

PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code 5B

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Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 914-920 F Street

P1. Other Identifier: 914-920 F Street

P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

a. County Fresno

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

b. USGS 7.5' Quad Fresno South Date 1978 T _____ ; R _____ ; 1/4 of _____ 1/4 of Sec _____ ; B.M. _____

c. Address 914 F Street City Fresno Zip 93706

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 11 ; 250471 mE/ 4068594 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

Parcel No. _____

P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

This single-story commercial structure has a rectangular footprint with parapet roof. This structure is brick with stucco applied to the façade. This building (shared by two commercial spaces) is divided by a shared interior wall. An enframed window wall with centrally-placed paired glazed door with transom occupies the first floor of both commercial spaces. Above the window wall runs a recessed rectangular space allotted for commercial signage. A canopy projects from the cornice, running the length of the commercial space at 920 F Street. A "Victory Café" sign is painted above the commercial space at 914 F Street.

3b. Resource Attributes: HP6 - 1-3 story Commercial Building

4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5a. Photo or Drawing (Photo required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



P5b. Description of Photo:

(View, date, accession #)

View looking east, May 2005

P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:

Historic Prehistoric Both
c. 1900/ 1898 & 1906 Sanborn Maps

P7. Owner and Address:

Steven and Lynn Ikeda
6305 N. Dewey
Fresno, CA 93711

P8. Recorded by:

J. Stock & L. MacDonald
Architectural Resources Group
Pier 9, The Embarcadero
San Francisco, CA 94111

P9. Date Recorded: April 2006

P10. Survey Type (Describe)

City of Fresno Chinatown Historic
Property Survey

P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.")

Attachments:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation Sheet | <input type="checkbox"/> District Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Art Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (List) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location Map | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building, Structure, and Object Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Linear Feature Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Artifact Record | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sketch Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Milling Station Record | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photograph Record | |

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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- B1. Historic Name: _____
- B2. Common Name: _____
- B3. Original Use: Commercial Building
- B4. Present Use: Commercial Building
- B5. Architectural Style: Mid twentieth century commercial
- B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
See B10. Significance.

B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown Date: _____ Original Location: _____

B8. Related Features: _____

B9a. Architect: _____ b. Builder: _____

B10. Significance: Theme Development of Chinatown Area Fresno

Period of Significance 1872-1942 Property Type commercial Applicable Criteria A
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

The commercial building at 914-920 F Street was built c. 1900 (it was shown on the 1906 Sanborn Map but not on the 1898 map). In 1906 the building, which is now divided into two commercial spaces, was a large space occupied by a pool hall. "Japanese Female Boarding," most likely prostitution cribs, flanked the building. Repairs were made to the structure in 1910; at this time the building was divided into two separate commercial spaces and rented to a variety of tenants. The primary owner of this building during its early history was the Lake Moon Company.

In 1918 the space at 914 functioned as a shop. The address was not listed in city directories until 1931, when it was a restaurant under the management of Moritaro Nakamoto and later C.W. Quong. From 1951 until at least 1993 the building housed the Victory Café owned by W. Lee Chinn.

In 1918 the space at 920 functioned as a restaurant, and by 1926 it was occupied by the Kogetsu-do confectionary. The Kogetsu-do confectionary continues to operate in this commercial space today. The Victory Café appears to be out of business. Steven Ikeda has owned the building since 2002. (See Continuation Sheet.)

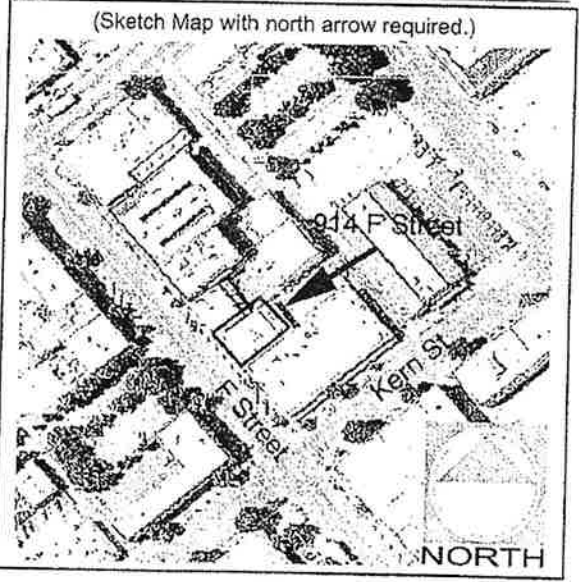
B11. Additional Resource Attributes: HP6 - 1-3 story Commercial Building

B12. References:
See continuation sheet.

B13. Remarks:

B14. Evaluator: J. Stock & L. MacDonald
Architectural Resources Group
Date of Evaluation: April 2006

(This space reserved for official comments.)



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CONTINUATION SHEET

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B10. Significance:

The building retains a fair degree of integrity; the location, setting, feeling, and association appear to remain unchanged. However, the material, design, and workmanship have been negatively affected by façade alterations. The current footprint of the building matches that shown on the 1906 Sanborn Map.

The building at 914-920 F Street does not appear to meet the level of significance necessary for the National Register or California Register. However, it does appear to meet the level of significance necessary for Fresno's Local Register under Criterion i; it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. In this case it represents the early commercial development of Chinatown.

Additionally, this building appears to be eligible as part of a potential district under Fresno Register Criterion i: *it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.* The district is important for its representation of the development of Fresno's Chinatown and a new phase of growth after World War II. All of the district contributors are one or two stories, but vary in style and detail according to their period of construction. Many are two-part commercial blocks with commercial functions on the first floor and lodgings on the second. Two of the structures, the Bow On and Bing Kong Association Buildings, combine commercial uses with religious and social functions. Despite the modifications of some structures and vacant lots resulting from demolition, the district conveys a strong sense of time and place.