story square towers with hipped roof. An arched balcony extends across the second story and all arched loggia down each wing and across the lower floor in the rear. Some windows are casements and some are 6/6.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1904
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 118 Depth 119  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
20 Sept. 198 16/36

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good \_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated X No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: one window replaced with plain plate
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) 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 its original site? X Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: Two large palms flank driveway, evergreens in rear

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)  
 What is now known as The Palms Apartments was originally built in 1904 by Dr. H.B. Crocker as the Crocker Sanitarium. It served not only the sick but as a vacation resort to the weary. It accepted no contagious or violent cases. For \$3.00 per day, according to the brochure, one received transportation to points of interest, expenses of boats, fresh food, plenty of sunshine, and no fog. The brochure also stated "We cure chronic constipation, no drugs used, we cure the liquor habit without any suffering." It was aimed at the person who was tired of the grind of social or business life, who needed respite from the fog, cold winds and noise of the city. A "back to nature" type of health resort. Crocker was later the first in his field to provide medical insurance, charging his patients \$1.00 a month. In 1906 it became strictly a tourist hotel "The Palms Hotel" and today is The Palms Apartments.

20. Main theme of the 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 their dates).  
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