

2.2.10 C Street Commercial Historic District



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The C Street Commercial Historic District preserves a small row of brick buildings that reflect the commercial and industrial character of Sacramento's northwest corner in the first half of the twentieth century. 12th Street has long been one of Sacramento's principal transportation, communication, and commercial corridors. During the Gold Rush, it operated as one of the early routes from the city to the gold fields of C Street, meanwhile, developed into one of the city's industrial hubs. Early in the city's history, the 1200 block of C Street was part of Alkali Flat, Sacramento's oldest standing residential neighborhood. While the neighborhood initially attracted the city's elite residents, Alkali Flat became increasingly industrial toward the turn of the century due to its proximity to the Central Pacific (later the Southern Pacific) depot and railroad tracks. Many of these industrial businesses were located along the railroad tracks that formed the neighborhood's northwest corner along B Street. By 1915, the north side of C Street consisted of two grain and flour mills and warehouses that were used to store agricultural implements and wine.

Alkali Flat's increasing industrialization and the resulting influx of laborers drove its affluent middle- and upper-class residents out to the newer residential neighborhoods that were developing to the south and east. Meanwhile, the automobile was becoming increasingly popular in the first decades of the Interurban railroads also contributed to the development of C Street. In 1928, Sacramento's interurban railroads combined into a single entity: the Sacramento Northern. In addition to passenger service, the Sacramento Northern interurban railroad also carried freight on an industrial belt line that traveled around the edge of the city. A portion of this freight line ran along C Street from 18th Street to 31st Street to serve the industrial areas along the city's based industries to those based on long-distance freight truck shipping.

Period of Significance: 1920-1930

Architectural Styles: Vernacular, Commercial Styles (One-Part Commercial Block)

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Geographic Information System

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Feet

- Parcel
- C Street Commercial
- Other Historic District

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Contributing (C) and Non-Contributing (NC) Resources

Address	Parcel Number	Historic Status
315 12TH ST	002-0082-001	Non-Contributing
1206 C ST	002-0082-002	Contributing
1218 C ST	002-0082-003	Contributing
1236 C ST	002-0082-004	Contributing

Note: Addresses of properties may not be all the addresses associated with the property; address shown reflect the address assigned to the parcel by the Sacramento County Recorder's Office.