

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Steves Hardware
2. Historic name, if known: I.O.O.F. Building
3. Street or rural address: 1352 Main Street
- City: St. Helena, CA ZIP: 94574 County: NAPA
4. Present owner, if known: I.O.O.F. Lodge #167 Address: same as above
- City: Lodge meeting rooms, ZIP: Lodge meeting rooms, offices, public Ownership is: Public ☐ Private ☒
5. Present Use: hardware/houseware store Original Use: reading room, St. Helena STAR office.
- Other past uses: _____

DESCRIPTION & SIGNIFICANCE (See Also District Overview)

The St. Helena I.O.O.F. (Oddfellows) Building is a rather stately commercial building erected during the height of the influence and prosperity of the fraternal halls. Note the suggestion of a central tower and pediment which were found in the Italianate as well as Queen Anne eras. A facade of brick replaces the native coursed rubble stone of the rear and side walls. It was a common facade treatment in a region where brick was more expensive than stone. The original cast iron fronts and pressed brick rosettes remain as do the terra cotta embellishments. The cornice, doorway and molded trim of the second story segmented arch windows show the artistry in brick and terra cotta. The store fronts have been altered. The lower floor originally had the St. Helena STAR office, a free Reading Room and a lawyer's office. Upstairs were the lodge rooms, banquet hall and offices.

7. Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

SEE DISTRICT MAP #2

UTM (St. Helena Quad)

10/545450/4262240

10/546040/4262360

10/546640/4261440

10/546700/4261620

NORTH

8. Approximate property size:

Lot size (in feet) Frontage 86

Depth 210

or approx. acreage _____

9. Condition: (check one)

a. Excellent ☒ b. Good ☐ c. Fair ☐

d. Deteriorated ☐ e. No longer in existence ☐

10. Is the feature a. Altered? ☒ b. Unaltered? ☐

11. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary)

a. Open land ☐ b. Scattered buildings ☐

c. Densely built-up ☐ d. Residential ☐

e. Commercial ☒ f. Industrial ☐

g. Other ☐

12. Threats to site:

a. None known ☒ b. Private development ☐

c. Zoning ☐ d. Public Works project ☐

e. Vandalism ☐ f. Other ☐

13. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): #50JM24 2-78

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Ser _____ Site _____ Mo. _____ Yr. _____

UTM UTM See #7 Q _____ NR 2 SHL _____

Lat _____ Lon _____ Era _____ Sig _____

Adm _____ T2 _____ T3 _____ Cat _____ HABS _____ HAER _____ Fed _____

NOTE: The following (Items 14-19) are for structures only.

14. Primary exterior building material: a. Stone ☒ b. Brick ☐ c. Stucco ☐ d. Adobe ☐ e. Wood ☐
f. Other ☒ brick facade
15. Is the structure: a. On its original site? ☒ b. Moved? ☐ c. Unknown? ☐
16. Year of initial construction 1885 This date is: a. Factual ☐ b. Estimated ☐
17. Architect (if known): A. Schopfer of San Francisco
18. Builder (if known): _____
19. Related features: a. Barn ☐ b. Carriage house ☐ c. Outhouse ☐ d. Shed(s) ☐ e. Formal garden(s) ☐
f. Windmill ☐ g. Watertower/tankhouse ☐ h. Other ☐ i. None ☒

PHOTOGRAPH



21. Main theme of the historic resource: (Check only one): a. Architecture ☒ b. Arts & Leisure ☐
c. Economic/Industrial ☐ d. Exploration/Settlement ☐ e. Government ☐ f. Military ☐
g. Religion ☐ h. Social/Education ☒

22. Sources: List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates:

St. Helena STAR: 1-22-1886

Letter from Warren Steves re: John H. Steves, April 24, 1974

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