State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code
Other Listings
Review Code Reviewer Date

Page 1 of 2 *Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) 165-167 Fell St.

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted *a. County: San Francisco

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

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: San Francisco North, Calif. Date: 1956 (rev. 1973)

*c. Address: 165-167 Fell St. City: San Francisco Zip: 94102

d. UTM: Zone: 10 mE/ mN (G.P.S.)

e. Other Locational Data: Assessor's Parcel Number (Map, Block, Lot): 0834-014

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

165-167 Fell Street is located on a 120' x 27.5' through-block lot on the south side of Fell Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street. Built in 1927, 165-167 Fell Street is a 2-story, concrete frame commercial building designed in the Mediterranean Revival style. The rectangular-plan building, clad in scored stucco, is capped by a flat roof. The foundation is not visible from the street. The primary façade faces north and is 3 bays wide. The left bay features three contiguous metal-frame, plate glass windows, while the center bay features a recessed entryway with aluminum frame glass door, transom a and sidelight. The right bay features a gated, recessed secondary entrance to the upper story fitted with an aluminum-frame, glass door and transom. The second floor features multi-light, wood casement windows. The primary façade terminates in a stepped parapet with decorative panels at each end featuring shield and vegetal plaster ornament. The Hickory Street elevation is clad in stucco and features a recessed, centered entrance with a steel door. The entrance is flanked by vinyl fixed sash. The upper story has a vinyl fixed window in the center bay and vinyl sliding sash in the end bays. The elevation terminates in a plain roofline.

The building appears to be in good condition and contributes to the potential Civic Center Auto Repair Historic Resources (see DPR 523 D form).

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes) HP6: 1-3 story commercial building

*P4. Resources Present: ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other

P5b. Photo: (view and date)
View from north
9/6/2006

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: ☒ Historic
1927
SF Assessors Office

*P7. Owner and Address:
Taylor Family Trust
% Robert L Taylor
Po Box 441
Murphys, CA

*P8. Recorded by:
Page & Turnbull, Inc.
724 Pine Street
San Francisco, CA 94108

*P9. Date Recorded:
9/6/2006

*P10. Survey Type:
Reconnaissance

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

*Attachments: ☐ None ☐ Location Map ☐ Sketch Map ☒ Continuation Sheet ☐ Building, Structure, and Object Record ☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record ☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (list)

Hickory Street (south) elevation

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BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*NRHP Status Code 6Z

 *Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 165-167 Fell Street

B1. Historic Name 165-167 Fell Street

B2. Common Name 165-167 Fell Street

B3. Original Use Commercial Building B4. Present Use: Commercial Building

* B5. Architectural Style Mediterranean Revival

*B6. Construction History

165-167 Fell Street was constructed in 1926. Alterations include metal-frame, plate glass windows in the left bay, aluminum frame glass door, transom a and sidelight in the recessed entryway in the center bay and a gated aluminum-frame, glass door and transom in the recessed secondary entrance in

*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes Date: _____ Original Location: _____

*B8. Related Features none

B9a. Architect _____ . Builder owner

*B10. Significance: Theme 1906 Earthquake and Fire Reconstruction Area: Hayes Valley

Period of Significance 1906-1929 Property Type Commercial Applicable Criteria n/a

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity)

In regard to California Register Criterion 1 (History/Events) this property is considered under the 1906 Earthquake and Fire Reconstruction context of the Historic Context Statement, Market & Octavia Neighborhood Plan Area, since it is both an identified building type (Commercial/Light Industrial) and dates from the Period of Significance (1906-1929) of that context. There is no indication the property is eligible for listing in the California Register under Criterion 2 (Important Persons), Criterion 3 (Design/Construction) or Criterion 4 (Information Potential).

Criterion 1:

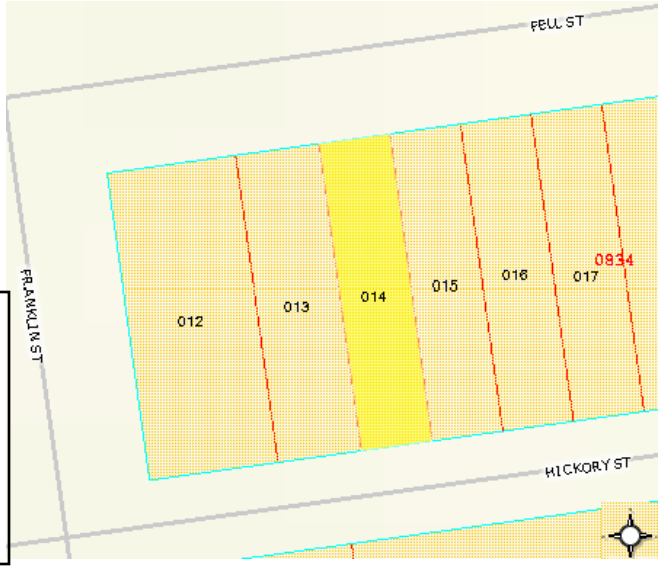
165-167 Fell Street was constructed in 1926 by Samuel A. Weinstock, who owned the Weinstock Clinton Import Co., located at 833 Market Street. The 1886 Sanborn map shows that the parcel and adjacent parcels were occupied by two and three-story dwellings. This block was largely destroyed by the 1906 Earthquake and fire. (continued)

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP6: 1-3 story commercial building

*B12. References: Historic Context Statement, Market & Octavia Neighborhood Plan Area, Page & Turnbull, Inc. July 20, 2007
Edwards Abstracts, February 4, 1926.

B13. Remarks

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



*B14. Evaluator Kelley & VerPlanck
*Date of Evaluation 5/1/2010

(This space reserved for official comments)

B10: Significance (continued)

The 1913 Sanborn map indicates this lot partially occupied by a one-story blacksmith shop, likely constructed quickly after the earthquake to address the commercial needs of the neighborhood. The 1950 Sanborn map shows a two-story shop at this address, which includes a reinforced concrete portion on the Hickory Street elevation housing a plating works. The 1936 and 1940 City Directories identify this as the Burridge Co. Electroplaters. In 1953, Burridge was still at this address, joined by Bee Industries. The building currently contains law offices.

165-167 Fell Street, like several other properties on this block, was constructed as a light industrial building. According to the 1913-15 Sanborn map, during the post-disaster rebuild, sections of the Western Addition, in particular burned-over blocks located between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street, became much more industrial in character as auto-related businesses such as machine shops, auto repair shops, tire factories, and paint shops opened. 165-167 Fell Street exhibits characteristics of light industrial buildings, such as its former vehicular opening in the left bay, a second-story office wing above, concrete construction, and a shaped parapet with restrained classical-revival ornamentation. With its 1926 construction date, Hayes Valley location and light industrial building typology, the building expresses a clear association with a broad pattern of San Francisco history.

Integrity:

In regard to integrity, the building has undergone some alterations at the first story, including replacement metal sash windows in the left bay, aluminum frame glass door, transom and sidelight in the recessed entryway in the center bay, and a gated aluminum-frame, glass door and transom in the recessed secondary entrance in the right bay. The building retains integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association, but only partial integrity of materials due to the first-story alterations described above.

Conclusion:

165-167 Fell Street appears to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources under Criterion 1 (Event) as an an example of a light industrial building constructed in Hayes Valley during the Period of Significance (1906-1929) of the 1906 Earthquake and Fire Reconstruction context. The building clearly expresses its association with a broad pattern of San Francisco's history.

Character Defining Features:

Character-defining features include the two-story height and rectangular massing, fenestration pattern with second story windows featuring multi-light, wood casement sash, scored stucco cladding, and stepped parapet with decorative panels at each end featuring shield and vegetal plaster ornament.