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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES
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March 20, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION AND SITE VIEW
MENDOCINO HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD PERMIT**

The Mendocino Historical Review Board, on Monday, April 3, 2023, will perform a site view of the proposed project, beginning at 4:00 PM, or as soon as the Board may assemble. Concluding the site view, the Board will convene for their regular meeting in the Mendocino Community Center, 10525 School Street (the corner of School and Pine Streets), Mendocino, California, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard, for the below described project that is located in the Town of Mendocino.

CASE#: MHRB_2023-0001

DATE FILED: 1/5/2023

OWNER/APPLICANT: TEMPLE OF KWAN TAI, INC

AGENT: LORRAINE HEE-CHARLEY

REQUEST: Mendocino Historical Review Board Permit to construct a retaining wall and replace fencing along the northern property line. Note: The site is listed as a Category I historic resource in Appendix 1 of the Mendocino Town Plan, the Joss House c1867.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically Exempt

LOCATION: 45160 ALBION ST; APN: 119-235-02

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 5 (Williams)

STAFF PLANNER: STEVEN SWITZER

The staff report and notice will be available 10 days before hearing on the Department of Planning and Building Services website at: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/meeting-agendas/mendocino-historic-review-board>.

As you are an adjacent property owner and/or interested party, you are invited to appear at the hearing and provide comments. Written comments should be submitted by mail to the Department of Planning and Building Services Commission Staff, at 860 North Bush Street, Ukiah, or 120 West Fir Street, Fort Bragg, California. In order to minimize the risk of exposure, the public may participate digitally in meetings by sending comments to pbscommissions@mendocinocounty.org by April 2, 2023 or orally via telecomment in lieu of personal attendance. All correspondence should contain reference to the above noted case number. All public comment will be made available to the Board, staff, and the general public as they are received and processed by staff, and can be viewed as attachments to this meeting agenda at <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/meeting-agendas/mendocino-historic-review-board>

The decision of the Mendocino Historical Review Board shall be final unless a written appeal is submitted to the Board of Supervisors with a filing fee within 10 calendar days thereafter. If appealed, the decision of the Board of Supervisors to approve the project shall be final. If you would like to be notified of the Mendocino Historical Review Board action, please submit a written request to this office.

If you challenge the above case in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues described in this notice or that you or someone else raised at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Mendocino Historical Review Board Secretary at or prior to, the public hearing.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE. Mendocino County complies with ADA requirements and upon request, will attempt to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in appropriate alternate formats (pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.2). Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact the Department of Planning and Building Services by calling (707) 234-6650 or (707) 964-5379 at least five days prior to the meeting.

Additional information regarding the above noted case may be obtained by calling the Planning and Building Services Department at 707-964-5379, Monday through Friday.

JULIA KROG, Director of Planning and Building Services



**MENDOCINO HISTORICAL REVIEW BOARD
STAFF REPORT**

**APRIL 3, 2023
MHRB_2023-0001**

OWNER/ APPLICANT: TEMPLE OF KWAN TAI, INC
PO BOX 633
MENDOCINO, CA 95460

AGENT: LORRAINE HEE-CHARLEY
PO BOX 506
FORT BRAGG, CA 95437

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mendocino Historical Review Board Permit to construct a retaining wall and replace fencing along the northern property line. Note: The site is listed as a Category I historic resource in Appendix 1 of the Mendocino Town Plan, the Joss House c1867.

STREET ADDRESS: 45160 Albion St; APN: 119-235-02

PARCEL SIZE: 2,400 Square Feet

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically Exempt

HISTORIC STRUCTURES:

On Site:	Category I Joss House
	Category IVa Hee Family Home
North:	Category I Golgert House
	Category IVb Dwelling
South:	Category Iva Ramus Boarding House
East:	Vacant Lot
West:	Category IVa Dwelling

PAST MHRB PERMITS: 99-46 repairs, roof; 08-03 rain gutter

HISTORIC ORDINANCE STANDARDS: The Mendocino Historical Preservation District Ordinance provides standards for the MHRB to consider when reviewing applications. Relative to this application, the following issues are raised and should be addressed:

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|---|----------------------|
| ✓ Building Size, Height, Proportions and Form | Roof Shape |
| ✓ Relationship of Building Masses and Open Spaces | Color(s) |
| ✓ Relationship to Surrounding Structures | Sign Size |
| ✓ Materials and Textures | Number of Signs |
| Architectural Details and Style | ✓ Placement/Location |
| Facade Treatment | Lighting |
| Proportions of Windows and Doors | ✓ Paving/Grading |
| ✓ Landscaping | |

APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF MHRB GUIDELINES: VII –Structural Guidelines, Fences & Walls (*Page 9*)

APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF MENDOCINO TOWN ZONING CODE: Section 20.760.030 –Work in Historical Zone A Requiring Approval, Section 20.760.050 –Standards

STAFF NOTES: Mendocino Town Zoning Code (MCC) Section 20.760.030 provides that all fences and/or exterior dividing walls are subject to Review Board approval. Further, MHRB Design Guidelines, VII –Structural Guidelines, Fences & Walls provides the following:

...Retaining walls should be of wood, dry stone and stone masonry. Logs and railroad ties may be used on a limited scale provided that the horizontal method of construction is utilized. (MHRB Design Guidelines, VII –Structural Guidelines, Fences & Walls, Page 9)

The applicant proposes a reinforced 2,000 psi concrete retaining wall and replacement of existing wooden fence along the northern property line. A 4-inch perforated drain in a rocky pocket at the base of the retaining wall is proposed to aid in surface water run-off and on-site drainage. The concrete portion of the wall will extend 2± feet above grade on the subject parcel with 6± inches of concrete above grade visible from the adjacent property to the north. The proposed concrete portion of the retaining wall will not be visible from Albion Street (CR 407D) and only have limited views from Ukiah Street (CR 407C). Considering this, staff finds that the use of concrete and its limited visibility within the District is in harmony with the exterior appearance and design of existing surrounding structures and would not detract from the appearance of other property within the District.

MCC Section 20.608.031 –Definitions (L) provides the following:

"Lot Coverage" means the percentage of gross lot area covered by all buildings and structures on a lot, including decks, porches, and covered walkways; excluding uncovered required parking areas, landscaping, patios, terracing, and rainwater, groundwater, or potable water storage tanks. (MCC Section 20.608.031(M))

Considering the proposed retaining wall terrace the existing sloped landscape, the project will not count towards the Lot Coverage on the subject parcel.

RECOMMENDED FINDINGS: The Review Board shall not approve or conditionally approve any application for proposed work unless it affirmatively makes the following findings:

- (A) Pursuant with MCC Sec. 20.760.065(A), the proposed construction of a retaining wall and replacement of fencing along the northern property line is well represented by shape and form. The proposed development is in harmony with the exterior appearance and design of existing structures within the District and with that of the existing subject structure, the Temple of Kwan Tai; and
- (B) Pursuant with MCC Sec. 20.760.065(B), the proposed construction of a retaining wall and replacement of fencing along the northern property line would not detract from the appearance of other property within the District.
- (C) Pursuant with MCC Sec. 20.760.065(C), the proposed construction of a retaining wall and replacement of fencing along the northern property line would not unnecessarily damage or destroy a structure of historical, architectural or cultural significance.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

1. This action shall become final and effective on the 11th day following the decision unless an appeal is filed pursuant to Section 20.760.072 of the Mendocino County Code. The permit shall expire and become null and void at the expiration of two years after the effective date except where construction and or use of the property in reliance on such permit have been completed prior to its expiration.
2. The application along with supplemental exhibits and related material shall be considered elements of this permit, and compliance therewith is mandatory.

3. This permit shall be subject to the securing of all necessary permits for the proposed development from County, State and Federal agencies having jurisdiction. The applicant shall secure all required building permits for the proposed project as required by the Building Inspection Division.
4. This permit shall be subject to revocation or modification upon a finding of any one (1) or more of the following:
 - a. That such permit was obtained or extended by fraud.
 - b. That one or more of the conditions upon which such permit was granted have been violated.
 - c. A final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction has declared one (1) or more conditions to be void or ineffective, or has enjoined or otherwise prohibited the enforcement or operation of one (1) or more such conditions.
5. Should the project deviate from the approved MHRB Permit 2023-0001, the property owner shall request a determination for consistency with the intent of the MHRB Permit MHRB_2023-0001 and MCC Chapter 20.760. Minor alterations that are found not to comply with the approved MHRB permit shall be considered and processed as major alterations subject to securing a MHRB permit and final action by the Review Board.
6. Any Building Permit request shall include MHRB Permit 2023-0001 attached to or printed on the plans submitted.
7. Exterior building materials shall not include use of imitation or synthetic materials, such as aluminum or vinyl siding, imitation stone, imitation brick, plastic laminated beams, concrete block or boards, stucco or asbestos shingles or panels, or plywood panels.
8. Fences shall be made from wood. Solid wood fences are discouraged except where they are necessary for screening parking and storage. Chain link or metal fences, concrete block, plastic, fiberglass or plywood fences are prohibited.

The Review Board's action and this permit will not be final and effective and work may not commence on the project until after a ten-day appeal period has ended. You will be notified if a timely appeal is filed.

Appeal Fee: \$2,620.00 (Check payable to County of Mendocino).

Appeal Period: Appeals must be received within 10 days of Review Board Action.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. MHRB_2023-0001 Application
- B. Historical Information including Sverko Files and DPR 523 Forms

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Case No(s) MHRB-2023-0001
Date Filed 1/5/2023
Fee \$ \$918.00
Receipt No. PRT-053876
Received by Tia Sar

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MHRB APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant <u>Temple of Kwan Tai, Inc</u>	Name of Property Owner(s) <u>Temple of Kwan Tai, Inc</u>	Name of Agent <u>Korraine Hee Chorley/ Brent Anderson</u>
Mailing Address <u>PO Box 633 Mendocino CA 95460</u>	Mailing Address <u>PO Box 633 Mendocino CA 95460</u>	Mailing Address <u>PO Box 506 Fort Bragg CA 95437</u>
Telephone Number	Telephone Number	Telephone Number <u>707-357-2352</u>

Assessor's Parcel Number(s)
119. 235-02

Parcel Size <u>2400</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Square Feet <input type="checkbox"/> Acres	Street Address of Project <u>45160 Albion Street Mendocino</u>
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TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT

(Check appropriate boxes)

- Demolition. Please indicate the type and extent of demolition. (see next page)
- Construction of a structure.
- Addition to a structure.
- Alteration of exterior of structure.
- Construction, installation, relocation or alteration of outdoor advertising sign.
- Outdoor lighting.
- Walkways, driveways, parking areas, and grading.
- Exterior painting of a structure.
- Other.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to relate information to the Planning & Building Services Department and the MHRB. Please answer all questions. For those questions which do not pertain to your project, please indicate "Not Applicable" or "N/A". **NOTE: The more complete and clear the submitted information, the more quickly your application can be processed.**

1. Describe your project in detail.

- **For demolition**, identify the items to be demolished, the percentage of the structure(s) to be demolished, and explain reason for demolition.
- **For new signs**, provide scaled drawings, describe wording, dimensions, materials, colors, and mounting detail. Indicate specific location on site plan.
- **For new copy on existing signs**, provide wording, graphics, font style, colors, and photographs of existing sign(s).
- **For exterior painting**, describe existing and proposed colors. Provide paint chips for proposed colors.
- **For exterior lighting**, include description/detail of fixtures and indicate locations on the site plan.
- **For new construction**, additions or architectural alterations, include plans, elevations, dimensions, height(s), materials, colors, finishes, trim and window details, walkways and paving locations.
- **For walkways, driveways, paving and grading**, provide dimensions, location and materials.

CONSTRUCT RETAINING WALL ALONG NORTH PROPERTY
BOUNDARY.

2. If the project includes new construction, please provide the following information:

- What is the total lot area presently covered by building(s), decks, walkways, water tanks, and other structures? 1692 sq. ft.
- What is the total floor area (internal) of all structures on the property? 1620 sq. ft.
- If located within the Mendocino Mixed Use (MMU) zoning district, What is the total floor area on the parcel that is devoted to residential use? 1140 sq. ft.

If you need more room to answer any question, please attach additional sheets

SUBMIT ONLY ONE COPY

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

ORDINANCE NO. 3780, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 4, 1991, requires applicants for discretionary land use approvals, to sign the following Indemnification Agreement. Failure to sign this agreement will result in the application being considered incomplete and withheld from further processing.

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

As part of this application, applicant agrees to defend, indemnify, release and hold harmless the County of Mendocino, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees, boards and commissions, as more particularly set forth in Mendocino County Code Section 1.04.120, from any claim, action or proceeding brought against any of the foregoing individuals or entities, the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of this application or adoption of the environmental document which accompanies it. The indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, damages, costs, expenses, attorney fees or expert witness fees that may be asserted by any person or entity, including the applicant, arising out of or in connection with the approval of this application, whether or not there is concurrent, passive or active negligence on the part of the County, its agents, officers, attorneys, employees, boards and commissions.

Date: _____

1/5/2003

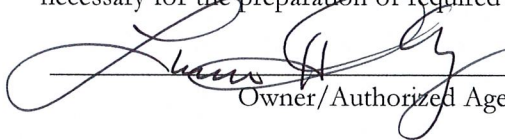


Applicant

CERTIFICATION AND SITE VIEW AUTHORIZATION

1. I hereby certify that I have read this completed application and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application, and all attached appendices and exhibits, is complete and correct. I understand that the failure to provide any requested information or any misstatements submitted in support of the application shall be grounds for either refusing to accept this application, for denying the permit, for suspending or revoking a permit issued on the basis of such misrepresentations, or for seeking of such further relief as may seem proper to the County.

2. I hereby grant permission for County Planning and Building Services staff and hearing bodies to enter upon and site view the premises for which this application is made in order to obtain information necessary for the preparation of required reports and render its decision.

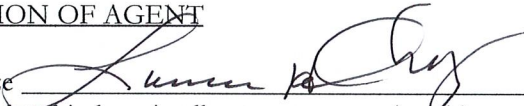


 Owner/Authorized Agent

 1/5/23
 Date

NOTE: IF SIGNED BY AGENT, OWNER MUST SIGN BELOW.

AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT

I hereby authorize  _____ to act as my representative and to bind me in all matters concerning this application.

Temple of Kwon Tai Inc.

 Owner

 1/5/23
 Date

MAIL DIRECTION

To facilitate proper handling of this application, please indicate the names and mailing addresses of individuals to whom you wish correspondence and/or staff reports mailed if different from those identified on Page One of the application form.

Name L. McCord	Name	Name
Mailing Address Box 633 Mendocino 95460	Mailing Address	Mailing Address

34'

PROPOSED
RETAINING
WALL

4'

EXISTING
RESIDENCE

1142 S.F.

AP-119-235-02

45160 ALBION'S
MENDOCINO

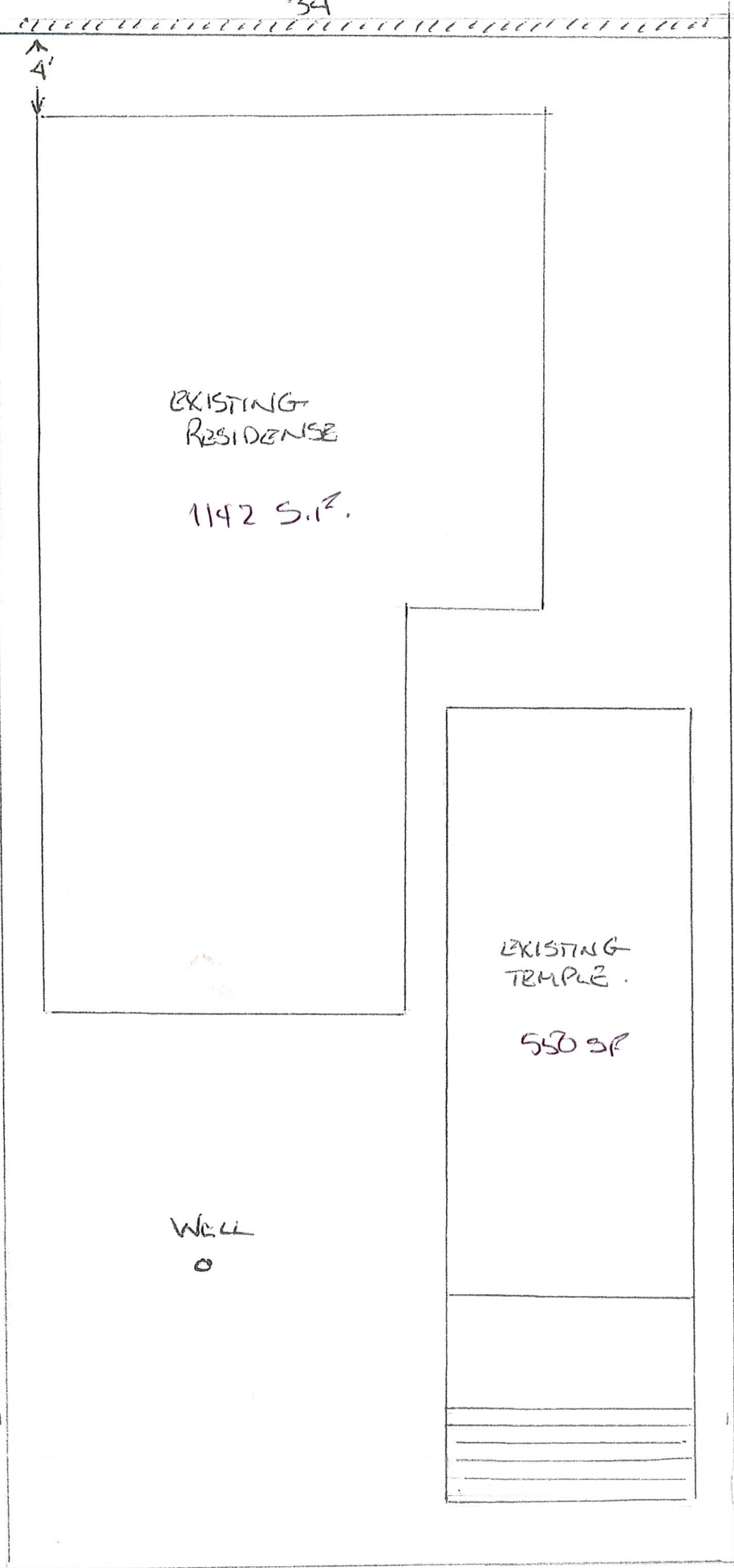
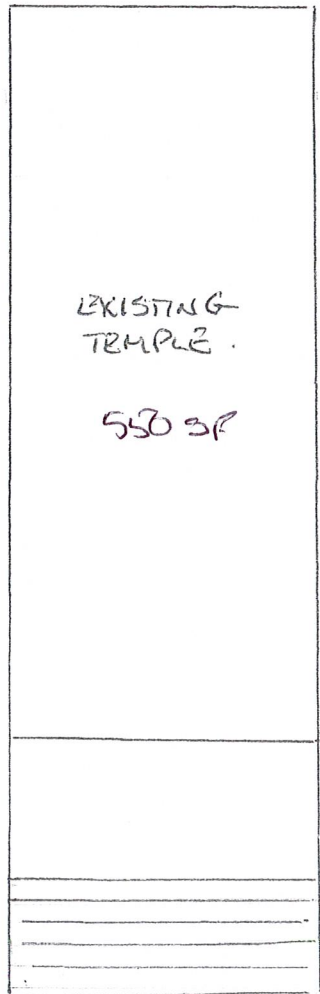


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EXISTING
TEMPLE

550 SF

WELL

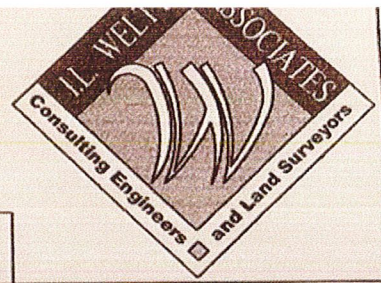


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ENGINEER Lee Welty

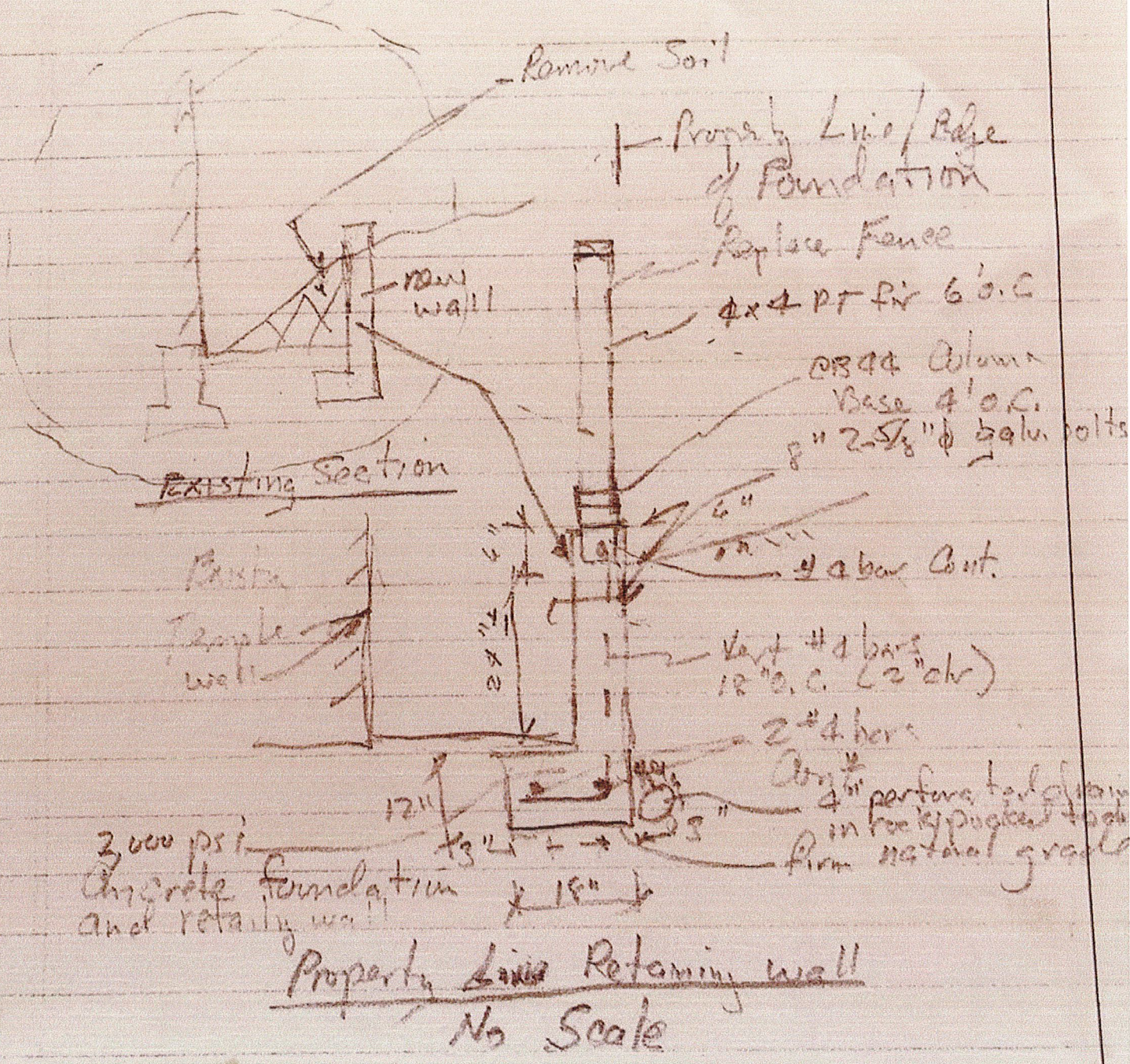
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45700 ALBION PLACE

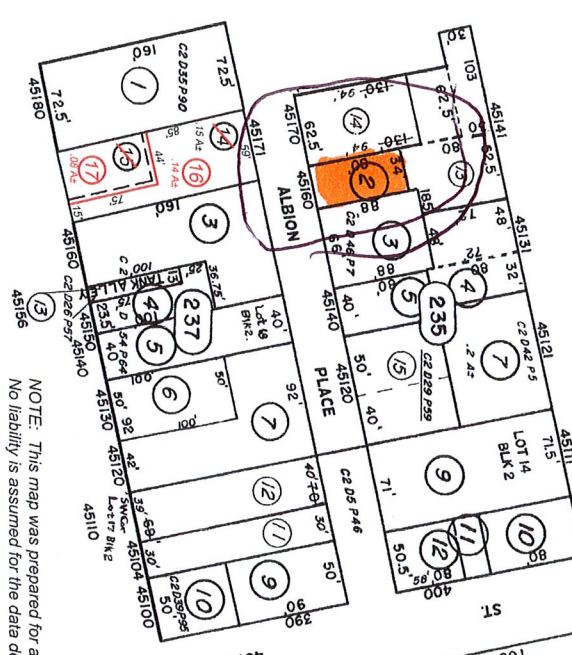
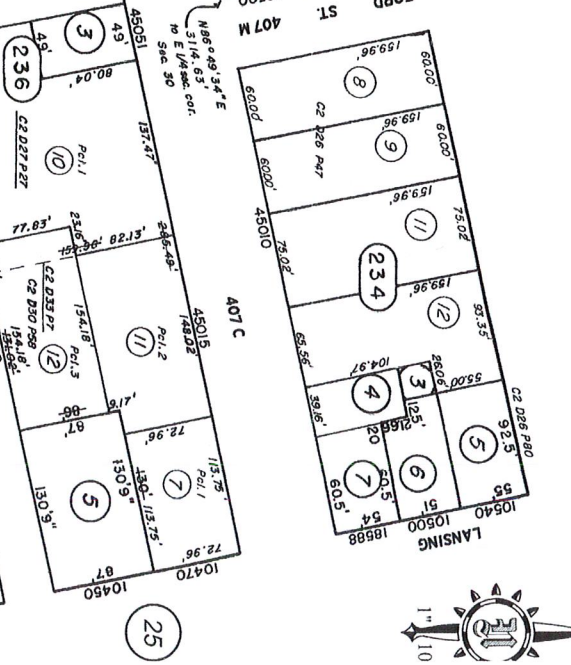
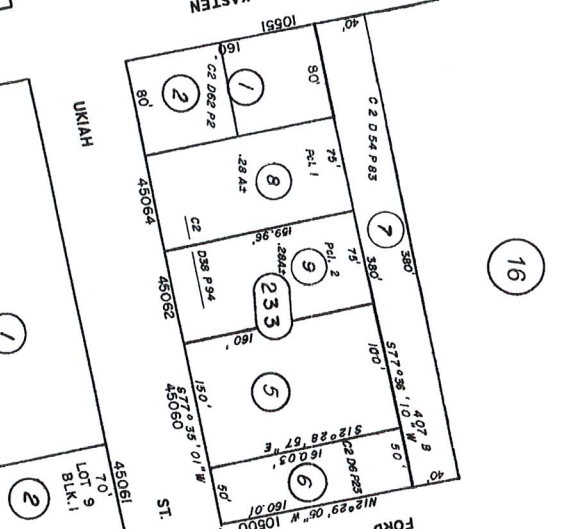
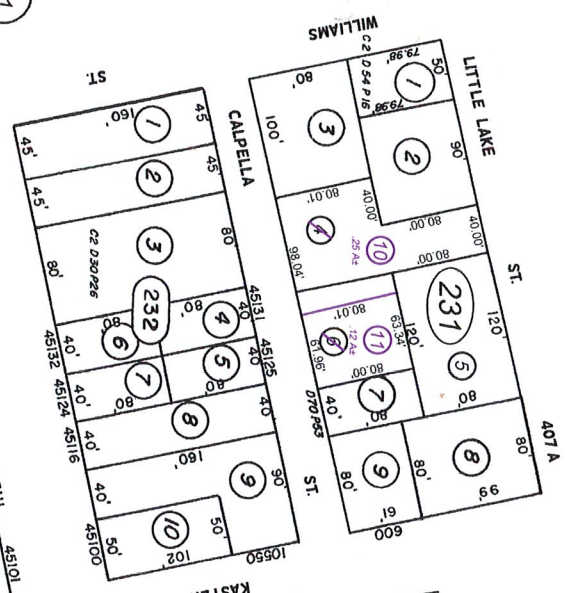
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Mendocino Village

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NOTE: This map was prepared for assessment purposes only.
No liability is assumed for the data delineated hereon.

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Assessor's Map
County of Mendocino,
November 20, 201



Mendocino County

Planning and Building Services

860 North Bush Street
Ukiah, CA 95482
(707) 234-6650

120 West Fir Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
(707) 964-5379

Paid By: TEMPLE OF KWAN TIA INC
PO BOX 633

MHRB_2023-0001

MENDOCINO

CA 95460

Receipt: PRJ_053876

Date: 1/5/2023

Project Number: MHRB_2023-0001

Pay Method: CHECK 1273

Project Description: TOK, Retaining Wall

Received By: TIA SAR

Site Address: 45160 ALBION ST

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Fee Amount</u>
BASE FEES	1100-2851-822600		\$615.00
MHRB MINOR BASE			\$615.00
GENERAL PLAN	1100-2851-826188		\$175.00
			\$175.00
RECORDS MANAGEMENT	1222-2852-826260		\$128.00
			\$128.00
Total Fees Paid:			\$918.00

TEMPLE OF QUAN TI
45160 Albion Place

Sverko, March 23, 1999
APN; 119-235-02
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STATE HIST STATUS
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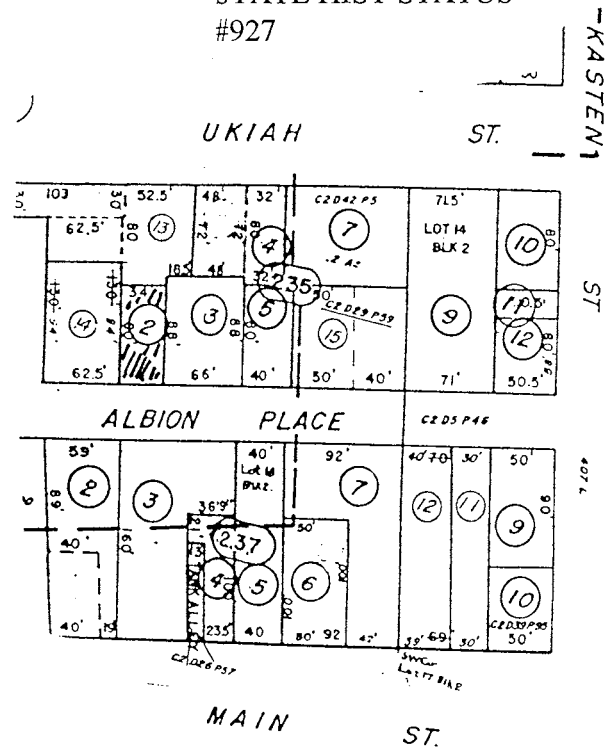
Much of the history of this landmark temple was researched by local descendant, Lorraine Hee, for documentation that qualified it for State Historical Landmark Status.

Oral history dates this temple back to 1854. Hee's great-grandfather sailed to this coast from China with a number of relatives in the early 1850's. In 1875, there were approximately 700 Chinese living in Mendocino. On Wm. Heeser's subdivision map of 1868, the parcel shows as occupied by Eli Wa Sing.

Hee says her great-grandfather, Chong Sung (aka Joe Lee, built the temple along with three other men. It has been owned by the Hee family since 1871. Each succeeding generation has made an oral commitment to preserve the temple. Incorrectly referred to as the "Joss House", the temple has remained intact, both exterior and interior, preserving ethnic religious and cultural history. It is a non-denominational house of worship dedicated to Quan Ti, a Chinese national hero who fought to restore the Han Dynasty in the Second Century, A.D. and who lived from 161 A.D. to 219 A.D.

The temple is a functioning house of worship. The interior holds symbols of rites of worship and are original. The exterior is painted red with green trim, red signifying the essence of joy and good luck. It is the only remaining such Chinese house of worship on the Pacific north coast, from San Francisco to the Oregon border. The windows look out to the Pacific Ocean and are said to be in harmony with the wind and water.

The Hee children of Mendocino and other interested citizens have formed a non-profit organization to continue to maintain the temple. In 1998, they were granted \$130,000 for renovation costs.



HEE FAMILY HOME
45160 Albion Place

Sverko, March 23, 1999
apn: 119-235-02
MHR: 36a, !Va

Beacon, Nov. 4, 1947, Geo Hee has begun the erection of a residential cottage on the same lot as the Chinese Temple.

The Hee family members have occupied this cottage ever since. Martha, Mrs. Geo, Hee died in 1970.

Joss House
Albion Street

Owned by George Hee this Chinese temple is one of very few left in California. We know of only two others: one at Weaverville, the other at Oroville. According to Mr. Hee the land on which it stands was given by William H. Kelly; the original section was built in the 1850's, and it was enlarged in 1870. "Joe" Lee was one of the builders and it seems likely that the deed to the property was put in Lee's name.

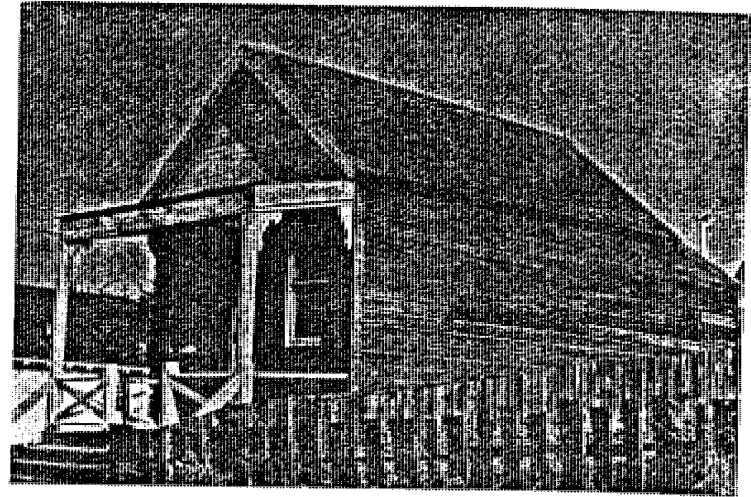
Apparently there were temporary joss houses from time to time and in other locations such as wash houses. A Beacon news item of November 4, 1882 reports:

A Chinese temple or Joss house has been built in this place and was formally opened on Monday last. The company that built it is the "Chun Ning Tong", and the individuals composing it are Eli Tia Key, On Toe, Chung Koer and Ah Sam. We were informed that the meats and drinks with which the table was covered are the refreshments offered to the Joss. After remaining some time on the table, which seems to be an altar, they are eaten by any worshipper who pleases. . .

This one has endured, largely to the credit of George Hee who promised his mother that he would always keep it as it was.

A Chinese school has been established in one of the rooms of the old school house, and Miss Laura Nelson has accepted the position of teacher. This solves the vexed question of admitting Chinese children into our public school, over which there has been considerable trouble here. The trustees consented to the use of the old school building (originally the first church, built in 1857), and the expenses attending the maintenance of the school is defrayed by tuition fees paid by the pupils.

— Mendocino Beacon, July 7, 1889



The characters above the door refer to the emperor or God King in whose honor this temple was erected. Approximate interpretations are: Wu Dai Miao (Warlike Emperor Temple) or, an alternate reading, Mo Dai Mue (Military God King Temple).

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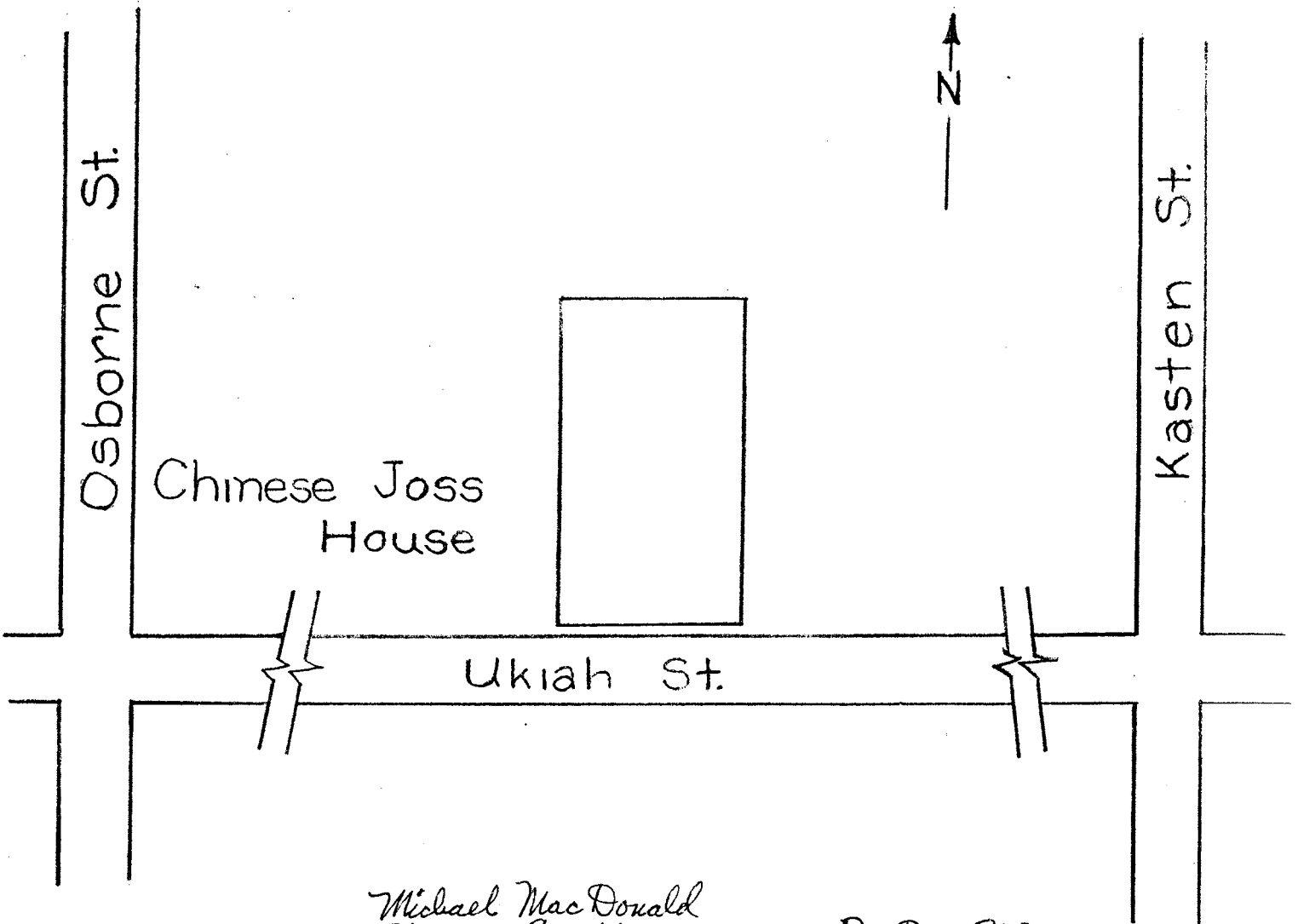
State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

1. County _____
Site Sent to State May 1975
(State Use Only)

- 2. Common Name Chinese Joss House
- 3. Location 45160 Albion St.
- 4. Date of Inventory June 1975
- 5. Status: Occupied Unoccupied _____ Preservation Work in Progress _____
- 6. Accessible to Public: Yes, Restricted Yes, Unrestricted _____ Not Accessible to Public _____
- 7. Owner of Property: Name George Hee Address _____
City Mendocino State CA Zip 95460 Phone _____
- 8. Approximate Acreage _____ or Approximate Lot Size 15' x 40'
- 9. Representation in existing historic or prehistoric survey (see instructions): Yes No _____ Unknown _____
Name of Survey Mendocino Historical Research, Inc.
- 10. Depository for Records: Name Same
Address Box 922 City Mendocino State Ca Unknown _____
- 11. Representation on current Historic Landmark Registry programs: Yes _____ No Unknown _____
Which Program _____
- 12. Description (multiple choice): Altered _____ Unaltered /Condition: Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair
Deteriorated _____ Ruins _____ Unexposed (archeological site) _____
- 13. Briefly describe the present and original physical appearance of site or structure and note any major alterations:
The Joss House is a simple, one story frame building. There is essentially one room with an ALTAR in it. The structure has not been significantly changed in appearance since its construction.
- 14. Event of Historical Importance: None Local _____ State _____ National _____ Describe briefly (see instructions for architectural exceptions): _____
- 15. Person of historical importance: Name _____
Local _____ State _____ National _____ Unknown _____ None
- 16. Statement of Significance: The Joss House is one of the oldest existing structures in Mendocino. It was built as a place of worship for the Chinese community and is one of only two or three such temples in California remaining.
- 17. Documents and Books (bibliography): Records in files of Mendocino Historical Research, Inc
- 18. Photographs included of site or structure: Yes No (see instructions)

19. Sketch map:

In the space below, draw a sketch map showing the location of the site or structure being inventoried. Label streets and road, and show the distance from the nearest major intersection. Add an arrow to show north on the map. As a rule, show north to the top of the page.



Michael MacDonald

20. Form prepared by: Name Nancy Curtis Address PO Box 927
 City Meudocino Phone _____ Organization Meudocino Historical Research, Inc

THE FOLLOWING (21-26) ARE FOR STRUCTURES ONLY.

21. Date of Construction 1882 Factual _____ Estimated Unknown _____
 Architect _____ Unknown Builder _____ Unknown _____
22. Basic historic use of structure (see instructions): 14e - Chinese community temple
23. Basic present use of structure (see instructions): 14e same as above
24. Is structure on original site? Yes No _____ Unknown _____
25. Present Environment and Threat of Destruction (see instructions)
 Secure Threatened _____ Unknown _____
26. Area of structure at ground level: Width 14' Length 30' Unknown _____

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Architectural Supplement

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
County				Site			
(State Use Only)							

Mark the answer sheet for this section in the same way that you marked answers to questions 29 – 36, placing one number per block. As this section will be computerized for storage and retrieval of information, please make your numbers clear and legible. Disregard the small numbers under each answer bracket; they are for keypunch reference.

Card 4

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- 41. Plan 02
12 13
- 42. Stories 02
14 15
- 43. Basement 01
16 17
- 44. Foundation 03
18 19
- 45. Exterior Walls - Wood 07, , ,
20 21, 22 23, 24 25, 26 27
- 46. Exterior Walls - Stone 01, , ,
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CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

The Mendocino Joss House*

Justification:

The Mendocino Joss House, a small Chinese temple, is one of the early buildings in Mendocino. Oral history dates the Joss House to 1854 only three years after the town of Mendocino was established. Not only is the Joss House one of the early structures of Mendocino, it is also the only remaining Joss House on the Pacific northcoast, north of San Francisco, to the Oregon border.

The Mendocino Joss House meets the "Statewide Significance" criteria for State Historical Landmark registration in that it is the last Joss House in this large geographical area. It appears that the Mendocino Joss House was also the first Joss House in this geographic area (see supporting research); the only recorded Joss House which dates earlier than the Mendocino temple is the temple in Weaverville dated through oral history to 1852 or 1853. The Weaverville Joss House, however, burned in 1873 and the present temple is an 1874 replacement. Research also has uncovered the existence of a sizeable Chinese community in Mendocino; such a substantial community was unusual for the Pacific northcoast region since settlement of Chinese for anytime other than temporary was discouraged. The existence of this community and the inter-relation between the community and the Joss House is quite significant to this geographic region as well as to the ethnic history of California.

The Mendocino Joss House which has remained intact both on the exterior and the interior is an invaluable resource for the State of California. It is a document of the ethnic religious history and cultural history. This State Historical Landmark registration application does not propose to list the Mendocino Joss House for the significance of influential individuals nor for the architecture of the Joss House; the basis for the registration application is that the Mendocino Joss House is of extreme significance as an historical resource for the State of California.

General Comments:

The California Office of Historic Preservation has assisted the applicant Lorraine Hee in the preparation of this form. It is the judgment of the staff that the Mendocino Joss House meets the criteria for registration as a State Historical Landmark in the area of "statewide significance" and in the area of "ethnic history". Approval of this application and listing of the Mendocino Joss House as a California State Historical Landmark is strongly recommended.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF HISTORICAL LANDMARK

Name of Proposed Landmark Mendocino Joss House or Chinese Joss House

Location 45160 Albion Street

Mendocino, California

County Mendocino

Name and Address of Landowner upon Whose Property Landmark is Proposed _____

Loretta E. McCoard, Wayne G. Hee and Mervin W. Hee

Name and Address of Applicant Lorraine Hee Phone No. 707-937-5123

P.O. Box 434, Mendocino, California 95460 Bus. Phone No. 707-937-5681

Is this landmark of statewide significance as described in the State of Policy? Yes

Explain (use extra sheet if necessary):

The Mendocino Joss House is the only remaining Chinese Joss House, in use, along the Pacific Northcoast of California, north of San Francisco and south of the Oregon border. Oral history dates the structure, still on its original site, to 1854; documented history dates the structure to 1883.¹ It is probable that the oral history date is the more correct of the two since there was a substantial Chinese community in Mendocino by the 1870's; it is likely that this community would have required a temple before 1883.²

The Mendocino Joss House also remains as the only surviving reminder of a once substantial Chinese community with its own history and its own customs. If it were not for the physical integrity of the Joss House, the past history of the Chinese in Mendocino and this part of California would probably be lost to most visitors unfamiliar with the local history of Mendocino. The Joss House is a rare resource which retains both exterior and interior physical integrity; it is, as well, a document to the past Chinese history of Mendocino and California.

(Please see BRIEF HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION for further discussion of statewide significance.)

Is bibliography complete? (To enable verification of statements and claims made herein.) Yes

Is permission of property owner for registration attached? Yes

Is approval of property owner to place a plaque attached? Yes

Is proof of reasonable protection for requested landmark attached? Yes

Are photographs, prints, or drawings (two views) attached? Yes

Continuation sheet for page one discussion of statewide significance:

Footnotes:

1. The oral history which surrounds the Mendocino Joss House is documented in Bruce Levene's Mendocino County Remembered. An Oral History, Mendocino, The Mendocino County Historical Society, 1976, pp. 52, 199.
2. The documented history which dates the Mendocino Joss House is an 1883 Sanborn map which shows the actual structure on its present location, Mendocino City Sanborn Map, Sanborn Map and Publishing Company Limited, July 1883. This map is in the process of becoming the property of the Mendocino Historical Society.
The population of the Chinese community in Mendocino is recorded in the Mendocino County Historical Society Newsletter, Vol. 1, #3, 1963, p. 7 and is listed as numbering 700 by 1875.

BRIEF HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION (Corresponding to one or more items under I, II, or III of the Statement of Policy.)

The Mendocino Chinese Joss House, the last Joss House on the Pacific Northcoast, is an historically and culturally significant structure associated with a pioneer Chinese community. While the Chinese built Chinatowns throughout the State of California and Joss Houses (small temples) serviced many of these communities, most Joss Houses were burned, destroyed, or lost to history in some manner.¹ This unfortunate fate makes the Mendocino Joss House a valuable resource for the State of California as well as the town of Mendocino. Based upon oral history, the Mendocino Joss House may be not only the longest in-use temple, but the oldest "original" Joss House in California.²

The Weaverville Joss House, a California State Landmark, was believed constructed in 1852 or 1853; this building, however, burned in 1873 and the present structure dates from 1874.³ The Marysville Joss House, thought to be the oldest "original" building was built early in 1880.⁴ Therefore, based upon the oral history date of 1854, the Mendocino Joss House appears to be the oldest "original" California Joss House. Documents show that the land upon which the Joss House sits was owned by Chinese in 1867. Although the building does not appear on a Sanborn map until 1883,⁵ it is unlikely that the Chinese community, which by 1875 numbered 700 would have held the land for sixteen years before constructing a temple.⁶

It should be pointed out that the Mendocino Joss House is not a mere relic but has remained, since the date of its erection, a functioning temple. It is a rare and valuable resource for California's ethnic Chinese history. The Joss House, located on a rise overlooking the Pacific Ocean and the Mendocino Chinese settlement acted as a cultural, social, and religious center for the community. Individual prayers were said in the temple, births and marriages were celebrated as were special occasions such as the Chinese New Year, the Full Moon, and the Half Moon. The small temple was dedicated to Kwan Dai, the God of War, a popular diety who lived from 161 A.D. to 219 A.D. A faded scroll still remains, thought to be brought to Mendocino in the early 1850's from China,⁷ which shows Kwan Dai, his son Kwan Ping, and his follower and sword bearer Ju Chang. Before entering the temple one walks under a sign which reads "Military God, Kings Temple."⁸ The sign done in gold Chinese characters on a red painted background remains to this day. The building exterior was painted red with green trim. Red signified the essence of joy and good luck.⁹ As was typical of other Chinese Joss Houses, the Mendocino Joss House was constructed in an architectural style common to the area. The simple rectangular, gable roofed building is sheathed in ship lap redwood siding.

While the exterior of the building is not a rare architectural resource, the interior is an invaluable resource of ethnic history. Entering the main room one now finds a small table in front of the altar which contains three place settings of small bowls of various sizes and chopsticks. These bowls held the food offerings for ceremonial occasions. Centrally located in the main room was a small table with a bamboo mat in front so that worshippers could kneel and pray. A small stove sitting in the southwest corner of the room was used for the burning of prayer papers. Behind the small table is the shrine containing a cloth picture of Kwan Dai, the diety to whom the temple was dedicated. Fortune sticks once used by the priest were set on both sides of the portrait of Kwan Dai. In addition to the wooden altar on the north wall of the main room and the small wood table and the stove, the furnishings of the temple interior are sparse; two simple wood benches line the side walls and two ornate lanterns hang over the prayer table. All of the interior furnishings except for the

addition of a recent lantern over the main altar to replace one which burned, are said to be original.¹⁰

An invaluable resource to the State of California, the Mendocino Joss House is the only surviving physical document (made more significant by its continued use from the early 1850's) which retains its original integrity and marks the now mostly lost history of the Chinese in Mendocino. Mendocino was one of the few communities along the Pacific Northcoast which housed a substantial Chinese community. Although Mendocino's Chinatown burned in 1910, the knowledge of its existence and the cultural and historical relationship between the Joss House and the Chinese community are significant aspects of local and state history.

Access: The Mendocino Joss House is visible from Albion Street. The Joss House is also open on various days or upon request by historical societies and visitors.

Maintenance: The Hee family has owned the Joss House since at least 1871 and each generation has made an oral agreement to maintain and preserve the Joss House.

Footnotes:

1. A good discussion of the fate of California Joss Houses is covered in Mariann Kaye Wells, Chinese Temples in California, unpublished thesis, University of California, Berkeley, 1962. Although there was once a substantial Chinese population in Mendocino, as of 1979 one Chinese family remains; with the disappearance of the Chinese community in the early twentieth century the visual reminders also disappeared and this is a pattern typical of many California towns such as Cambria, California which contains a Chinese Joss House that is undocumented except for oral/local history.
2. The oral history which surrounds the Mendocino Joss House is documented in Bruce Levene's Mendocino County Remembered. An Oral History, Mendocino, The Mendocino County Historical Society, 1976, pp. 52, 199.
The history of the Mendocino Joss House has also been passed down, generation to generation, by the Hee family (owners of the temple since at least 1871). Oral history states that the temple has been in use since its erection in 1854; it is used today by Hee family members.
3. "Weaverville Joss House State Historic Park", Department of Parks and Recreation Pamphlet, Sacramento, California.
4. Wells, Chinese Temples in California, p. 96.
5. Property described in a deed from William Kelly to Ah Ly, dated July 1, 1867, and recorded in Book 2 of Deeds, Page 447, Mendocino County Records. The 1883 structure is listed on a Mendocino City Sanborn Map, Sanborn Map and Publishing Company Limited, July 1883.

Footnotes continued:

6. Mendocino County Historical Society Newsletter, Vol. 1, #3, 1963, p. 7
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PHOTOGRAPHS, PRINTS, AND/OR DRAWINGS (Both recent and historic, if available.)

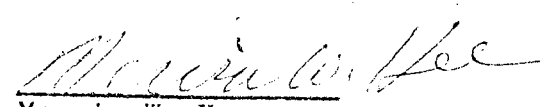
Unfortunately, there are no historical prints or drawings of the Mendocino
Joss House

Recent photographs are included in the folder/file as are maps and
a 1979 drawing of the Joss House

AUTHORIZATION FROM PROPERTY OWNER OF PROPOSED LANDMARK SITE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION FOR NUMBER, REGISTRATION, AND ERECTION OF A HISTORICAL LAND-
MARK.

We, the property owners, give permission to the Department of Parks and Recreation to register the Mendocino Joss and to allow a placement of a plaque by the Joss House.


Loretta E. McCoard


Mervin W. Hee


Wayne G. Hee

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Signature Carol Deenan for Lorraine

Date 12/1/78

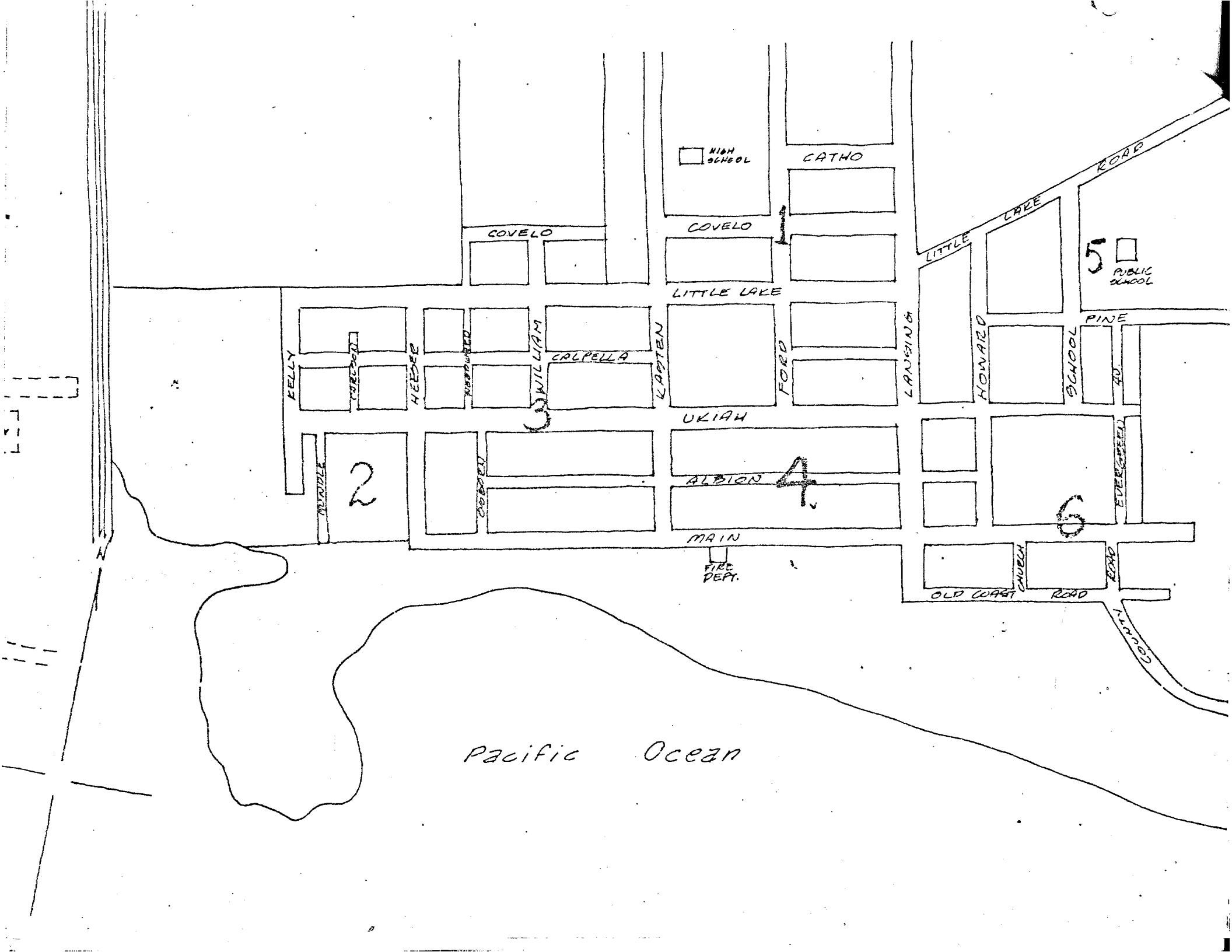
This form and all related correspondence is to be sent to the California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee, Post Office Box 2390, Sacramento, California 95811.

An application must be considered solely on its historic or architectural merits and not for commercial gain, political benefits, or other non-historical reasons.

An individual committee member can advise and counsel an applicant, but all applications must be considered by the full committee meeting in regular session.

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晉侯大書

國泰

共登四德



安泰入出

大德無疆

風調雨順



Mendocino Joss House
interior wall
inscription reading Good things
to new residence.
taken Dec. 1978 by Lorraine Hee

*Sign outside church says
"embrace the Queen of Peace"*

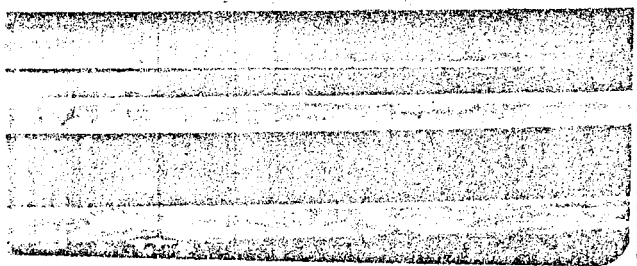
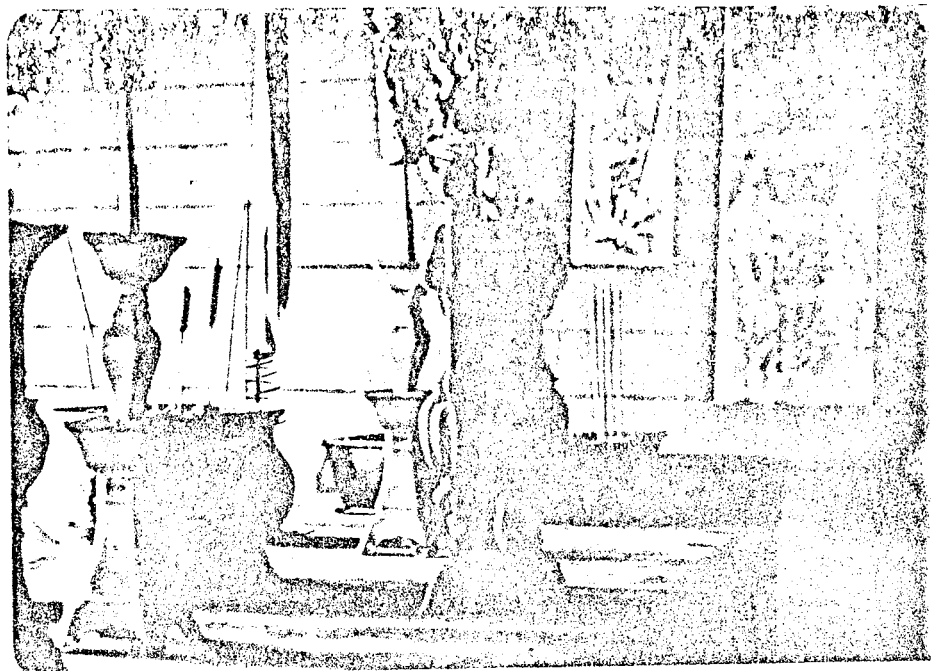
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interior wall
inscription reading Peace in the
country Happiness to people
taken by Lorraine Hee Dec. 1978

Mendocino Joss House
interior view
inscription reads Good Weather
white sheet is list of donors
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Mendocino Joss House
interior wall
inscription over entry door to
priests room reads Safety of
entry and exit

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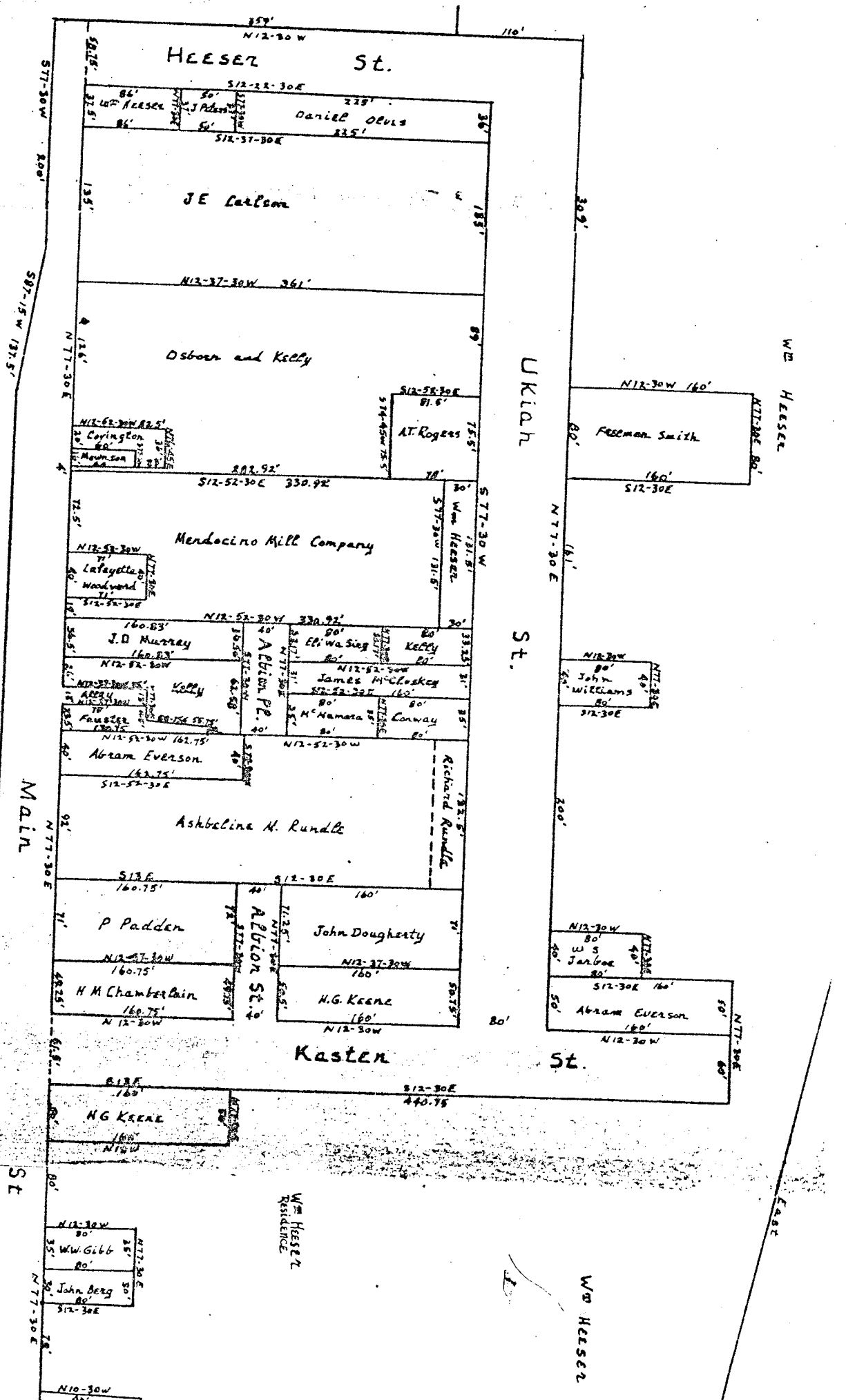
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Mendocino Joss House
interior showing incense burners
Dec. 1978 taken by Lorraine Hee

Mendocino Joss House
interior showing the east wall
Dec. 1978 taken by Lorraine Hee

Mendocino Joss House
interior view looking north towards
the altar
Dec. 1978 taken by Lorraine Hee



HEEZER ST.

UKIAH ST.

KASTEN ST.

MAIN ST.

Daniel Oeuls
225'
235'

JE Carlson

Osborn and Kelly

AT. Rogers

Mendocino Mill Company

J.D. Murray
160.83'
160.83'

Abelion P.E.

EP. Wa Sing

James H. Closskey

M. Namata

Abram Everson
162.75'
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Ashbeline H. Rundle

P Padden

John Dougherty

H.M. Chamberlain
160.75'
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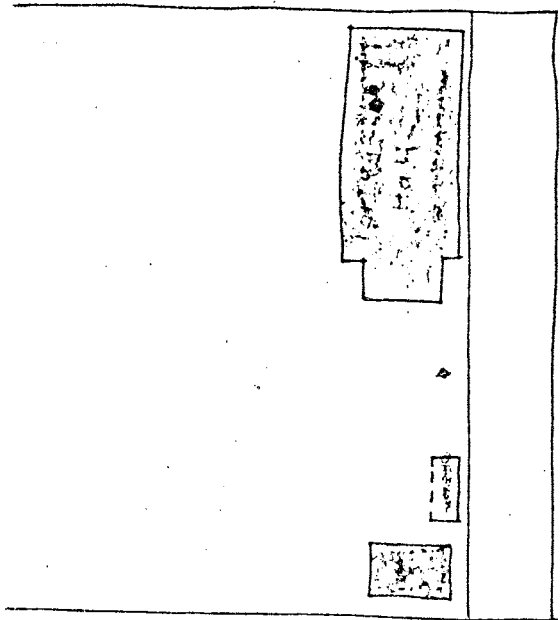
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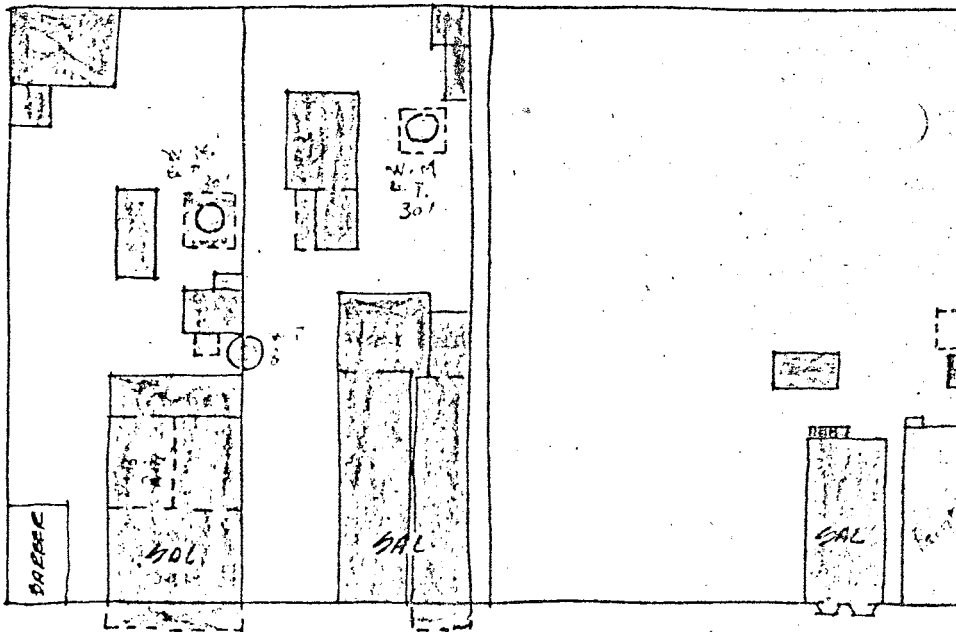
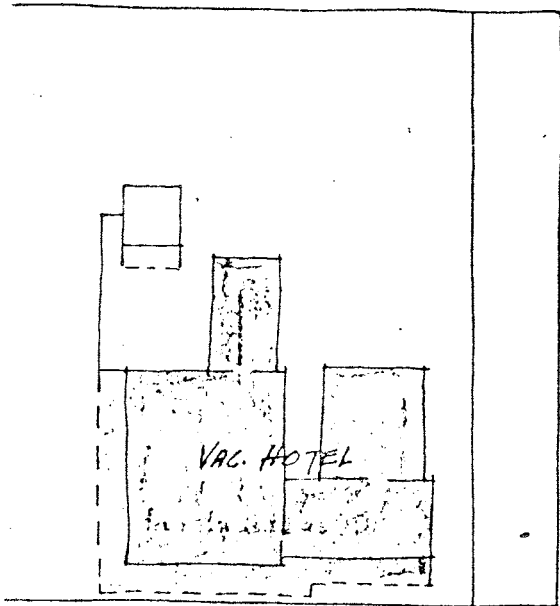
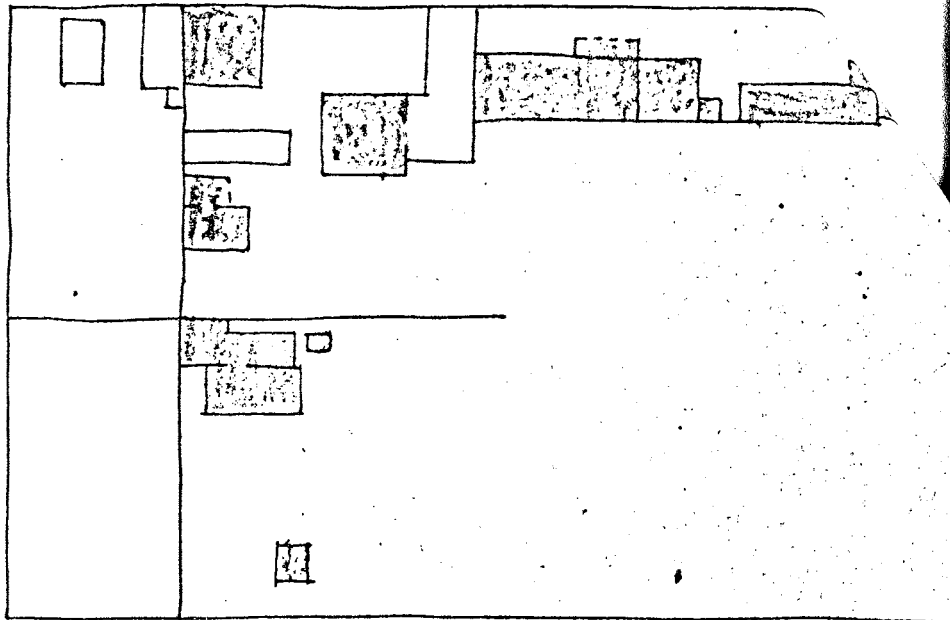
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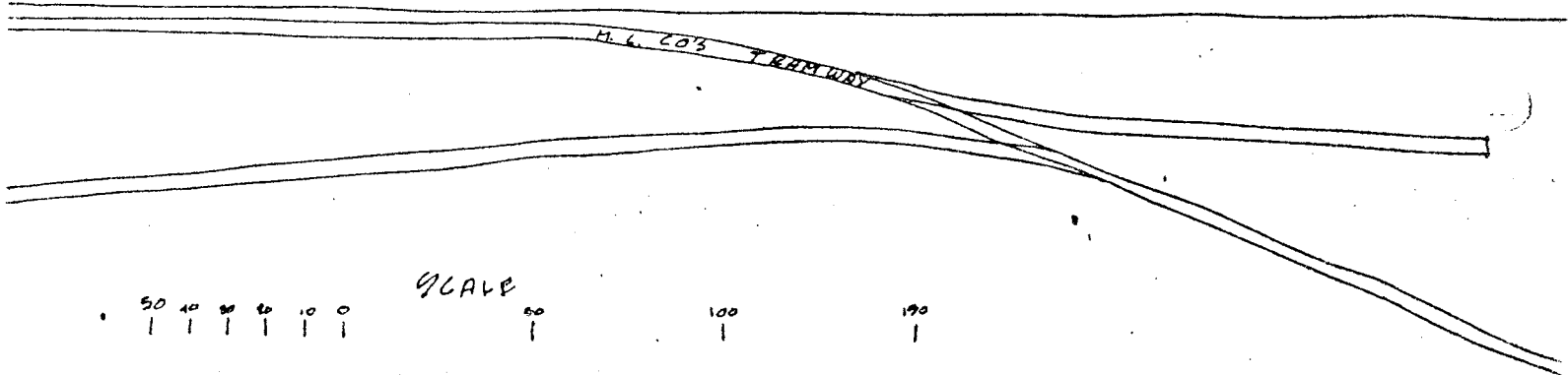
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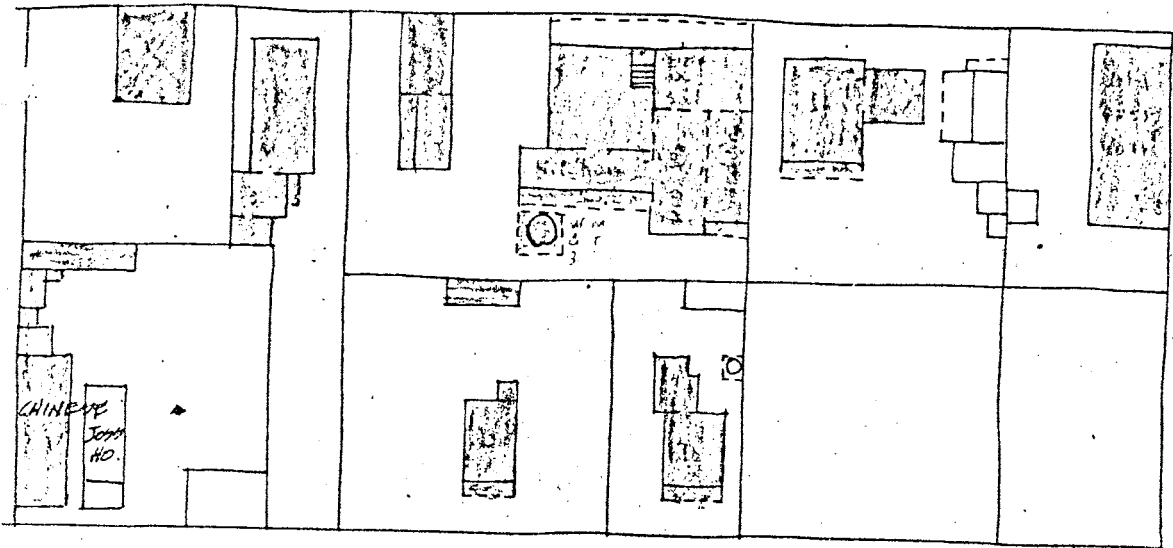


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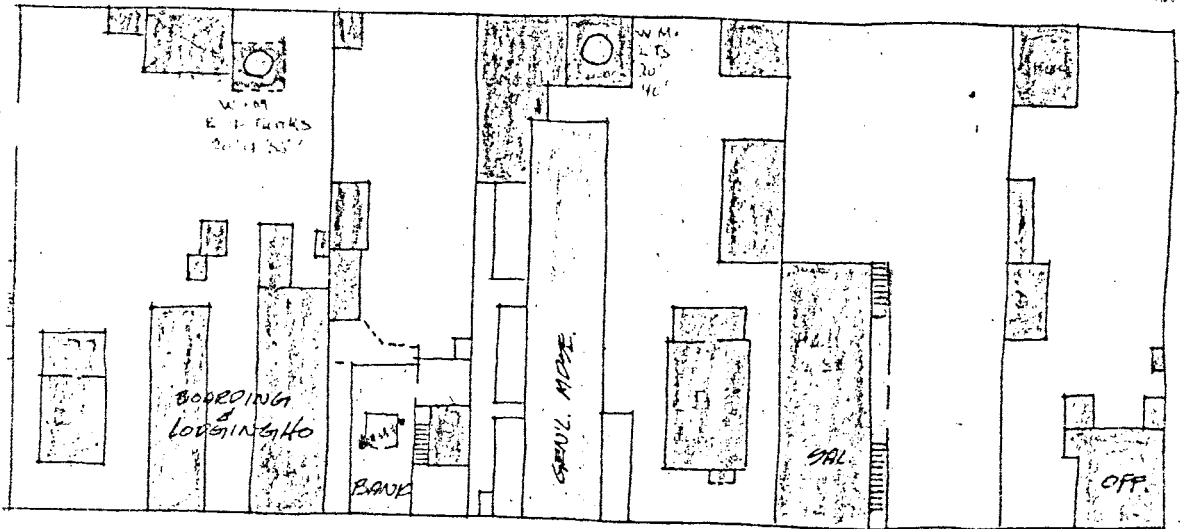


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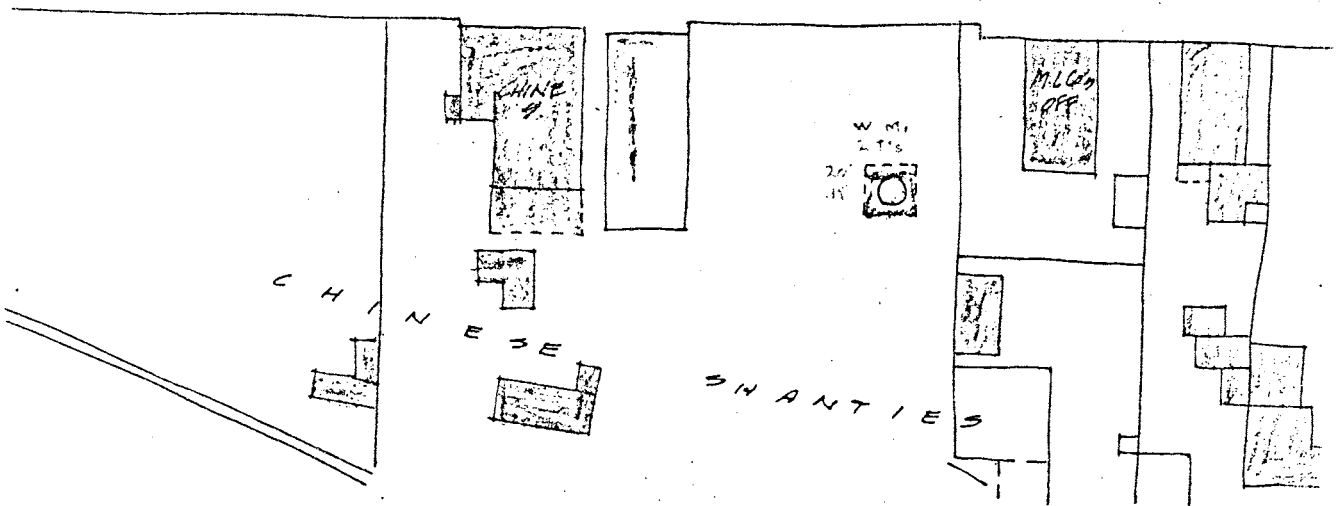
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Ms. Lorraine A. Hee
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Dear Ms. Hee:

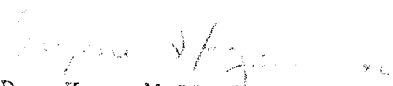
Thank you for your letter of inquiry requesting the assistance of the Office of Historic Preservation to preserve the Chinese Joss House in the community of Mendocino.

The Mendocino and Headlands Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Office of Historic Preservation administers several historical registration programs in California. The National Register is the official inventory of the nation's cultural resources worthy of recognition and preservation. The California State Historical Landmarks Program identifies properties of statewide historical importance to California representing the first, last, only, or most significant of a type in a region. Application forms for both registry programs are enclosed for your examination and use. Questions on registration procedures may be directed to Mr. Aaron Gallup of my staff at (916) 322-8598.

The California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 includes provisions for the protection of historical properties. Local public agencies must consider project proposals in accordance with CEQA requirements by addressing environmental assessments upon properties of historical and cultural significance. Enclosed is a copy of the CEQA guidelines.

Please do not hesitate to contact Eugene Itogawa of my staff at (916) 322-8701 should you require further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Knox Mellon
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Historic Preservation

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Enclosures

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THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES -- INFORMATION FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

Properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places are eligible for many benefits. Besides the distinct honor of being recognized as part of our nation's valuable cultural resources, National Register properties are eligible for financial benefits such as grants-in-aid, federally guaranteed loans, and property tax relief as well as Federal tax incentives for rehabilitating income producing properties.

Listing in the Register does not affect title to the property. However, in order to destroy or substantially alter a significant cultural property, whether or not it is in the Register, an environmental impact report may be necessary. The costs of demolishing income producing Register properties may not be tax deductible.

This pamphlet discusses the many benefits as well as the possible disadvantages that come with National Register listing. It also explains how to nominate a property to the Register.

I. WHAT IS THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES?

The National Register of Historic Places, administered by the Keeper of the Register, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., is the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. The Register is a catalog of American culture -- the tangible remains of our heritage. It is also an authoritative guide for federal, state, and local governments, and for citizens groups interested in protecting and enhancing these irreplaceable elements of our cultural environment.

II. WHAT PROPERTIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER?

Properties eligible for the National Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects of local, state or national importance that are significant for their historical, architectural, archeological, or cultural values. They should retain integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and:

1. Be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
2. Be associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
3. Embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
4. Have yielded, or be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Properties less than fifty years old ordinarily are not eligible for the Register unless they are of exceptional importance. There are, however, many exceptions within California. These include the 1939 Ford Building in San Diego, the 1931 Paramount Theatre in Oakland, the World War II Fort McArthur, several Frank Lloyd Wright buildings, and others.

A property need not be one of a kind to be eligible for the National Register. It must simply meet one of the four criteria listed above. For example, the Register includes numerous Victorian houses, 19th Century adobes, prehistoric Native American sites, and commercial buildings throughout California, often within the same community. These properties are not necessarily unique in California, but they are significant and worthy of preservation. Properties of local, state, or national significance are equally eligible.

III. HOW IS A PROPERTY NOMINATED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER?

The nomination process involves several steps. Anyone may submit an application to the National Register by completing the proper forms available from the State Office of Historic Preservation. After review, this office presents completed nominations to the State Historical Resources Commission, with a staff evaluation based on the federal criteria. The Commission considers the nominations at a public hearing, restricting the evaluation to the historic, archeological, architectural and other cultural merit of the property.

Applications which are approved by the Commission are sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer for his review and certification. The State Historic Preservation Officer makes the formal nomination to the National Register in Washington, D.C. All nominations are given close professional scrutiny by the Register staff prior to listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

IV. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER?

Properties listed in the National Register are eligible for a variety of benefits including grants, loans, tax relief, and legal protection. Some of the programs are specifically intended for culturally significant properties, while others benefit them indirectly.

Listing in the National Register may not be necessary for some of these programs but the Register criteria of significance is considered a good framework for determining eligibility.

Grants

Grants for preservation purposes are available from several federal and state sources, and from numerous private foundations. An extensive list of funding sources for preservation is available from the Office of Historic Preservation.

Federal

The National Historic Preservation Act provides matching grants for use in acquiring, rehabilitating or restoring properties in the National Register. Individual grants usually do not exceed \$40,000. Grant recipients are not required to match the full amount of the federal grant with cash. The match may include services of equivalent value. These grants are administered by the State Office of Historic Preservation.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development "Block Grants" may be used by communities for acquiring, restoring, rehabilitating, and preserving structures of historical and architectural significance. Specific information is available from the nearest HUD office or from local planning departments.

The Public Works and Development Facilities Program under the Department of Commerce gives grants to state and local governments and to non-profit organizations for public works projects in areas of high unemployment. The program can provide grants up to 80% of the cost of acquiring and developing land or acquiring and renovating facilities. Recipients include the California Quadrangle in San Diego, and other properties of National Register status in California. Contact the Economic Development Administration Office in Oakland or Sacramento for information.

Grants are available from numerous other sources, such as the National Endowment for the Arts under their American Architectural Heritage Program for planning activities to preserve National Register status properties. Contact the NEA Washington office.

State

The Nejedly-Hart State Urban and Coastal Park Bond Act of 1976 provides grants to local government agencies for the acquisition and development of culturally significant properties, including those listed in the National Register. Contact the State Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Assistance.

Loans

Properties listed in the National Register are also eligible for a variety of loans offered through public and private institutions.

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Wm. H. Kelly to Ab Sy ("Ely"), \$170.00 gold coin, rec'd 5/16/1867

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this day and year in this Courtroom first above written
Eugene Brown
Notary Public

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at 50 min past 8 o'clock P.M.

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By B.H. Russell Deputy

Recorded July 1st 1867 at 30 min past 7 o'clock P.M.
in Liber Two-Deeds, at pages 446, 447. Records of Mendocino County

James Anderson Recorder
By B.H. Russell Deputy

Wm H. Kelly
vs.
A.H. Ly ("Oly")

Deed

This Indenture made the thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven between William H. Kelly, of Mendocino, Mendocino County and State of California of the first part and A.H. Ly ("Oly") a native of China of said Town and State, the party of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars Gold coin, of the United States of America, to him in hand paid, by the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, conveyed, remised, released and forever quit claimed and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, convey, remise, release and forever quit claim, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns, all the right title interest estate claim and demand, both at Law and in Equity, and as well in possession as in expectancy of the said party of the first part, of in and to all these certain piece or parcel of Land, Situate lying and being in the County of Mendocino, State of California

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and bounded and further clearly described as follows to wit,
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 the Mendocino Mill Company, for then agent J. B. Ford in a
 northerly direction Eighty (80) feet thence running at right angles
 in an easterly direction thirty three (33) feet, thence running
 in a southerly and parallel with the line of the Mill Company at
 a distance Eighty (80) feet, thence running in a westerly direction
 along the northern line of a small stream, which has been laid
 out, but not opened, to the point of beginning a distance of thirty
 three feet along the line of said stream

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 belonging or in anywise appertaining and the acres issues and
 profits thereof to have and to hold, all and singular the
 said premises together with the appurtenances, unto the said
 party of the Vicinal part, his heirs and assigns forever

In witness whereof the said party of the Vicinal part
 has hereunto set his hand and
 seal the day and year first above
 written,
 Wm. Kelly seal

State of California
 County of Mendocino
 do hereby certify that on the 20th day of March A.D. 1867
 the said party of the Vicinal part, and duly sworn Eugene Brown
 a Notary Public in and for said County, duly commissioned
 and sworn personally appeared the within named
 William Kelly, and whose name is subscribed to the
 annexed instrument as a party thereto, personally known
 to me to be the individual described in and who executed
 the said annexed instrument and who has acknowledged
 to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily,
 and for the use and purpose therein mentioned

In witness whereof I have
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"My father told us it was the same as when he was a boy, and when his grandmother was a child."

LORRAINE HEE CHORLEY

Kwan Tai hidden gem



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The altar to the Chinese god Kwan Tai remains virtually the same today as it existed in the 1850s in the Chinese temple in Mendocino.

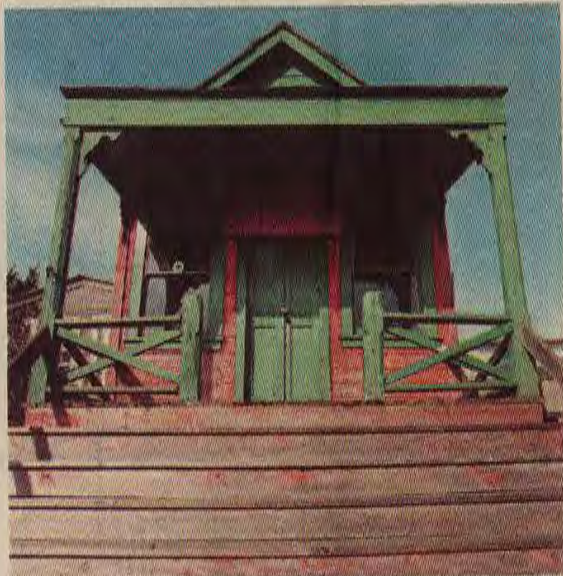
Mendocino temple repair

By MIKE GENIELLA
Staff Writer

MENDOCINO — Few visitors who flock to this bawdy old lumber town turned national tourist mecca bother to glance up as they pass the weathered old building sitting slightly askew on sagging wooden piers at the edge of Albion Street.

Their eyes are on Mendocino's fabled Victorians, originally homes for mill workers and merchants, but now all dolled up

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The Chinese temple, a historical landmark, in Mendocino received a grant from the state for repairs.

Ramirez was 'desperate, miserable'

Psychologist tells of murder suspect's state

By CLARK MASON
Staff Writer

SAN JOSE — Theresa Ramirez was "desperate and miserable," and preoccupied with the seeming incompetence of physicians, according to a psychologist who testified Tuesday about her mental condition around the time she is accused of murdering Petaluma doctor Michael Tavis.

Randall Smith, a clinical psychologist testifying for the defense, said Ramirez knew that doctors perceived her as a "crock." Yet, she believed they interfered with her ability to obtain proper care for her recently diagnosed diabetes and get further reconstructive surgery to provide the appearance she wanted following her mastectomy.

Smith was on the stand Tuesday as defense attorney Harry Allen spent his second day outlining the troubled history of his client, who has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to murder.

In the months leading up to the shooting, Ramirez probably developed a major depression, Smith said. She reported a sense of hopelessness, paralysis, overwhelming fatigue and passive thoughts of suicide.

On the surface, however, there was forced pleasantness, the "cut-sie pie veneer," the organized, neat, well-attended Santa Rosa house reflecting her struggle for a sense of control.

Petaluma plastic surgeon Tavis and other doctors who performed a dozen surgeries on Ramirez

Psychologist Randall Smith described Ramirez as having a borderline personality disorder.

were, from her perspective, responsible for a decade of "horrible and botched medical care," Smith testified.

Under cross-examination by Prosecutor Jill Ravitch, Smith acknowledged Ramirez showed no remorse in the jail house interviews he began in November 1997, four months after her arrest, but continued to express "bitter resentment" toward Tavis and other health care providers.

Smith said Ramirez no longer seemed depressed.

The San Francisco psychologist was called to the stand by defense attorney Allen, who is trying to win acquittal for Ramirez of first-degree murder charges in connection with the July 3, 1997, death of Tavis and the permanent disabling of his office manager, Kay Carter, who was shot in the head.

Allen has not admitted Ramirez was the shooter, but is trying to show the jury that if she did it, her mental state made it impossible to "meaningfully deliberate" the kill-

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Controversial bus yard wins approval

Supervisors OK Juniper Ave. site

By LORI A. CARTER
Staff Writer

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors reaffirmed Tuesday its support for a planned school bus maintenance yard near Elsie Allen High School, saying fears about traffic and pedestrian safety weren't significant enough to derail the project.

In a 3-2 vote, with supervisors Tim Smith and Mike Cale dissenting, the board finalized a straw vote it took in December approving zoning changes to allow as many as 110 West County Transportation Agency school buses to park on a nine-acre parcel on Juniper Avenue south of Bellevue Avenue.

The maintenance yard is a quarter-mile from where 17-year-old pedestrian Patrick Scott was struck and killed by a passing van while he walked along the narrow road. His death sparked community concern over what some consider unsafe road conditions in the southwest Santa Rosa area.

After its nonbinding vote Dec. 8,



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supervisors imposed several conditions on the proposal, including limiting the number of buses allowed, requiring a six-foot berm to lessen noise and dust, and rerouting traffic off neighborhood streets. A week later, Supervisor Mike Reilly delayed a final vote to further investigate traffic and safety concerns.

Tuesday, the board decided the modifications — and other concerns raised after the public comment period closed — weren't

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Kerns benefited from final campaign funds push from developers

By LORI A. CARTER

Kerns in the reporting period from

But during the final few weeks,

contributions from development

back on track, the city was five-month de-

gainer at noon in the Analy High Library to discuss their findings.

BODEGA BAY Nicholas Green student award

The parents of Nicholas Green have established a youth award in memory of the 7-year-old Bodega Bay boy who was killed in Italy in 1994 in a drive-by shooting.

The Nicholas Green Distinguished Students Award will recognize outstanding youths in third through sixth grades in every state. The awards, which include a \$500 savings bond, will be given in cooperation with the National Association for Gifted Children.

Nicholas' death and the decision by his parents, Maggie and Reg Green, to donate his organs to seven Italian patients were portrayed last year in a TV movie, "Nicholas' Gift," starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Alan Bates.

"We started the Distinguished Student Awards because we wanted to recognize gifts and talents in children who are now about the age Nicholas was when he died," Reg Green said in a written release.

The youths will be awarded for their efforts in such areas as visual and performing arts, athletics, leadership and academics. Information on receiving award applications can be found at the association's Web site: www.nagc.org.

SONOMA COUNTY Ex-counsel stays on board

Former Sonoma County Counsel Jim Botz has signed on to continue providing legal advice to two county agencies, under an agreement approved Tuesday by Sonoma County supervisors.

Botz, the county's top attorney from 1972 through 1998, retired last month from full-time county employment, will remain a part-time counsel to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District and will also help the Sonoma County Water Agency on water rights issues.

Botz will earn \$120 an hour and his contract can be terminated at anytime.

safety concerns. Smith said he was convinced the bus yard was not dangerous, but voted against the project because he did not want to add more congestion to Highway 101. Supervisors Paul Kelley, Mike Kerns and Reilly decided the overall benefits outweighed the traffic concerns.

The West County Transportation Agency is a group of school districts that provides bus service to 3,500 students. The agency applied for the zoning changes in June to build the bus yard, which will save an estimated \$1.3 million a year by consolidating services and sharing space with the adjacent Sonoma County Transit bus yard.

It's estimated that the hospital has enough money to remain open for three years.

Managed care is shrinking health care, sending fewer patients to the hospital and getting them out faster. In addition, the federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997 has significantly reduced Medicare reimbursements, pushing some hospitals, especially small ones that cater to an older population such as Sonoma Valley's, closer to extinction.

Sonoma Valley Hospital also is wrestling with new state laws calling for hospitals to comply with seismic standards.

The hospital hired two consultants to help grapple with the problems.

One consultant advised the last independent hospital in Sonoma County to immediately seek affiliation with some corporate partner whose deep pockets could help it stay afloat. The other consultant laid out five earthquake safety options — ranging in cost from almost \$16 million to \$49 million — and suggested bond measures to pay for them.

The hospital board Tuesday sought advice from the City Council.

"We're not in a position to provide money in any amount that would do you any good," said Mayor Louis Ramponi. "What we can do is lobby for legislation, we can help with fund-raising and with planning issues if it gets to that point."

Temple

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as quaint New England-style bed-and-breakfast inns, restaurants and shops catering to travelers from around the world.

The faded facade of the Temple of Kwan Tai, perched on a knoll overlooking Mendocino Bay, pales in comparison.

At first glance, there's nothing unusual about the simple, rectangular building sheathed in faded red ship lap siding, and adorned with green trim. A rickety picket fence out front suggests the cottage might have once been home to a mill worker's family.

Only a small sign done in gold Chinese characters on red-painted background and hanging above the front porch hints that up the creaky wooden steps and behind the narrow wooden front door stands what preservation experts now believe to be a historic treasure of national importance.

According to a newly completed study funded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Temple of Kwan Tai is probably the oldest "original" Chinese Joss House, or small rural temple, in California.

That it has survived virtually intact is thanks to the dedication of four generations of a local Chinese family, whose ancestor was among the temple's founders 145 years ago.

Hee family members, whose great-grandfather first arrived on the Mendocino Coast in 1852 after a transoceanic crossing from China in a sampan, say the temple



Firefighters from Occidental and Graton work their way through a burned-out home Tuesday in Occidental. The blaze started in the attic.

Occidental couple loses home of 40 years in fire

An Occidental couple lost their home of 40 years Tuesday when fire broke out in the attic, said Occidental fire officials.

The fire started about 10:30 a.m., destroying the Dupont Road home owned by the Norcia family, said Fire Chief Roon Lunardi. But for the past 40 years the rental house had been where Lupe Vera raised his family, said Lunardi.

County fire officials determined it started in the attic, possibly sparking from a chimney flue, Lunardi said.

The roof of the single-story home had collapsed in flames

when Lunardi arrived first on the scene, he said.

Occidental's volunteer firefighters were aided by Graton, Monte Rio and Goldridge fire departments.

Vera apparently had just returned home as the fire started. Vera's wife, whose first name was not available, had left earlier for an appointment, he said.

Lunardi estimated the damage at \$60,000 for the home and contents. As well as the house, flames gutted a travel trailer parked nearby.

nese grandmother died in 1952 that non-Chinese visitors were allowed inside the temple, said Chorley.

"My family for four generations has felt honor-bound to temple traditions. That's why it remains in its original state," she said.

Chorley, her sister, Loretta Hee McCoard of Mendocino, and two brothers, Wesley and Dewey Hee, agreed four years ago to deed over their interest in the valuable temple property to a newly formed nonprofit organization formed to secure private and government funds to preserve the temple for future generations.

In January, the effort got its first major boost when state officials announced an \$84,000 grant to Mendocino County to cover preliminary efforts to stabilize the building and begin restoration. When completed, the temple will be opened for limited public viewing.

Although the Temple of Kwan Tai once served 500 to 700 Chinese residents who lived in the booming mill town of Mendocino in the 1870s, Chorley said she and her brothers and sister grew up in an era when theirs was the only Chinese family left in the then-blue-collar coastal town.

It was not easy. "The racial bias was very strong at the time. The fact that our mother was Caucasian didn't help matters," recalled Chorley.

and send her to prison without parole.

After the jury reaches in this, the guilt phase of a second portion of the scheduled to determine Ramirez was sane.

Most of the testimony morning and afternoon was up by Smith, who described in detail the tests administered by Ramirez to psychological and emotional as well as how he "malingering" — faking person being diagnosed.

Based on jail house interviews along with psychological administered, Smith described Ramirez as having personality disorder, characterized by obsessive-compulsive and paranoia.

He said her stubborn ability to hold a grudge combined with the stress health problems and pressures brought on by the ability to start a second career quitting her job as a nurse at Santa Rosa Kaiser.

The psychologist said Ramirez appears to have a preoccupation with perceived physical in this case her breasts — out of keeping with reality.

He said Ramirez told ended a relationship with boyfriend because she was preoccupied with her breasts didn't have time for him.

When she gets really angry, Smith said, Ramirez aggressively. He told the jury of in which he repeatedly that she could not use a figure out a problem for her to do in her head disobeyed and reached Smith to get the pencil and

Ramirez is the type who "has trouble maintaining pulse control" he told. Jurors listened attentively took extensive notes they have during most of which was moved out of County due to difficulty jury.

Under cross-examination Ravitch, Smith acknowledged Ramirez was in the above range of intelligence tested her prior to her attempt and near hanging Sonoma County Jail in 1998.

Under cross-examination admitted as many as people have some mental personality disorder such as rez, yet still function in society.

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From Your Sw

They were asked how they think they will compare to their parents when they are their age. "Better off" was the response of 52.3 percent of the students, with 22.5 answering "about the same," and 19.2 said they weren't sure.

The second question asked students what they considered themselves in terms of political preference. Of the students responding, 12.9 said they con-

KELLEY HOUSE

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minent is Look Tin Eli, president of the Canton Bank of San Francisco."

But the date of Tin Eli's death remains obscure. Among Daisy's papers we find a Mendocino Beacon obituary dated (in ink) Dec. 11, 1894. This is obviously an error, since Theresa's great-grandfather didn't launch his China Mail Steamship Company until 1915.

Was he really murdered by a rival tong? Here is what this newspaper reported in his obituary: "Tin Eli, former resident of Mendocino, where he was born and grew to manhood, is reported dead in Hong Kong. He sailed for China some months ago after a price had been set on his head by a rival tong." This must have appeared in the Beacon some time in 1918, if Bunner can be relied upon. At the time, Tin Eli was considered to be "probably the leading Chinese business man" of San Francisco.

Mendocino Middle School had 55 percent of their students who registered. Only 39 percent voted.

There were 64 votes for Dukakis and Bentsen; 80 percent of the middle school vote. Twelve students voted for Bush and Quayle; one vote for the Libertarian party candidate; one for Pat Paulsen; and one vote for the Independent party candidate.

"His death will be regretted by numerous local people who had followed his career since his birth," the Beacon reported. "He was aged about 45 years, and is survived by a wife and several children, also one brother."

Not only were our Chinese barred from whites' classrooms in our public schools, but their parents were ignored when it came to California's censuses — which listed Caucasians only, no Chinese or Indians. It is ironic that Tin Eli and his brother Lee, who also became a bank president and left an estate of "at least a couple of million dollars," according to Bunner, so far outshone most of the Caucasians with whom they lived and worked.

We failed to obtain Theresa Look's mailing address. If she turns up accurate information about her great-grandfather elsewhere, I hope she will let us in on it.

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Kelley House Calendar

By WALLY SMITH
for the Beacon

Recently while Evelyn Escola was on duty as a Kelley House docent three Chinese ladies from San Francisco — Theresa Look, Ann Yick and Eunice Jung — came in to ask about Theresa's great-grandfather, Mendocino-born Look Tin Eli.

Few (if any) Mendocino natives can boast of Tin Eli's success in the financial world. Information uncovered in our historical library for Theresa Look shows that her great-grandfather became president of a bank, founded and ran a steamship company valued at \$7 million and left an estate of more than a million dollars, when he died in Hong Kong at the age of 45!

It is likely that Tin Eli was murdered by a rival tong.

Since Tin Eli was Theresa's great-grandfather, she is the great-great-granddaughter of Tin Eli's father, who was one of Mendocino's pioneer settlers.

This was Eli Tie Kee (or Key) who was at first Daniel Milliken's cook and later established a three-story frame general store and lodging house on the south side of Main Street. When he returned to his Chinese homeland he sold his business to Look Sing Yea. It was one of two structures burned to the ground in January, 1911.

Old Eli left two sons in Mendocino, Tin and Lee, both of whom were students in the Chinese classroom of the first grammar school — also the victim of a fire. According to the July 20, 1889 edition of this newspaper: A Chinese school has been established in one of the

rooms of the old schoolhouse, and Miss Laura Nelson has accepted the position of teacher. This solves the vexed question of admitting Chinese children into our public school, over which there has been considerable trouble here.

Most of our information on Tin Eli and his father comes from the letters of W.C. Bunner, Tin Eli's business agent, to Daisy Kelley MacCallum. We quote first from a letter dated April 2, 1927, in one of Daisy's scrapbooks:

"Old Eli, the pioneer Chinese of Mendocino, had his little shop on Main Street of the town. He had two sons, Tin and Lee, both born in the rooms back of the old shop. My good mother taught those two Chinese boys their ABC's and later they became pupils in the public school. Both were blessed with brains, ambition and vision."

Tin Eli, according to Bunner, died in 1918.

"In 1915," wrote Bunner, "I assisted Tin in founding the Chinese Mail Steamship Company, started with a capital of \$75,000 and one long ship, but before the close of 1918 owned floating property worth over seven million dollars. Tin made me sole agent of his steamship company in all Japan, in which capacity I spent the last five years of my active business career."

This newspaper reported on Oct. 16, 1915, that "the China Mail Steamship Company, with a paid-up capital of \$10,000,000, has been formed in San Francisco to compete with the Japanese in trans-Pacific trade. Among the organizers, one of the most pro-

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THAT'S LIFE

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The trio is composed of Lindell Stacy, violin; Janie Tate, guitar and lead singer, and Shirley Womack, guitar.

At prize time — everyone was a

general chairman. Refreshments ended the evening.

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WHEN FOURTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR John Cimolino

Mendocino

By CRESPIAN DICE
Special to the Beacon

Mendocino High School and Middle School participated in a nation-wide mock election Thurs., Nov. 3 sponsored by Time-Life.

Only one-fourth of the nation's possible voters voted in the last election. Time-Life wanted to find out how that number would compare to high schoolers if they were given a chance to vote. They also wanted to help young people by turning them on to their power to vote early in life. Part of the simulation was to find out the political values of students.

On the back of the ballot was a survey dealing with the crucial issues facing the country today, such as drugs, the Iran Contra affair and nuclear conflicts. Along with the survey was a personal section that asked questions concerning future financial expectations compared to their parent's current status.

After the ballots were in Thursday, social science teacher Peggy Bell sent the results into the Secretary of State in Sacramento. They in turn sent the information to the national office New York City in the Time/Life Building. The same night the results were broadcast nationwide. Results were posted in the Mendocino High School library the next day.

Out of a possible 294 people in the high school, 195 registered to vote. That is just 66.3 percent of the school. Just over 85 percent of the registered voters actually voted on that Thursday. Sixty-five percent of the students registered as Democrats, 13.3 percent registered as Republicans, and 19.4 percent registered as Independents or "other."

In the freshmen class, 44 out of the possible 61 students, or 72 percent of the class, registered;

two sisters and the groom's daughter. After months making the arrangements to perfection, the bridal couple stayed on for three days.

Townspeople eulogize nativeson Raymond Hee

By JENNIE ZACHA

Lifetime resident, Raymond Hee, died Thursday, Dec. 17, at Mendocino Coast Hospital after a short illness. He had celebrated his 44th birthday on Dec. 9.

Raymond was well known in Mendocino, and in his earlier years, spent much of his time at the high school. Dee Lemos said; "Raymond knew all the kids in the school and what they were doing. He loved to watch the educational movies being shown in the classrooms. It was his social life, and he touched the lives of all of us at the school as well as in the town."

For 20 years he went to the Cypress Street Center in Fort Bragg and was valued for his friendliness and the enthusiasm with which he attended the workshop.

In Mendocino, Bill Zacha, founder of the Art Center, summed up the feelings of the shopkeepers; "We're going to

miss Raymond in this block of Main Street. He was one of those special people who belonged to all of us. Every morning, as I walked to work, he'd greet Pistone and me. He referred to Pistone as the 'boss', and we had our daily banter about going to work. He was proud of the chairs made at the Cypress Street Center, and liked to show the ones off that are on display on the Bay Gallery's deck. Raymond's family, his co-workers, and friends around Mendocino will miss him."

Raymond Hee is survived by his mother, Martha Hee; brothers, Wesley, Mervin, Wayne and Dewey; and two sisters, Loretta McCoard and Loraine Chorley.

The family requests memorial contributions to be sent to the Cypress Street Center, 350 Cypress St., Ft. Bragg, CA 95437.

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cent ridge residents, I found ion they had been previous- ate Park Visitor Center was trail and information was ook them there for a sunny nter and near-by restrooms Sumja at Mendocino State me Park Visitor Center very day and Sunday from 10 am. adjoining rest rooms are out one block further, more And almost always at the iformation paper. Besides the e is also a two and one-half gins on the north side of the tion with the county road to . The Fern Canyon trail comes too steep and narrow for re staffed by volunteers. State istodial workers to keep all y-in-failing to provide-liquid- ang state public health recom- re leaving a restroom. If our ensers, perhaps soap manufac- h would be welcome effective

attackers, riotous mobs from and limbs of the innocent. Right?

Or perhaps the protesters were trying to flee, shoot their way out, run rough shod through the crowd, yes? Because no ethical, law-abiding law enforcer would be caught dead using unneccessary force or inflicting gratuitous pain on nonviolent, unarmed protesters. They would not decide

Of course they did commit some pretty serious crimes. Like trespassing — entering the offices of a lumber company to insist the Headwaters Forest be preserved. And even worse, they walked right into the office of a United States congressman, a guy whose salary we pay, the very rent of that office at taxpayers' expense, and

— and that applying pepper spray to the eyes of young women, teenagers, is the American way.

Take a lesson Jiang Jiin — do as we say, not as was done by Humboldt County law enforcement and applauded by our congressman.

Old Time Notes

By Eleanor Sverko

25 YEARS AGO Nov. 10, 1972

NIXON SWEEPS STATE Along with his running mate, Spiro Agnew. Collier, Clausen and Keene also win seats. And, Prop. 20, the Coastal Initiative, passed by a wide margin.

In Mendocino County, 83 percent of the registered voters turned out.

CHARLES CARVALHO, age 69, a native of Mendocino, died at Santa Rosa on Sunday. Charlie was born here Nov. 30, 1903, the son of early day residents, Antone Carvalho and Mamie (Pacheco) Carvalho. He was survived by his wife, Adelaide (Costa) Carvalho, as well as brothers and sisters.

MENDOCINO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION will meet in Mendocino on Nov. 20th to consider the Surfwood development proposal.

MISS GAIL LAUNGER joined us in Mendocino as the new teacher of the 2nd grade... "I am sure the teachers are very important to the community and I want to become an integral part of that community life".

BOY SCOUT TROOP 87, chartered in 1965, will hold its Fall Court of Honor on Tuesday, Nov.

16 at 8 p.m. at Preston Hall. First Class Scout Awards will go to Kurt Donat and Art Walker and Life Scout Awards will go to Alan Barnes and Randy Mendosa.

50 YEARS AGO Nov. 8, 1947

GREENWOOD HAS LIGHTS!!

ELK: Miss Merna Fry is sporting a beautiful diamond ring but says plans for the wedding are not definite yet, probably after the first of the year.

MARRIED IN RENO Jack Mendosa and Shirley Rickard were married at Reno last Saturday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William Rickard of Greenwood and John Mendosa of Mendocino.

NEW BUILDINGS GOING UP... The new Larkin home in the eastern part of town is coming along in good shape. (This home was displaced by State Highway One in 1964). George Hee has begun the erection of a small cottage on Albion street on the lot where the Chinese Joss House stands.

ONE TIME MENDOCINO BOY ELECTED MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO... Last Tuesday in an exciting three way race, Judge

Elmer Robinson was elected Mayor of San Francisco. Robinson was born in San Francisco but spent his early years in Mendocino, the grandson of August Rhalves, a cabinet maker and builder of early Mendocino.

(August Rhalves at one time owned a home and property on the east side of Lansing Street in what is now Hillcrest Cemetery. He relinquished this property in 1888 to the Catholic Church, in Exchange for the "Priest* House" on Lansing Street. now "Patterson's Pub".)

100 YEARS AGO Nov. 6, 1897

MARRIED AT CUFFEYS COVE... Miss Annie Kenny, youngest daughter of James Kenny, and J. L. Kidwell were married at Cuffeys Cove on Tuesday of last week by Father White, in the church at that place. They will make their home in San Francisco.

J. D. JOHNSON is building a small store on Lansing Street near Ukiah Street. (The bigger building, "barbershop corner" later replaced two smaller structures on this property).

ALBION LUMBER COMPANY LOSES SUIT. Justice Smith this week rendered judgment against the

Albion Lumber Company and a fine of \$50 was imposed. The charge was one of misdemeanor for failing to make monthly cash payments to the employees in accordance with the Sanford law.

ROBBERS STILL AT LARGE...

The Santa Rosa Republican says the Ukiah officers are still keeping up the hunt for the stage robbers but finding nothing.

SUIT AGAINST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE... Judge Burnett has sustained four of the demurrers and one was overruled.

County Supervisors are charged by the Grand Jury with exceeding the amount of money in two road districts, allowing a non-verified claim, and allowing a claim for commissions on money for property sold to the state for delinquent taxes.

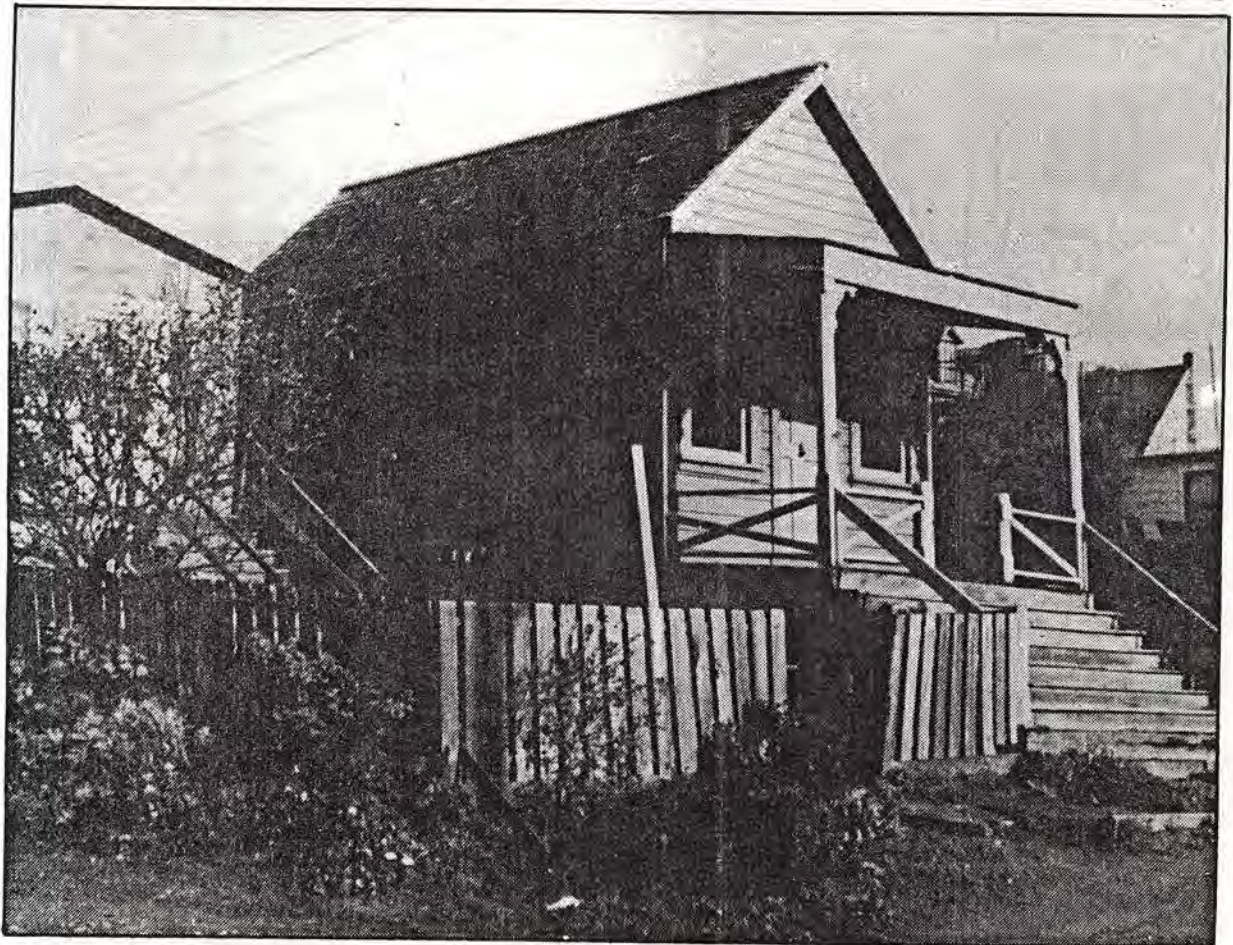
THE LOCAL COURT OF FORESTERS will give a banquet tonight at the Lisbon House for visiting Foresters from Caspar and other places.

DEDICATE NEW HALL. Last Saturday evening, the Forester's and Maccabees dedicated their new hall at Greenwood.



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Temple of Kuan Ti (Joss House), California State Historic Landmark #927.

This 1960s picture taken of photographer Gerrit Negtegal is one of a group printed by Bill Brazill's high school photography class.

The negatives were given to Brazill who, with his class, brought the prints the class had made to the

Kelley House as a contribution to Mendocino Historical Research, Inc. archives.

There are nostalgic photographs of Mendocino street scenes, Caspar, Elk, Albion and Little River, all in that time frame of 30 years ago.

An exhibit of them is planned for the near future, and this one of Mendocino's Chinese Temple will also be included in the Chinese exhibit soon to be set up, which will coincide with publication of our next review, "The Chinese of the Mendocino Coast."

G-P blames owl for cutback

By WILL BEHR
For the Beacon

Just two weeks after Georgia-Pacific announced it would put 120 Quad Mill employees back to work full-time, it announced further cutbacks at the large-log mill.

The 77 employees that work at the large-log mill, Mill 1, had their work week halved effective Monday, Jan. 14.

The announcement means that Mill 1 workers, who usually

economic burdens, and worries. I'm sure they'll have trouble paying bills."

"There have been no layoffs," G-P spokesman Don Perry said. "With the last curtailment that began in October, our primary concern has been not to lay anyone off."

G-P officials blamed seasonal adjustments and new spotted owl regulations for the slowdown.

"The U.S. fish and Wildlife

Officials at G-P said that the new regulations had reduced the volume available for the mill directly, and had created confusion in regulatory agencies which delayed the approval of timber harvest plans.

"The state's taking a lot longer to process applications," Nelson said. "There's been a lag."

These problems were compounded by seasonal slowdowns.

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The Temple of Kwan Tai

By EVA WELLES and PRIYA DAVIS
with assistance from MHS teacher
BRONWYN RHOADES

Upon discovering the Temple of Kwan Tai, a much weathered and neglected historic landmark, we were faced with many mysteries. These mysteries include the unknown number of Chinese in Mendocino in the past as well as the present, why does only one family remain; why does so little evidence of Chinese culture remain?

The prejudice towards the Chinese in Mendocino and other coastal communities from the 1840s to the 1940s leads to varied information. One of the original Chinese families resides in our community today: The Hee Family still lives here and their ancestors founded the Temple of Kwan Tai. As researchers we must cross-reference our sources to try and find the most accurate information and construct a clear picture of history. We have looked at the Hee family histories and listened to their oral traditions. We also have begun examining the Mendocino Beacons from the 1800s to find as much information as possible on the local Chinese. There are a few additional resources, such as "My Life in Mendocino" and "The Chinese of the Mendocino Coast," and other accounts written of people's personal recollections, hearsay, and histories.

According to the Hee family oral accounts, the first Chinese in Mendocino came by way of junks, or Chinese sailing vessels. Seven or eight junks left China during the 1850s, with hope of striking it rich in the California gold rush. They crossed the Pacific Ocean, headed for Jinshan, or San Francisco. Only two of these boats survived, one of which landed at Caspar Beach. One person on the boat was a member of the Hee family, who worked at the Caspar Lumber Co. and helped to settle Mendocino.

The Frolic, a Chinese trading ship, was headed for San Francisco but through misguidance ended up near Mendocino. It crashed on the rocks off Point Cabrillo. As the ship filled with water little of the cargo was saved. Historian Thomas Layton says that the cargo included such things as silks, porter (a kind of beer), ivory, Chinaware, and fabrics. The few survivors eventually moved south towards Fort Ross and Bodega Bay. They met with Jerome B. Ford, delegator of the Bodega sawmill. In their journeys north to salvage Frolic remnants, Ford was impressed by the large redwoods and decided to start a sawmill in Big River. The Chinese played a large part in the start of Mendocino's logging industries.

The Temple of Kwan Tai is also referred to as the "Joss House." This is a common phrase for Chinese temples, possibly derived from the Spanish or Portuguese word for god "Dios." The temple may have been called the "god" house, transformed from the "Joss House." There are

few remaining "Joss Houses" in California today. In 1979, through the efforts of Lorraine Hee-Chorley, the temple became a California Historical Landmark.

The Hee family tried to preserve the Temple of Kwan Tai by themselves, but eventually formed a non-profit corporation to facilitate the preservation. The primary fund-raising event for the Temple of Kwan Tai corporation is the Annual Chinese New Year's dinner: Feb. 21, 1998 celebrated the "year of the tiger" with a full capacity dinner held at Saint Anthony's Hall with traditional foods and decorations. The event was a great success.

As our Tuesday Community Involvement class we have initiated the historical research of the temple. We are helped by and assisting with the freshman Windows 1 class, "My Name, My Family, My Heritage." The second trimester Windows 1 class used their videography skills to begin documenting this historical project. They are reading the old copies of the Beacon and finding lots of useful information. This Beacon data is combined into a database by subjects to aid future researchers. We created this database for the freshmen to organize their research discoveries. The history of the Chinese in Mendocino project is a wonderful chance for students to get involved in the community.

Students are doing primary research with original sources. They are documenting through video technology the process as well as the product. Windows 1 students were traditionally assigned a project in which they connect themselves to their community. The mission of this year's collaborative project was to "create a short video, between five and ten minutes, about what you have seen, heard, and done to learn about the Chinese community and its history in Mendocino. The class worked with Lisa Fredrickson of New Pony Productions, as professional film editor who recently moved into our district. Ms. Fredrickson has produced videos for National Geographic and the Discovery Channel, and we are fortunate to have her assistance in documenting our community's history.

Our past few months of extensive research have lead to an increasing interest in this project. The preservation of the Temple of Kwan Tai is vital in preserving this community's heritage. This California historic landmark has fallen into severe disrepair.

Now that students at Mendocino High School and the North Coast Rural Challenge Network have become engaged in preserving this piece of history the project is moving forward more rapidly. It is hoped that students will realize that the history of the community is part of its identity and therefore part of their own identity as members of the community.

Over Alternative Education Week we traveled with Deena Zarlín to the San Francisco Bay Area to continue and extend our research. We left

early Sunday morning in order to make an 11 a.m. ferry from Tiburon to Angel Island. There we met Wendy Roberts, a Mendocino resident who has been writing grants for the temple, and walked around the island with her and her husband. We toured the Immigration Center and saw the living quarters where the Chinese were held during the long processing periods. It was really sad to hear people's stories and to hear how immigrants were treated upon their arrival to California.

From there we went to the Maritime Museum and saw the Frolic exhibit designed by Philip Choy, president of the Chinese Historical Board. From there we went to the heart of Chinatown for an evening of fine dining and viewing of Chinese culture. We were very exhausted from all our activities that day so we went to stay in Berkeley for the night.

We woke up early Monday morning so that we could prepare for our presentation to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. We went to San Francisco a little early to look around Union Square before heading over to the Trust. Our presentation went really well. We met with Courtney DamKroger and the rest of the staff of the National Trust, Philip Choy, and Wendy Roberts. We showed the Windows 1 class video and talked about all of our work on the Temple project. Everyone seemed quite impressed and enthused with the project.

We spent our last day conducting research at UC Berkeley. We began at the Bancroft Library but our findings lead us to other libraries and research facilities within the campus. We looked at old store records and pictures of Mendocino. We examined old insurance maps, trying to find the location and changes of Chinese dwellings and establishments in the late 1800s. Not only did we have a great time, we found out lots of information and many sources to help us along the way. The trip was a definite success.

On Saturday, May 2, the Kelley House held its annual house tour of Mendocino. One stop on the tour was the Temple of Kwan Tai. We were there, alongside Loretta Hee, acting as docents at the temple. This gave us a chance to really be in the community and share our work on the project.

We recently got a new member to our Community Involvement research team. Solange Roberdeau, a sophomore at the high school, showed great interest in this project and has joined in our search to preserve the Temple. We will continue our research throughout the year, hoping to find as much information as possible and save our community's heritage. This collaborative project recognizes and appreciates the assistance of the Kelley House Museum, the Temple of Kwan Tai, NCRCN, Deena Zarlín and Wendy Roberts.

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The Temple of Kwan Tia: A piece of Mendocino history and how it can be preserved

By KATHLEEN M. NEVIN
For the Beacon

To fulfill a promise to their father to protect forever the Temple of Kwan Tia on Albion Street, members of Mendocino's Hee family have spent the past several years forming a nonprofit corporation to enable them to preserve the only original temple of its kind in Northern California.

"We realized about four years ago that structural damage to the building would cost about \$40,000 to repair," explained Lorraine Hee-Chorley. "Becoming a nonprofit was the best way to achieve our promise to our father to save and protect the temple forever, but to have it not become a financial burden to any one person in the family.

"Many people wanted to help us with the restoration, but without being a nonprofit corporation, there was no way to funnel the money," Hee-Chorley continued. "However, the IRS says that if we are a nonprofit, we cannot retain private ownership of the property."

The property is the brilliant green and red temple on lower Albion Street, often incorrectly referred to as the "Joss House," an anglicized term, according to Hee-Chorley. Wrapped around the Temple of Kwan Tia, and included in the property, is the three-bedroom home in which Loraine and her

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Members of the Temple of Kwan Tia Board of Directors include: Loretta Hee-McCoard, Lorraine Hee-Chorley, Marlene Iversen and Alice Wittig.

Photo by Kathleen Nevin

French class gets squeezed out in ongoing MUSD budget crunch

By DEBORAH JACKSON
For the Beacon

The elimination of funding for the advanced level high school French class seemed like yet another of the tedious budget details which crowded the MUSD Board's agenda last Thursday night.

However, the discussion soon crystallized the acute frustration experienced daily by teaching staff, students and school administrators under the current economic restrictions.

Superintendent Ken Matheson reported that the program had been funded specifically for one semester

French program, and create an impossible load for the Spanish department. The cost to provide additional Spanish staff matches that required to add the needed French class.

"The State is recommending more languages be offered to students, in order to compete in today's world, not less," said Alvarez, who was joined on this note by several parents in the audience.

According to Jane Dymond, District Administrative Coordinator, these cuts were originally made two years ago when layoffs and budget cuts were acutely experienced in many programs

"It isn't as though the District funded this program and then pulled back," said Dymond, "many programs are experiencing the same deficiencies."

The Board acknowledged the need for the district to develop a foreign language policy to begin at the grammar school level.

The search for approximately \$3,600 in "alternative funds" to offer French 3/4 for another semester will be taken up by the Budget Advisory Committee on Dec. 9, and all interested parents and students are encouraged to attend.

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Marsha A. Young
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The following person is
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THE PUMPKIN SEED
522 Main Street
Box 1527
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Full Name of Registrant:
LAURA KORELL WHITE
27600 Albion Ridge Rd.
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This business is conducted
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s/Laura White

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I hereby certify that this
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MARSHA A. YOUNG
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**NOTICE OF
TRUSTEE'S SALE**
Trustee's No. 99176 FC
On Thursday, December
17, 1992, at 11:00 a.m.,
**FIRST AMERICAN TITLE
INSURANCE COMPANY**,
a California corporation,
as Trustee, or Successor
Trustee or Substituted
Trustee, of that certain Deed
of Trust executed by
SCOTT ALAN ZERAMBY,
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Assistant Secretary
550 North State Street
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Temple

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siblings were raised.
"My sister Loretta (Hee
McCoard), my brothers Wesley and
Dewey and I have deeded our
interest in the property over to the
nonprofit corporation, the Temple
of Kwan Tia, Inc.," said
Hee-Chorley.

The corporation is proceeding to
purchase the two remaining shares
from other family members and to
begin a major fund-raising project.

"The fund-raising is to purchase
the balance of the property and to
raise funds for the physical
restoration of the building and the
conservation of the materials
inside," explained Hee-Chorley.
"Our goal is \$200,000."

In addition to the repair of the
structure's flooring and foundation,
some of the plans for the temple
include restoration and preservation
of the artifacts inside.

"There are silk lanterns and altar
pieces, the altar itself, silk flowers
and a silk painting of Kwan Tia,"
said Hee-Chorley. "These all need
to be put behind glass. Also the silk
is deteriorating because of
moisture, so we need to put in
electricity and then a heating
system.

"We also plan to make the
building fire-proof and earthquake-
proof and to replace some of the
redwood wall studs," Hee-Chorley
added.

The corporation is counting on
support from the local community
as well as the Chinese communities
in the Bay Area and Los Angeles.

"This is the only original living,
thriving structure intact in Northern
California that says that the Chinese
people were here," emphasized
Hee-Chorley, who often lectures to
grade school children about the
temple and the Chinese in Northern
California. "Nothing has been done
to change the building. It's like
stepping back in time. It still has a
'living feeling,' as the Native
Americans would say." She added
that there is a temple in
Weaverville, but that it was rebuilt
by the State of California when it
burned several years ago.

"The Chinese were a major force
here, and Mendocino would not be
here if it weren't for the Chinese
helping with the lumber industry
and providing needed services like
laundry and cooking," Hee-Chorley
continued. Her father, George Hee,
told his family that at one time
there were as many as 500 Chinese
people living in Mendocino.

The Temple of Kwan Tia was
built in the late 1850s by a Chinese
consortium, and enlarged in the
1860s to accommodate a full-time
priest in a small room behind the
altar. Original lumber costs were
\$14.

"The temple was built on that spot

because it was up high, overlooking
the Chinese settlement," explained
Hee-Chorley, adding that the
Chinese lived on the land that is
across from what is now the Bank
of America. "It could be seen from
below and from across the Bay, too.
It is also said to be in harmony with
the wind and the water. The
windows look out to the Pacific
Ocean.

"Each temple is identified with its
own god," Hee-Chorley continued.
"Kwan Tia is known as a military
god because he was a general, but
to the Chinese people he is known
for his loyalty."

In 1871, Chong Sun, George
Hee's grandfather, purchased the
temple property for \$260 in gold.
Each generation since then has
promised to preserve the Temple of
Kwan Tia.

"My grandmother, Yip Lee,
promised her father Chong Sun, and
then my father promised his
mother, Yip Lee [the wife of Ah
Hee], that, no matter what, he
would maintain it," said Hee-
Chorley. "My father never
repainted the building. Red and
green are significant colors to the
Chinese people, and he made a
point not to change it. Red means
good luck or joy, and green means
wealth or life. Any important
Chinese building is painted red and
green."

George Hee died in 1977, and
since that time only minimum
maintenance has been done to the
property. The building became a
California State Historical
Landmark in 1978.

The Temple's Board of Directors,
Lorraine Hee-Chorley, Loretta Hee
McCoard, Wesley and Dewey Hee,
Marlene Iversen and Alice Wittig,
are now putting together a fund-
raising letter.

"We are looking for members that
will help us meet the goal of our
bylaws, preservation, conservation
and education," said Hee-Chorley.
"Once the structural work is done,
we will open the temple to the
public. We'd like to have the kick-
off on Chinese New Year."

Future plans include compiling
information on the history of the
Chinese in the area and in
Mendocino County, and doing
public appearances to historical
societies.

"We're really excited about this
project and hope that people will be
supportive in helping us preserve
this important national landmark,"
added Loretta Hee McCoard.

Donations or membership
applications can be sent to the
Temple of Kwan Tia, P.O. Box 633,
Mendocino. For further
information, call Loretta Hee
McCoard, 937-5123.

Happy Thanksgiving

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purchase their water. "There already
seem to be enough people
delivering water," he said. "I don't
feel there is an emergency as far as

members O'Brien and McNeil-
Zimmer said that they are ready to
abandon the idea of drilling a test
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Evan Johnson

Whoever raised the flag outside the courthouse on Friday may have hoisted it briskly in accordance with the code for displaying the flag, but apparently didn't notice it was upside down, sending an unintentional (we are sure) sign of distress.

OBITUARIES

Ana Maria Imelda Cerezo

A memorial rosary will be said for Ana Maria Imelda Cerezo, 88, of Ukiah at 6:30 p.m. today at Eversole Mortuary by the Rev. Gary Lombardi of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Cerezo died Saturday, Jan. 20 at a Ukiah hospital after a long illness.

She was born April 6, 1901 in Guatemala and had lived in Ukiah for nine years. She was a homemaker for 66 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Olga Huddleston of Ukiah and Silvia Casteneda of Guatemala; a son, Hugo Cerezo of Colombia; sisters Rosa Idir of San Rafael and Marta Turkan of San Anselmo; 34 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions to the Ukiah Hospice are preferred by the family.

Inurnment will be private.

Martha Daisy Hee 1990

MENDOCINO — A memorial service for Martha Daisy Hee, 66, of Mendocino will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Mendocino Baptist Church, the Rev. Leroy Cox of that church officiating. Hee died Friday, Jan. 19 at a Ukiah convalescent hospital.

A native and lifelong resident of Mendocino County, she was born in Willits Oct. 10, 1923. She was a homemaker for 49 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Loretta McCoard of Mendocino and Lorraine Hee Chorley of

Little River; four sons, Mervin and Wesley Hee, both of Mendocino, Dewey L. Hee of Seattle, Wash. and Wayne Hee of Fort Bragg; seven grandchildren and a sister, Marge Collins of Vernonia, Ore.

Memorial contributions to the Cypress Street Center, 350 Cypress St., Fort Bragg, 95437 are preferred by the family.

Burial of ashes will be at the Zenith Hill Cemetery on Highway 1. Arrangements are under the direction of Eversole Mortuary.

Anna Morby Thomas

A graveside service for Anna Morby Thomas, 89, of Ukiah will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Ukiah cemetery. The Rev. Warren Beaman of Church of Christ will officiate. Visitation is today from 1-9 p.m. at Eversole Mortuary. Thomas died Saturday, Jan. 20 at a Ukiah nursing facility.

She was born Oct. 18, 1900 in

Covelo and was a lifetime resident of Mendocino County. She was a homemaker for 50 years. She belonged to the Church of Christ, the Iris Club and Eastern Star. She is survived by her husband, Orval Thomas, of Ukiah and granddaughters Lois Shippley of Oregon and Ruth Romer of Lake County.

WEATHER

By The Associated Press

County forecast

Clearing tonight and sunny Tuesday with some rain possible in the far northwest Tuesday night. Coastal lows mid-30s to mid-40s tonight, highs Tuesday in the 50s. Coastal valley lows tonight upper 20s and 30s. Highs Tuesday upper 40s to lower 60s. Inland valley lows tonight mid-20s to mid-30s. Highs Tuesday 50s to lower 60s.

Extended forecast

Wednesday through Friday—Patchy night and morning valley fog. Otherwise fair through Thursday. A chance of rain north of about Cape Mendocino and Susanville and partly cloudy elsewhere Thursday night and Friday. Coast highs in the 50s. Lows mid-30s to mid-40s. Coastal valley highs 50s to lower 60s. Lows mid-20s to near 40. Inland valley highs 50s and lower 60s. Lows upper 20s and 30s.

California summary

A series of very weak weather systems will bring some cloudy skies and a chance of precipitation to the extreme north through the week but little or no change for the remainder of the state, the National Weather Service said.

A rapidly weakening cold front lies near the coast of Oregon this morning and a band of high clouds has advanced into northern California.

No rainfall has been reported in California from this system.

Inside view of handicaps

SEBASTOPOL — A teacher at Oak Grove School has come up with a program for National Handicapped Awareness Week that will give students first-hand experience with the practical problems handicapped people face.

Nancy Jenkins, teacher of the Trainable Mentally Retarded class, is planning a series of tasks for students to try using blindfolds, wheelchairs, and crutches.

The idea is for students to learn to view the problems of the handicapped as inconveniences — *quantitatively* but not *qualitatively* different from needing glasses, according

to principal Patty Bush.

The obstacle course will be set up on the playground May 15 from 9 to 12 a.m., and the community is invited to join the students.

Other events planned for the day include films of the Special Olympics at Sonoma State Hospital, films from United Cerebral Palsy, and from Citizens Advocacy to be presented in the classrooms throughout the day.

A medic will also be on the school grounds to give a demonstration of ambulance equipment, and parents of handicapped children will be available to speak.

Mendocino Joss House landmark

By **JIM HARRIS**
Correspondent

MENDOCINO — The village's Joss House, built around 1854, has been officially designated as a state historical landmark. The state Historical Resource Commission, meeting in Los Angeles last week, unanimously approved the application, made by Lorraine Hee, a 26-year-old Mendocino resident who is the great-granddaughter of one of the builders.

The Joss House is properly known as the Temple of Kuan Ti, Hee explained. It is a nondenominational Chinese house of worship dedicated to Kuan Ti, a Chinese national hero who fought to restore the Han Dynasty in the Second Century AD. It was nicknamed Joss House by the Portugese residents of Mendocino in the 19th Century because of the joss incense and candles burned there.

The house has been in continual private ownership by her family and will continue that way, Hee said. Her family still celebrates occasional worship and anniversary ceremonies in the temple. It is open to the public for tours by appointment only.

Hee said her great grandfather with a number of relatives sailed across the Pacific Ocean in a sampan (a small fishing vessel) in the 1850s. He was headed for Monterey Bay, the site of many other Chinese landings, but drifted off course and landed instead on Caspar Beach (just north of here). He and his family soon found work in the thriving area lumber mills.

In the latter part of the 1850s, the family moved to the burgeoning "Chinatown" of Mendocino. "Chinatown was located on the headlands, in a swampy area next to the Mendocino mill. It was below the rest of the town of Mendocino and in an area nobody else wanted to live in," Hee said.

She said that by the 1880s, there were "between 300 to 500" Chinese in the neighborhood, or about one-third of the town's population. She

said the Chinese were tolerated, but never really made welcome by the white settlers of the town and after the mill went into decline and jobs became scarce, most of them moved down to San Francisco's Chinatown "where they were protected and felt at home."

Hee said her great grandfather, Chong Sung (also known as Joe Lee), built the temple along with three other men. "They wanted a place to continue their ancient traditions and to preserve their culture."

Generally services are performed to mark the anniversary of the death of an ancestor and also for dates such as Chinese New Year. The ceremony often consists of the lighting of candles and incense, prayers and the burning of ritual paper money as a sacrifice. Often food is involved.

"We may prepare a meal of rice, boiled chicken, nuts and fruits (such as mandarin oranges) and rice wine in our house," Hee said. "We bring the hot dinner to the temple. We pray and then leave the temple and lock the door for 15 minutes. We return, we spill the rice wine on the floor as an offering to Kuan Ti and leave the nuts and fruit for him. We take the rice and chicken back to the house and eat it."

Hee said she is researching the history of the Chinese on the Mendocino Coast and would also like to restore the temple, which needs painting and minor repairs. Now that the temple has obtained state landmark status, she hopes to obtain funding for both projects.

She said there are several other Joss Houses around the state. One in Weaverville, is state-owned.

"The state parks department restored it extensively and not entirely accurately. I feel they destroyed much of the solemnity of the place. That's one of the reasons I want to keep ours in the family," Hee said.

Persons wishing to tour the Mendocino Joss House may write Lorraine Hee at P.O. Box 434, Mendocino, 95460.

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