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 1 *Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) 1600-1612 Market 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 Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted *a. County: San Francisco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: 1600-1612 Market 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): 0854-001

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

1600-1612 Market Street is located on a triangular lot at the south corner of Market and Page Streets. Built in 1906, 1600-1612 Market Street is a one-story, steel-frame, commercial building. The building, clad in stucco, has a triangular plan and a flat roof. The primary façade faces south towards Market Street and is seven bays wide. A secondary elevation continues along Rose Street and is three bays wide. The Market Street elevation has a modern storefront in the first four bays with metal-frame doors and windows. The remainder of the openings on the elevation have been in-filled. The north (Rose Street) elevation has three sets of solid, metal doors accessing service spaces. The building has no architectural decoration.

The building appears to be in fair condition.

*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 south
8/11/2006

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: ☒ Historic
1906
SF Assessors Office

*P7. Owner and Address:
Vriheas Michael & Cecelia Tr.
995 Monterey Blvd
San Francisco, CA

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

*P9. Date Recorded:
8/11/2006

*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)

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BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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B1. Historic Name 1600-1612 Market Street

B2. Common Name 1600-1612 Market Street

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

* B5. Architectural Style Commercial

*B6. Construction History
1600-1612 Market Street was constructed in 1906. Alterations include modern storefront with metal-frame doors and windows, in-filled openings and three sets of solid, metal service doors.

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

*B8. Related Features none

B9a. Architect unknown . Builder unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme 1906 Earthquake and Fire Reconstruction Area: Hayes Valley - Market Street Corridor

Period of Significance 1906-1926 Property Type Commercial/single story retail 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) and dates from the Period of Significance (1906-1926) 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).

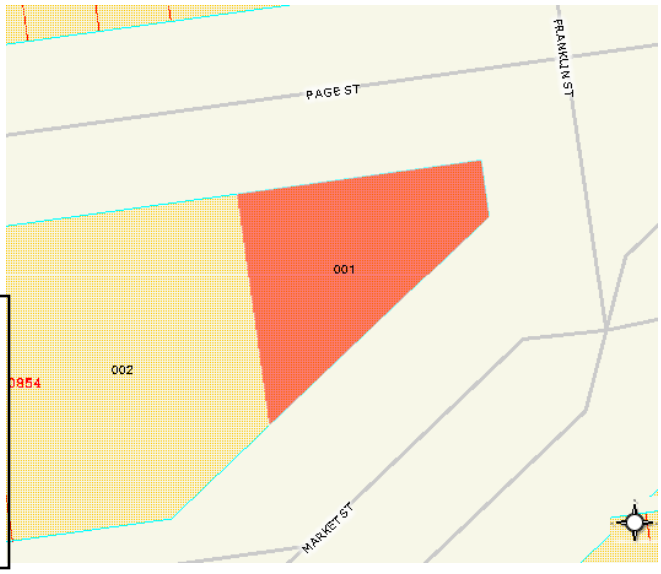
Criterion 1:
1600-1612 Market Street was constructed circa 1906, shortly after the 1906 Earthquake and resultant fire, which heavily damaged the block on which this building is located. The original owner, John Nightingale, had been an early San Francisco "Forty-Niner" and by the turn of the century was operating as a "capitalist" and property developer building speculative housing in the Hayes Valley neighborhood. (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

B13. Remarks

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



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

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B10: Significance (continued)

Nightingale owned this lot from at least the early 1890s though 1914, when he conveyed the property to eleven of his offspring. Prior to the earthquake, the lot contained a building described by the 1889 Sanborn Map as "The Oriel," which contained several small shops. Nightingale quickly rebuilt after the fire, and the 1908 City Directory describes the building as housing a cigar shop and a liquor store. In 1910, the building was occupied by the Nevada Meat Co. and a liquor shop. The 1913 Sanborn map shows the present building housing shops and a restaurant. The 1950 Sanborn map shows the current building housing several small shops containing painting, wallpapering, and gardening businesses. City directories from the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s identify they building as housing the Bohemian Garden Ballroom, a paint company, and other businesses. In recent years the building housed a Brazilian nightclub and a Chinese restaurant. It is now vacant. The building was constructed as single-story retail, a use pattern which it retains today.

Quite common along Market Street and neighborhood commercial streets, single-story retail buildings were most commonly built after the 1906 Earthquake with the proceeds of insurance settlements. Based on simple construction techniques and lack of complex architectural detailing, it is apparent that many single-story retail buildings were erected quickly in order to establish a commercial presence on a given lot without a substantial outlay of funds. Called "taxpayer blocks" on the East Coast, this building type was designed to generate revenue as quickly as possible. Many were eventually demolished and replaced with larger, more permanent buildings with office or residential floors above. Others were clearly designed to accommodate extra floors in anticipation of future expansion. Several good examples exist along Market Street, such as the Huston Building, at Sixteenth and Market Street. As a steel-frame building, it is likely that 1600 -1612 Market was designed to accommodate additional floors if the demand presented itself.

1600-1612 Market Street, with its circa 1906 construction date, Market Street corridor location, and single story retail building typology, clearly expresses an association with a broad pattern of San Francisco history.

Integrity:

1600-1612 Market Street appears to have undergone substantial alterations since its construction. Alterations on the Market Street elevation include a modern storefront with metal-frame doors and windows in the first four bays with the remainder of the openings on the elevation in-filled. The north (Rose Street) elevation has three sets of solid, metal service doors. The building has no architectural decoration. The building retains the following aspects of integrity: location and setting. Due to the alterations above the building does not retain integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling or association.

Conclusion:

1600-1612 Market Street does not appear to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources or local designation under any criterion. Although the construction date, building location and building typology demonstrate an association with the 1906 Earthquake and Fire Reconstruction context, it no longer accurately expresses this association due to the alterations to the exterior. As the building no longer conveys its original appearance at the time of construction, it does not clearly express an association with any broad pattern of events in San Francisco history, the State of California, or significant persons. Nor does it represent the work of master architects. It no longer embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, and it does not possess high artistic values.