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Resource: J.B. Inderrieden Company Building 2721 Ventura Street

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■ Update

This former raisin packing plant was evaluated as eligible for the Local Register of Historic Resources in 1994 by John Edward Powell for the Ratkovich Survey. The building has served since as a business college and is currently vacant. The attached survey forms prepared in 1994 are still relevant with no



significant changes to the property.



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Spaghetti Factory (Map Reference No. 40)

2. Historic name: J.B. Inderrieden Company

3. Street or rural address: 2721 Ventura Street

City: Fresno

Zip Code: 93721

County: Fresno

4. Parcel number: 468-171-04

5. Present Owner: Papan, Vano, Dussin, et. al., Trustees

Address: 45 Manzanita Court

City: Millbrae

Zip Code: 94030

Ownership is: () Public (X) Private

6. Present Use: Restaurant and club

Original Use: Raisin packing plant

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Industrial Concrete, Period Revival influence

7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The J.B. Inderrieden Company raisin packing plant is located six-tenths of a mile east of the Fresno County Courthouse at the intersection of R and Ventura Streets. The two-story detached building has a rectangular footprint measuring approximately 125' in width by 150' in depth, or approximately 56,000 square feet of floor area, including the basement level. The plant is built of reinforced concrete on a 18'-6" x 20' module. The massively constructed floors are supported by monolithic octagonal reinforced concrete columns. Flared capitals engage dropped panels against the board-formed concrete decking. Exterior material finishes have been texture coated an off-white color. Trim is painted brown. The multi-bay exterior structural system is clearly expressed. Piers run ground to parapet with vertical board form markings. A minimally stepped parapet employs squat, faux pediments evoking a Period Revival character to the building. Original "T" motif applied tile ornamentation survives where pier and parapet intersect. A stepped plinth at the base of the building completes the decorative detailing. Parapet and structural wall panels have horizontal board form markings. Fenestration is functional, consisting of 14:4 and 13:4 industrial steel sash on the upper floor. Operable awning-type window units with overhead clerestory sash are predominant on the first floor. Much of the lower fenestration is presently boarded over. The roof is flat. Building and site ramping, loading docks, an elevated platform and industrial-sized access doorways are characteristic of the Industrial style. The adaptive reuse of the warehouse by the Spaghetti Factory introduced a commercial kitchen and theme-related interior appointments to much of the ground floor space, necessitating new entry and exit provisions on the Santa Fe elevation of the building. A minimal use of decorative leaded glass doors and windows alters the exterior for this new function. A handicapped access ramp has also been added. The upper floor of the warehouse is vacant. The property has survived 69 years with a substantial degree of architectural integrity, having sustained no major alterations. Adaptive reuse modifications are reversible. SETTING: The property relates well to adjacent warehouse facilities, sharing a similar scale and compatible stylistic features. There is minimal landscaping on the site.



8. Construction date

Estimated: () Factual: (1925)

9. Architect: James A. McCullough

10. Builder: James A. McCullough

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage: 125' Depth: 150'
or approx. acreage: .7 acre

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):
June 1994

13. Condition: Excellent () Good (X) Fair () Poor () Deteriorated () No longer in existence ()

14. Alterations: Adaptive reuse as Spaghetti Factory restaurant and Cadillac Club

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land () Scattered buildings () Densely built-up ()

Residential (X) Industrial () Commercial (X) Other: Santa Fe Railroad Reservation, Freeway 41 elevated deck

16. Threats to site: None known () Private Development () Zoning () Vandalism (X) Public Works Project ()

Other:

17. Is the structure: On its original site? (X) Moved? () Unknown? ()

18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

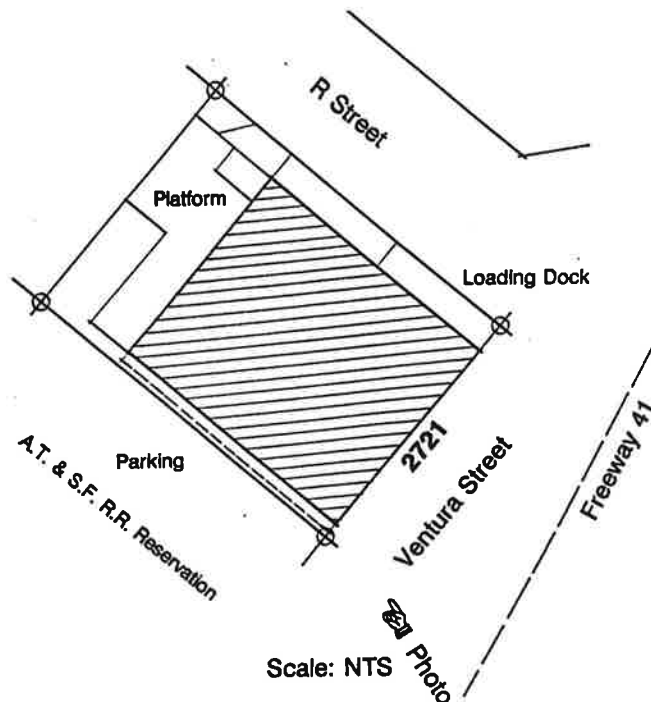
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site):

The J.B. Inderrieden Company raisin packing plant was built in 1925, for a Chicago-based cannery and fruit packing concern with operations in several California locales and Mid-Western cities. The company was established in circa 1895. Both an importer and exporter of fruits, nuts and canned goods, the Inderrieden Company packed under the "Peter Pan" label. Prior to construction of the 1925 plant, the company packed raisins, peaches, figs, apricots, prunes and currents in an adjacent brick structure (now demolished) constructed in 1900. In 1925, the combined plants were designed to employ 350 to 400 workers at the height of the annual packing season. James A. McCullough served as architect, engineer and builder for the \$100,000 facility. At the time of its construction, its 11" reinforced concrete floors were considered the heaviest in Fresno. The building had a storage capacity of 7500 tons.

McCullough is also associated with the design and construction of the Droge Building, located at the corner of Van Ness Avenue and Inyo Street, as construction engineer for the California Peach & Fig Growers Association in 1922. Built for Peter Droge, the growers' association office building is presently abandoned, and was denied listing in the Local Official Register of Historic Resources during the early 1980s, for lack of information. McCullough practiced as a structural engineer in Fresno from circa 1921-27. Prior to the conversion of a portion of the main floor of the Inderrieden plant into the Spaghetti Factory restaurant in 1977, and the later conversion of adjacent building bays into the presently-named Cadillac Club, the property was utilized by Blake, Moffitt & Towne paper dealers and distributors from circa 1937-1973. CONTEXT: This property is important architecturally because it represents an excellent example of the Industrial Concrete style, with Period Revival ornamental influence (evidenced in the slightly crenelated parapet). In this community it contributes to the context of a potential multi-building historic warehouse district. The J.B. Inderrieden Company raisin packing plant appears eligible for listing in the Local Official Register of Historic Resources with architectural and economic significance. Warehouses of this type are somewhat common throughout the region, but there are few local examples of this architectural calibre. The property embodies a type (agricultural packing plant), period (post-World War I), method of construction (reinforced concrete) and displays structural and material integrity. It has architectural distinction and is the work of a prominent local engineer and builder. Additionally, it is associated with the regional economic and agricultural history of the San Joaquin Valley as it relates to national and international commerce.

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

NORTH ▲



20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture (1) Arts & Leisure ()
Economic/Industrial (X) Exploration/Settlement ()
Government () Military () Religion ()
Social/Education ()

21. Sources: (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews interviews and their dates). Fresno Grantor-Grantee Index. Chicago Title Deed Index. Fresno Subdivision Maps. 1912 Raisin Exchange Map, FMR (3-31-12). 1923 Atlas. USGS Quad Maps. 1939 Land Use Survey. Fresno Water Plats. Fresno Parcel Maps. Sanborn Insurance Maps. Powell Index. Ben Walker Index. Fresno Bee Index. Woodward Index. FCL Suhler Index. Fresno City Directories, 1925-93. FMR (3-7-22, p. 3)(9-6-25, p. 1A). Exile.

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