

CHAIN SHEET

Veterans' Memorial Building

1018 H street

ELY half of Block 132

APN 005-023-002

Doc.	Bk.	Pg.	Serial No.	Recording Date			1st Party	2nd Party	Remarks
Deed	195	252	1052	14	Mar	1930	F.R. Sweasey & w.f. L.G. Gross & Husb.	Humboldt County	SLY half of 46/139 parcel
Deed	195	251	1051	14	Mar	1930	"	"	NLY half of 46/139 parcel
Deed	195	204	937	6	Mar	1930	R. Sweasey, est.	F.R. Sweasey & L.G. Gross	re-recording of 195/188
Deed	195	188	867	3	Mar	1930	"	"	includes ELY half of Block 132
Deed	46	139		28	Mar	1893	Ida E. Davis & Annie L. Davis	R. Sweasey	110'x240' = "E 1/2 of Bk 973" \$1000.
Deed	34	176		18	Mar	1890	H.F. Thompson, guardian	Annie L. Davis & Ida E. Davis	includes 1/48 parcels
Deed	8	95		21	Mar	1883	N. McNivin	"	60'x110' parcel of Y/350 \$200.
Deed	1	48		9	Mar	1880	H.B. Nelson	H.F. Thompson, guardian	60'x110' + 120'x110' parcels \$497.30
Deed	Y	364		21	Jan	1879	C.S. Ricks	H.B. Nelson	60'x110' + 120'x110' parcels \$875.
Deed	Y	350		15	Jan	1879	G.H. Close	N. McNivin	60'x110' parcel of Y/349 \$35.
Deed	Y	349		15	Jan	1879	C.S. Ricks	G.H. Close	60'x110' par. in Bk 973 \$275.
Deed	G	265		28	Jan	1869	J.S. Murray	C.S. Ricks	his 1/2 interest in 3 1/2 acres, includes Block 973
Patent	1	34		5	June	1863	USA/Calif.	Ricks + Murray	80 acres: 5 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec 22
Deed	C	539		28	Dec	1858	Leander Blain & w.f. Mary	C.S. Ricks & J.S. Murray	" " \$500.
Misc	A	86		29	Dec	1858	Location of	Leander Blain	Certificate of Location No. 54 dated 11 Oct 1858 for 240 acres State School Land: 5 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec 22 + NE 1/4 of Sec 27, T5N R1W HM
Map	Surveyor						General's Map of Township 5 North, Range 1 West		Humboldt Meridian
							dated 15 Mar 1855		
Map	1	14					(no date of filing) Ryan's Map of Eureka, 1850 - shows Block No. 973, between G & H and 10 th + 11 th streets		

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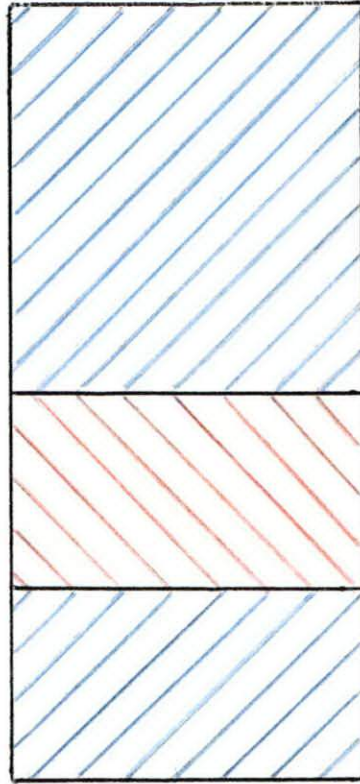
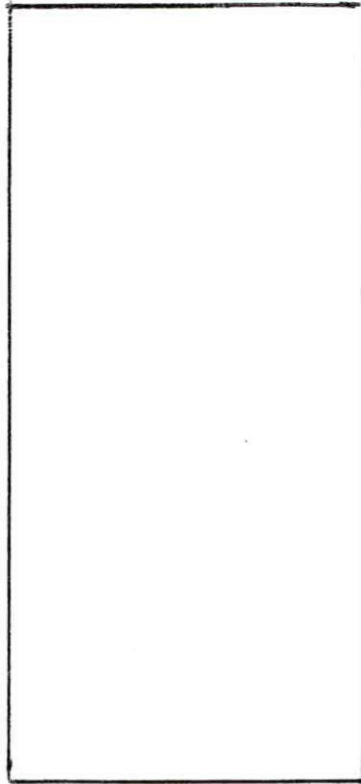
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in easterly half of block

(Block No. 973, Ryan's Map, became Eureka City Block 132)

10TH ST.

G ST.



H ST.

11TH ST.

110' x 120' and
60' x 110' parcels



area of Deeds
Y/364, 1/48, 34/176

60' x 110' parcel



area of Deeds
Y/349, Y/350, 8/95



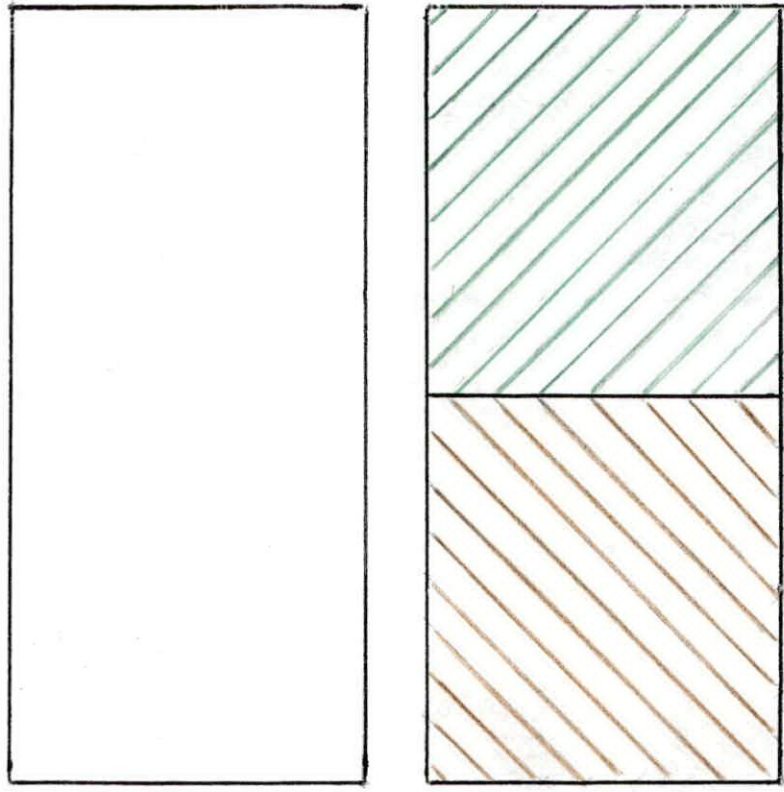
1/4 inch = 15ft.

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110' x 120' Parcels
in easterly half of Block 132

10TH ST.

G ST.



H ST.

11TH ST.



area of Deed 195/251,
made 3 Jan. 1930



area of Deed 195/252,
made 26 Feb. 1930



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(both deeds recorded
14 March 1930)

On each record of Deeds 195/251 and 195/252 is stated:

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE.

This is to certify that the Board of Supervisors of Humboldt County, State of California, hereby consents to the execution of this deed and accepts the property described therein on behalf of said Humboldt County.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors this 11th day of March, 1930.

Fred M. Kay
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of said Humboldt County.

from the Humboldt Times, March 12, 1930, page 2:

SUPERVISORS ELECT PLAN COMMITTEES

The board of supervisors yesterday ...
... A motion was carried to accept the Sweasey deed to the property on H street for the American Legion building, one-half of which was donated and to authorize the payment of \$4,500 for the other half of the tract.

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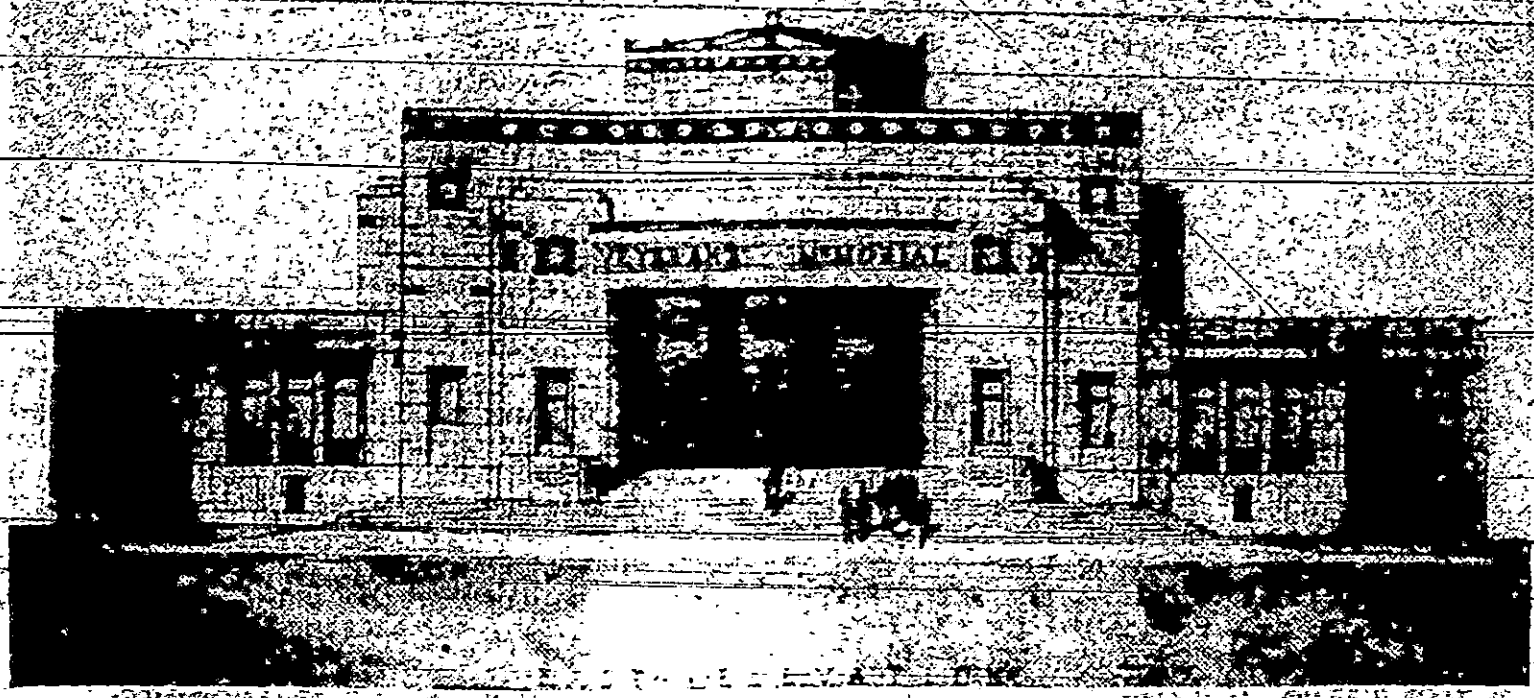
from the Humboldt Standard, March 12, 1930, page 5:

SHARP SKIRMISH MARKS SUPERVISORS MEETING ...

...
The board also adopted a motion to accept a deed from the Sweasey estate for property on H street, in Eureka, to be used as a building site for the Veterans Memorial building in this city. The resolution also authorized the payment of \$4,500 for a tract of equal size adjacent to the tract given the county by the Sweasey heirs, and owned by the estate.

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EUREKA VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING



An architect's drawing of the Veteran's Memorial building as accepted last night by the American Legion and representatives of the Spanish American War veterans is shown above. Ability to enter any room direct from a corridor or lobby is an outstanding feature of the structure.

The building, with a basement floor, first floor, and mezzanine was drawn up with the idea of providing for all the requirements of the various organizations in this city. The basement floor will contain a banquet room, handball court, kitchen, Boy Scouts' meeting room, locker and shower rooms and storage space.

A small vestibule will lead into the lobby on the first floor which includes a memorial hall capable of seating between 400 and 500 persons, men's lounge, ladies' lounge, meeting rooms, kitchen, offices and card and billiard rooms.

War trophies will be exhibited in three rooms on the mezzanine with committee rooms also finding space on the floor.

Humboldt Times, August 23, 1931

NEWTON ACKERMAN, A. I. A. ARCHITECTURE

Structural and Mechanical Engineering

Fourth and Commercial Streets, Phone 132

ARCHITECT FOR EUREKA, ARCATA AND FORTUNA
VETERANS' MEMORIAL BUILDINGS

from the Humboldt Times, August 23, 1931; page 6:
"Eureka to Dedicate Veterans Memorial Building Today"

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FUNDS PROVIDED

At a recent session of the California legislature a law was passed whereby the counties of the state were permitted to levy a direct tax, not exceeding three mils, upon the taxable property to provide funds for the purpose of erecting veterans' memorials. Immediately thereafter Fort Humboldt Post American Legion asked the Board of Supervisors to provide funds for a memorial in accordance with the right given them by the legislature.

...
The supervisors having furnished the funds ...

from the Humboldt Standard, April 25, 1930:

\$96,000 Memorial Plans
Approved By Legion Here

...
The cost of the building, it is estimated ... will run about \$85,000, exclusive of the furnishings. There now exists a fund of approximately \$96,000 in the county budget for the structure set aside last fall by the board of supervisors.

Veterans Rejoice As Work Starts On New Memorial Building



SNAKE MAKES HOME IN BOX

LOVELAND, Colo., (U.P.)—A huge bull snake coiled in the woodbox of her home gave Mrs. Luther Crawford a great scare. Her screams brought aid and the snake was killed.

HUMBOLDT BOOSTED

An article praising the rapid progress of Humboldt county dairying is featured in a recent issue of the California Cultivator, received here yesterday by the Eureka Chamber of Commerce.

War veterans living in this city realized the materialization of a dream of many years here Tuesday when the first shovel full of earth was turned on the site where will be erected Eureka's tribute to men of this city who have served in the wars of their country. Preliminary operations on the building, to be known as the Eureka Veterans' Memorial are well underway and actual construction of the edifice is expected to open within a few days.

The building, as it will appear when completed, is shown in the photo at the top. In the foreground below, Dr. B. A. Peterson, commander of Fort Humboldt Post, American Legion, and B. B. Bartlett, district commander of the Legion, are shown turning a shovel full of earth, marking the start of excavating operations.

Peterson is also shown in the engineer's cab of the huge power shovel, with Bruce Markle, sub-contractor, standing below. Bartlett is seated in the truck, with Dick Cloney, member of the Legion building committee, standing alongside.

The building is being erected on H street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, on a site donated by Frank Sweasey and Mrs. Harold Gross. The building will cost approximately \$82,000 exclusive of furnishings and equipment. (Photos by Martin Studio)

FIRM EXHIBITS NEW AIR MOTOR

LONDON, Aug. 7 (U.P.)—D. Napier & Son, long known as producers of one of the best water-cooled aero-engines in the world, have sprung a surprise on British aviation by producing a really new form of air-cooled engine for which important claims of low power-weight ratio and low head-resistance are made.

The new product is known as an "H" engine, because its 16 cylinders are arranged in "H" formation on a common crank case. It has four banks of four cylinders vertically opposed, and from the front looks like a capital "H". Thus only the area of four cylinders is

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from the Humboldt Standard, November 11, 1930:

CORNERSTONE OF NEW MEMORIAL BUILDING LAID

Armistice Day, 1930 ...

Dedication of the building, now under construction on H between Tenth and Eleventh streets, constituted the feature of the Armistice Day program in this city, ...

from the Humboldt Standard, November 12, 1930:

Laying of Veterans' Memorial Building Corner Stone



Scenes from the ceremonies conducted yesterday by the veterans of all wars. Upper left is Judge Thomas H. Selvaige, orator of the day. Upper right is Frank H. Sweney, who laid the corner stone and below is a portion of the crowd which attended the corner stone laying services of the Veterans' Memorial building at Eleventh and H streets.

from the Humboldt Standard, December 16, 1930:

**Progress Made On Veterans Memorial;
Many Men Employed**

Progress is being made on the construction of the Veterans Memorial building on H street, and the local Legion post the auxillary, and other veterans organizations will be able to hold their meetings in the spacious rooms of the building before long.

Mercer-Fraser Contractors are handling the building program and employ thirty-three men on the job. All are Humboldt men, ninety percent of them from Eureka. None are foreigners, all are voters and all pay taxes. All but six are married and supporting families, and two of the six are supporting their mothers.

from the Humboldt Times, August 23, 1931, page 6:

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CONSTRUCTED BY MERCER-FRASER

The letting of the contract called for much care and with splendid judgment it went to the local firm of Mercer-Fraser company. This company has many wonderful structures to its credit both here and elsewhere, but the memorial building constitutes the acme of the firm's building achievements. Under the able direction of their superintendent, Ernest Mackens, they have given this community what seems to be a flawless structure.

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The exterior finish of the memorial is monolithic with reinforced concrete and a heavy steel frame. The decorative design is modernistic, the trim and molding have been accomplished by placing the molds in the form and when they were stripped the design imprint was left in mass concrete. This is a new idea in decorative construction.

The interior of the building is in keeping with the beautiful exterior. Entering the building one finds himself in a spacious lobby ornamented with cathedral arches finished in gold leaf and silver cast stone ornaments. The decorations are stenciled in modernistic design and color. The floor is of terrazzo in grey and brown with marble chips and the whole thing is massive. A marvelous dome with beautiful modernistic completeness is the crowning glory of the beautiful entrance.

Off the lobby are several rooms the main one being the exquisite Memorial hall with a fine maple floor and harmonious furnishings.

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Constructed by Mercer-Fraser, continued:

A magnificent rug covers nearly the entire floor. This can be easily removed when the hall is used for dancing. There are seats around the hall with officers' desks and chairs at the proper stations. The ceiling is of decorated plaster with plaster cornices in colors that blend beautifully with the entire scheme.

BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED

A men's lounge beckons from the south end of the lobby and near by and conveniently joined are the billiard and card rooms, all furnished in exquisite taste and having in mind the comfort and ease of their occupants. A big rug in the center of the lounge gives just the touch of comfort and luxury one would expect in such a room.

The Ladies' Auxiliary rooms are at the north end of the lobby and adjoining is a kitchenette and rest rooms. These are finished in the design and colorings that cannot fail to charm those who will be privileged to use them.

Off the billiard room is a canteen, an adjunct never to be overlooked in the arrangements for a soldier's comfort.

The executive offices are reached from the lobby to the left of the entrance and a ticket office occupies a place to the right of the entrance. Both are finished in stucco.

At the extreme north of the building with an entrance from the lobby is a beautifully small assembly room, comfortably arranged and decorated in keeping with the rest of the building.

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Beautifully Furnished, continued:

The beautiful dome extends through to the second floor with modernistic grill and moziac decoration around the open wall. The upstairs lobby has similar finish to the main lobby. The upper floor is given over to a large committee room and two exhibit rooms finished in Gaenstone plaster with modernistic colorings.

All of the interior wood finish is in Philippine mahogany naturally colored.

The basement which is reached by a stairway leading from the main lobby contains a spacious dining room with capacity for over 200 people and adjoining is a well equipped kitchen.

The Boy Scout room, hand ball court, locker rooms and showers, storage, furnace room and mechanical department all occupy the basement and none of them have been slighted even in small degree. Concrete floors and plaster are used in the basement finish. Separate lockers have been supplied for the different veteran organizations.

Following is a list of the firms who have had a part in the building and furnishing of the beautiful structure that will be dedicated at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon with appropriate ceremonies to which everyone is invited:

Newton Ackerman, architect.
 Mercer-Fraser company.
 George C. Jacobs company.
 Mose Cookson.
 Baker & Crosby.
 Nelson Brothers.
 Eureka Electric company.
 Anderson Furniture company.
 F. A. Matthews & Son.
 Moore & Cook.
