

(Landmarks)

DESIGNATING THE EDWIN KLOCKARS BLACKSMITH SHOP AS A LANDMARK PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE CITY PLANNING CODE.

Be it Ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the Edwin Klockars Blacksmith Shop located at 449 Folsom Street, Lot 28 in Assessor's Block 3748, was a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value, and that its designation as a landmark will further the purposes of, and conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the City Planning Code.

(a) Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code, Chapter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, the Edwin Klockars Blacksmith Shop is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by Resolution No. 9341 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 90-82-3.

(b) Required Data. The description of the location and boundaries of the Landmark site, of the characteristics of the Landmark which justify its designation, and of the particular features that should be preserved as included in the said Resolution, are incorporated in this designating ordinance as though fully set forth.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

George Agnost
CITY ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

By John L. Morris
Deputy City Attorney

By Dean L. Morris
Dean L. Morris
Director of Planning

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Passed for Second Reading
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

APR 26 1982

Ayes: Supervisors Britt, ~~Dolson~~, ~~Hongisto~~,
Kennedy, Kopp, Molinari, Nelder, ~~Renne~~, Silver,
Walker, Ward.

Noes: Supervisors DOLSON HONGISTO

Absent: Supervisors KOPP RENNE

John L. Taylor ACTING Clerk

90-82-3
File No.

MAY 13 1982
Approved

Read Second Time and Finally Passed
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

MAY 10 1982

Ayes: Supervisors Britt, ~~Dolson~~, ~~Hongisto~~,
Kennedy, Kopp, Molinari, Nelder, ~~Renne~~, Silver,
Walker, Ward.

Noes: Supervisors DOLSON HONGISTO

Absent: Supervisors RENNE SILVER

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was finally passed by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

John L. Taylor ACTING Clerk

John L. Taylor
Mayor

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SAN FRANCISCO
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 9341

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the Edwin Klockars Blacksmith Shop at 449 Folsom Street as a Landmark pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the City Planning Code was initiated by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on February 3, 1982 and said Advisory Board, after due consideration, has recommended approval of this proposal; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission, after due notice given, held a public hearing on March 18, 1982 to consider the proposed designation and the report of said Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, The Commission believes that the proposed Landmark has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value; and that the proposed designation would be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes and standards of the said Article 10:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, First, the proposal to designate the aforementioned structure, the Edwin Klockars Blacksmith Shop at 449 Folsom Street, as a Landmark pursuant to Article 10 of the City Planning Code is hereby APPROVED, the precise location and boundaries of the Landmark site being those of Lot 28 in Assessor's Block 3748;

Second, That the special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value of the said Landmark justifying its designation are set forth in the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution No. 239 as adopted on February 3, 1982, which Resolution is incorporated herein and made a part thereof as though fully set forth;

Third, That the said Landmark should be preserved generally in all of its particular exterior features as existing on the date hereof and as described and depicted in the photographs, case report and other material on file in the Department of City Planning Docket No. 81.266L;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission hereby directs its Secretary to transmit the proposal for designation, with a copy of this Resolution, to the Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Planning Commission at its regular meeting of March 18, 1982.

Lee Hoods, Jr.
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Bierman, Karasick, Kelleher, Klein, Nakashima,
Rosenblatt, Salazar

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PASSED: March 18, 1982

BUILDING NAME: Edwin Klockars Blacksmith Shop	OWNER: Edwin Klockars
BUILDING ADDRESS: 449 Folsom	BLOCK & LOT: 3748/28 ZONING: C-3-S
ORIGINAL USE: Blacksmith Shop	NO. OF STORIES: 2 LPAB VOTE: 9-0
CURRENT USE: Blacksmith Shop	EXTERIOR MATERIALS: Wood and sheet metal

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(Describe special CHARACTER, or special HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL or AESTHETIC interest or value:) One of the last of many smiths in this South of Market district in the early 20th century, the Klockars Blacksmith Shop continues its traditional operation in San Francisco to this day. In this compact wooden building Edwin Klockars pioneered production of the canning tongs his shop still supplies to canneries across the nation. Pins used to construct one of the bridges across the Willamette River in Portland, elevator track brackets commissioned by Westinghouse for Shasta Dam and Oakland's Kaiser building, even fireplace andirons have been hand-wrought at 449 Folsom. Having narrowly avoided replacement by a freeway access ramp, this sturdy frame building endured to exemplify a way of life which has otherwise disappeared from San Francisco. This metal-working shop still produces by hand tools like those offered for sale in catalogs of the original owner, Fred Wilbert, whose business continues to be advertised by a sign on the east wall. This building is a special and active link with our industrial history.

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EVALUATION CRITERIAA. ARCHITECTURE

1. Style: Small false front frame building
2. Construction Type: Wood frame
3. Construction Date: 1912 (on Sanborn map of 1913, appears in 1911-1912 City Directory)
4. Design Quality: (LPAB ONLY) Unique/Excellent
5. Architect: Unknown
6. Interior Quality: (LPAB ONLY) Original

B. HISTORY

(as building is significantly associated with specific)

7. Persons: This building has had two owners: Its builder - F. Z. Wilbert and his employee - Edwin Klockars who took over the business in 1938.
8. Events:
9. Patterns of History:

(cultural, social, political, military, economic or industrial)

An example of how earlier generations lived, this is one of the last surviving metal-working shops which once flourished in this area producing metal parts and tools which found their way all over the country.

C. ENVIRONMENT

(relation to surroundings, specifically in terms of:)

10. Continuity: Same business operation on this site for almost all of the twentieth century.
11. Setting: Overshadowed, but not overwhelmed by a new PG&E substation on east portion of block.
12. Importance as a Visual Landmark: Notable and familiar in the context of the neighborhood where many similar businesses once operated.

D. INTEGRITY

(cite alterations and physical condition)

Original building intact over pre-existing cellar; front facade freshly painted, but side still bare except for old sign advertising Wilbert's business.

RATINGS

DCP: 1
 HERE TODAY: --
 SPLENDID SURV.: N/A
 NAT'L REGISTER: probably eligible
 NAT'L LANDMARK: No
 STATE LANDMARK: No

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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