

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

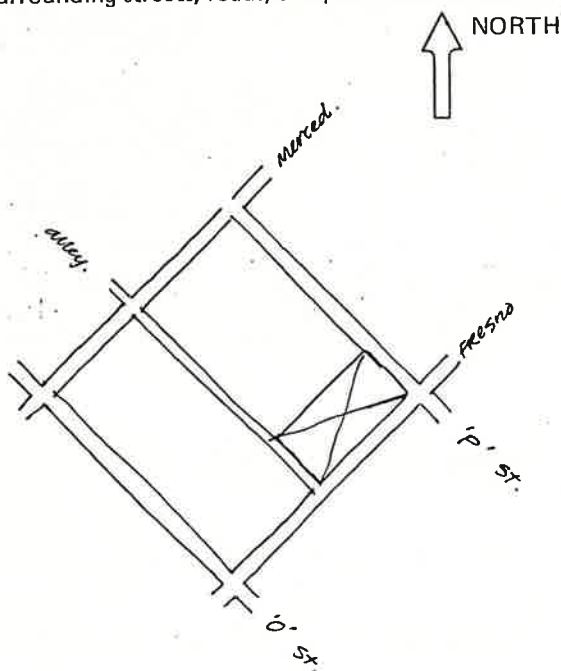
1. Common name: Twining Laboratories
2. Historic name, if known: Same
3. Street or rural address 2527 Fresno Street
City: Fresno ZIP: 93721 County: Fresno
4. Present owner, if known: Twining Laboratories Address: PO Box 1472
City: Fresno ZIP: 93716 Ownership is: Public ☐ Private ☒
5. Present Use: Testing Laboratory Original Use: Same
Other past uses: None

DESCRIPTION

6. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Two story stuccoed brick building set on the property line along Fresno Street. Numerous vertically proportioned windows set into the mass of the wall give the wall its interest and texture. Barrel tiled faced roof acts as a parapet to the trussed roof structure. The main wall is very well studied and the rest of the building is subservient to this feature. Side elevations open to a court which has been covered with vehicle and equipment shelters. Very utilitarian in nature.

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



8. Approximate property size:

Lot size (in feet) Frontage 83 '
Depth 50 '
or approx. acreage 0.10

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): 1978

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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 ☐
15. Is the structure: a. On its original site? ☒ b. Moved? ☐ c. Unknown? ☐
16. Year of initial construction 1930 This date is: a. Factual ☒ b. Estimated ☐
17. Architect (if known): Charles Butner
18. Builder (if known): Fisher-Mc Nulty
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 ☐

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Prominent building by Charles Butner, Architect. This is one of the last buildings completed by Mr. Butner prior to his leaving Fresno for Salinas. Very well studied facade that is harmed by the sign placed across the building. Good example of a depression era building. The simplicity and severeness are responsive to the needs of the time.

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:

Assessor's office
Twining Laboratories - Interviews

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