

(Landmarks)

DESIGNATING THE DAVID LEWIS HOUSE 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 David Lewis House located at 4143 - 23rd Street, Lot 40 in Assessor's Block 2804, has 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 David Lewis House is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by Resolution No. 11177 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No.

(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:
LOUISE H. RENNE
CITY ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

By [Signature]
Deputy City Attorney

By [Signature]
Dean L. Macris
Director of Planning

Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

Passed for Second Reading

January 4, 1988

Ayes: Supervisors Hongisto Hsieh
Kennedy Maher Molinari Nelder
Silver Walker Ward

Absent: Supervisors Britt Gonzalez

§ Finally Passed

§ January 11, 1988

§ Ayes: Supervisors Gonzalez Hsieh
Kennedy Molinari Nelder Silver
Walker Ward

§ Absent: Supervisors Britt Hongisto
Maher

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

JAN 15 1988

File No.
90-87-8

Date Approved

[Signature]
Mayor

SAN FRANCISCO
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 11177

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the Lewis House at 4143 23rd Street as a Landmark pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the City Planning Code was initiated by the Board of Supervisors on August 7, 1987, and Landmarks 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 October 22, 1987 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 Lewis House at 4143 23rd 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 5 in Assessor's Block 2804;

Second, That the special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value of the said historic district justifying its designation are as set forth in the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution 394 adopted on September 2, 1987 which Resolution is incorporated herein and made a part thereof as though fully set forth;

Third, That the said Historic District should be preserved generally in all of its particular exterior features as existing on the date hereof and described and depicted in the photographs, case report and other material on file in the Department of City Planning Docket No. 87.463L.

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 on October 22, 1987.

Lori Yamauchi
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Allen, Bierman, Hemphill, Karasick, Rosenblatt and Wright
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Nakashima
ADOPTED: October 22, 1987

BUILDING NAME: Lewis House	OWNER: Earl Moss
BUILDING ADDRESS: 4143 - 23rd Street	BLOCK & LOT: 2804/40 ZONING: RH-2
ORIGINAL USE: Residential	NO. OF STORIES: 2 LPAB VOTE:
CURRENT USE: Residential	EXTERIOR MATERIALS: Wood siding and shingles

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
(Describe special CHARACTER, or special HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL or AESTHETIC interest or value:)

This 1892 structure is significant as an example of Queen Anne style working class row houses of the last century. Original owner, David Lewis, was a cabinet maker. Lewis was a partner in the cabinet-making and stair-building firm of Vandenburg and Lewis, located at 570-572 Brannan Street in 1895. The firm was listed as Lewis and Hassfurther, at 553 Brannan, in 1899.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. ARCHITECTURE

1. Style: Queen Anne
2. Construction Type: Wood frame
3. Construction Date: Water Department records: September 26, 1892
4. Design Quality: -
5. Architect: David Lewis, original owner, cabinet maker.
6. Interior Quality: Interior original custom cabineting.

B. HISTORY

(as building is significantly associated with specific)

7. Persons: Since 1966, owned by pioneering preservationist Earl Moss, long-term president of the activist group, Victorian Alliance.
8. Events: -
9. Patterns of History: By its date and style, the building reflects the earliest settlement of Noe Valley.

C. ENVIRONMENT

(relating to surroundings, specifically in terms of:)

10. Continuity: The building represents the long-term scale and character of the neighborhood.
11. Setting: Traditional front and side lot line development.
12. Importance as a Visual Landmark: A familiar structure in the context of the neighborhood.

D. INTEGRITY

(cite alterations and physical condition)

13. Intact and well maintained.

RATINGS

DCP: -
HERE TODAY: -
SPLENDID SURV: N/A
NAT'L REGISTER: -
NAT'L LANDMARK: -
STATE LANDMARK: -

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: (Cont)

The exterior design, combining siding on the first floor with alternating bands of fish-scale and diamond shingles on the second floor and gable, and the corner tower over the front door, are typical of the Queen Anne period. The interior includes original custom built-in cabinets, bookcases and desks in the usually wasted space under the eaves. A basement room in the house, possibly used as a home workshop, is papered with blueprints of houses designed by Wm. Keonig; McDonald Brothers, Architects; Mahoney and Ryland, Architects; and N. Blaisdell, Architect, for the distinguished houses of the newly-building Page Street-Panhandle neighborhood.

Since being purchased and occupied by Earl Moss in 1966, the house has been the site of numerous preservation, neighborhood and environmental projects:

Noe Valley tree-planting project (1968)

450 trees planted in Noe Valley through the efforts of a Friends of Noe Valley Committee which convened in the house.

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods

Many of the early meetings of the Coalition were held in the house.

Duskin Anti-High Rise Campaign held frequent meetings in the house.

Victorian Alliance: Headquarters for the Victorian Alliance for the Save the City of Paris Campaign.

Historic District Campaigns for Alamo Square and Liberty Hill were organized here.

Fund-raising House tours for Restoring the Dutch Windmill, the City of Paris Legal Defense Fund, Alamo Square and Liberty Hill Historic District costs have taken place in the house.

Other fund-raising events for the Grace Marchant Garden and organized purchase of chandeliers for the restoration of McLaren Lodge.