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RESOLUTION NO. 4161

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PLACERVILLE DESIGNATING THE  
PLACERVILLE SHAKESPEARE CLUB HOUSE  
AS A HISTORICAL STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Placerville has established a policy of designating historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the structure known as the Placerville Shakespeare Club House was erected in 1930 on a lot adjoining the Court House on Union Street; and

WHEREAS, in 1950 the Club House was relocated from Union Street to 2940 Bedford Avenue, its present location, in order to assist in the construction of Highway 50 through Placerville; and

WHEREAS, the Placerville Shakespeare Club has been active in Placerville since May of 1897; and

WHEREAS, the Placerville Shakespeare Club has requested a Historic Designation for the Club House; and

Whereas, the City of Placerville Historic Advisory Committee has recommended to the Placerville City Council that the Placerville Shakespeare Club be designated as a Historic Structure.

BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the structure known as the Placerville Shakespeare Club is designated a Historic Structure.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on June 14, 1983, by Councilmember Borelli, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tuttle.  
Carried and so ordered.

*Sam Tush*  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Lennie L. Mills*  
CITY CLERK



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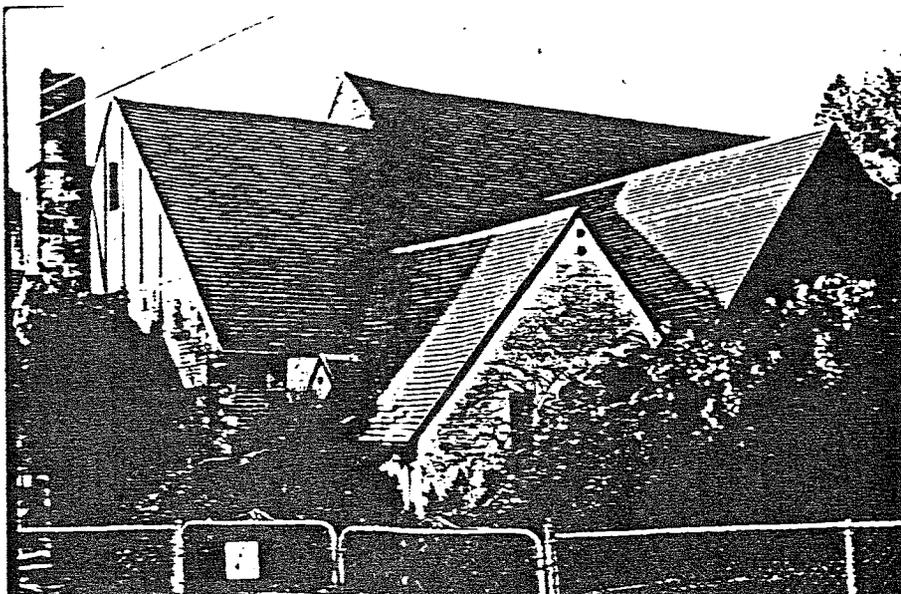
### HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

#### IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Placerville Shakespeare Club
2. Historic name: Placerville Shakespeare Club
3. Street or rural address: 2940 Bedford Avenue  
City Placerville Zip 95667 County El Dorado
4. Parcel number: 66-192-25
5. Present Owner: Placerville Shakespeare Club Address: P.O. Box 102  
City Placerville Zip 95667 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: banquet facilities & meeting rooms Original use: banquet facilities & meeting room

#### DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Provincial
- 7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:  
This is a Provincial style buildings with high gables and a composition shingle roof covering an open beamed banquet and meeting hall with hardwood floors. The exterior is stucco with varying height gables accented with wood trim and with horizontal wood siding.  
The windows are unadorned steel sash. The lower level is accented with brick and stone walls and there are two graduated stone fireplaces.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1930
9. Architect Coffman
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 130 Depth 160  
or approx. acreage .43 Acres
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
1984

- 13 Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good  Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
- 14 Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Surroundings (Check more than one if necessary): Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built up \_\_\_  
Residential  Industrial \_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 Threats to site: None known  Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site? \_\_\_ Moved?  Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

The Placerville Shakespeare Club was organized in May, 1897 by ten charter members meeting in homes. At that time the chief objective was to study the plays of William Shakespeare, but in later years, other interests were pursued. The Placerville Shakespeare Club is the oldest continuously active women's club in the United States.

In February, 1921, members purchased the McNaughton house and adjoining lot on Union Street. A \$10,000 bequest in 1929 enabled construction to begin on the present building in 1930.

In 1950 the planned State Highway was to pass directly through the building site. Although the State of California offered to buy the property, members insisted that the Clubhouse be moved and the present site on Bedford Avenue was acquired. The Clubhouse was divided into three parts to accomplish the move and took the entire summer of 1951. The original plaque was saved from destruction and can be seen at the entrance.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
 Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure 2  
 Economic/Industrial \_\_\_ Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_  
 Government \_\_\_ Military \_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
 City and County Records  
 Placerville Shakespeare Club records  
 Heritage Association records  
 Heritage Assn. members private files

22. Date form prepared 2/11/85  
 By (name) members of  
 Organization Heritage Association  
 Address: P.O. Box 62  
 City Placerville zip 95667  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

