

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 4 SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Gobbi Building
3. Street or rural address: 312 Center Street
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-194-05
5. Present Owner: Maghzi Nas & Charleen Address: 266 Casitas Ave.
City San Francisco Zip 94127 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION

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

This building has undergone several changes since it was constructed. The original facade of the building was in the Italianate style with the use of the case iron columns, and window sills in the commercial front. In the 1906 earthquake, the upper brick facade fell to the sidewalk and was reconstructed in brick but with a different window pattern. The existing cast iron columns still remain and have been furred in. The building is constructed of brick and the rear facade still has its original arched brick window openings. The building has been the first building in the plaza area to be designated by the City Council as being historically significant, owing to recommendation made to the City Council by the Langhart Museum. This designation was made to facilitate a proposed restoration project.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1885
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 66 Depth 85
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
19 Aug. 1982

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated X No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Stuccoed Front
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial X Other: ___
16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development X Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: ___
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: ___

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This structure has recently suffered damage from fire and is currently slated for restoration to its earlier facade presentation. Twice almost lost to the history of Healdsburg, once damage from the 1906 earthquake, then to the 1982 fire 100 years after its construction, the Gobbi Building has been host to many businesses and residents through its century of existence. Barney Gobbi, an Italian immigrant and viticulturist, amassed enough capital in that occupation to purchase a lot from the City of Healdsburg and build this building in 1885. The lower floor uses have included general merchandise and grocery sales, meat markets, dry goods, and, most importantly, in 1893 to 1901, housed Cook and Garrett Hardware, later to become Garret Hardware, which has been continuously in business since that time. The upper floor, at first offices, was converted to apartments by 1926 and remained so until the fire in 1982. Restoration of the Gobbi Building will revitalize an important link to the City's past.

20. Main theme of the 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 their dates). Ent: 6/18/1888, 4/24/26

- Sandborn Map 1911
Litho.: 1875, 1884
Photographic: Langhart Museum
Trib: 9/26/1888, 2/25/1892, 2/9/1893
3/14/01, 8/15/03, 10/30/13

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