

**NOTICE OF FINAL PASSAGE
FILE NO. 90-70-6 ORD. NO. 26-70
DESIGNATING THE GROGAN-
LENT-ATHERTON BUILDING AS A
LANDMARK PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
10 OF THE CITY PLANNING CODE.**

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and finally passed by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco at its meeting of Feb. 2, 1970.

ROBERT J. DOLAN, Clerk
Approved: Feb. 13, 1970
JOSEPH L. ALIOTO, Mayor
Feb. 19, 1970—11

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

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the Grogan-Lent-Atherton Building at 400 Jackson Street has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes of Article 10 of the City Planning Code and the standards set forth therein.

(a) Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code, Chapter 11, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, the Grogan-Lent-Atherton Building is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by resolution of the City Planning Commission.

(b) Location and Boundaries. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code, Chapter 11, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, a landmark site is hereby designated for the said Landmark, located and bounded as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the northerly line of Jackson Street with the westerly line of Sansome Street; thence westerly along said line of Jackson Street 30 feet; thence at a right angle northerly 60 feet to the southerly line of Gold Street; thence easterly along said line of Gold Street 30 feet to the said line of Sansome Street; thence along said line of Sansome Street southerly 60 feet to the point of beginning; being Lot 4 in Assessor's Block 175.

(c) Justification. The special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value of the said Landmark justifying its designation are as follows:

Building typical in architectural style of office buildings constructed in this area of the City during the 1850's. The building on the site between the 1850's and the 1906 Fire and Earthquake, occupied by numerous real estate, mining and stock brokers, including F. D. Atherton, A. B. Grogan and W. M. Lent, was severely damaged, and the present building is described on photographs taken shortly after the Earthquake as "the first brick building completed after the Fire." The present building is similar in appearance to the earlier building, and includes portions of that building.

(d) Features. 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 in Docket No. LM68-20; the summary description being as follows:

Three story painted rough brick. Ground story windows are arched in white stone. Foundations on the street fronts are also of white stone. Upper story windows are framed in brick, with pronounced eyebrow arches above. There are belt courses at the second floor level and at the roof line.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was passed for second reading by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco at its meeting of Jan. 26, 1970.
ROBERT J. DOLAN, Clerk
Jan. 31, 1970—11

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 5393

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the Grogan-Atherton-Lent Building at 400 Jackson Street as a Landmark pursuant to the provisions of Article 19 of the City Planning Code was initiated by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on November 6, 1968 and said Advisory Board, after due consideration, has recommended approval of this proposal;

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission, after due notice given, held a public hearing on June 26, 1969, 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, First, That the proposal to designate the Grogan-Atherton-Lent Building as a Landmark pursuant to Article 10 of the City Planning Code is hereby APPROVED, the location and boundaries of the landmark site being as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the northerly line of Jackson Street with the westerly line of Sansome Street; thence westerly along said line of Jackson Street 30 feet; thence at a right angle northerly 60 feet to the southerly line of Gold Street; thence easterly along said line of Gold Street 30 feet to the said line of Sansome Street; thence along said line of Sansome Street southerly 60 feet to the point of beginning; being Lot 4 in Assessor's Block 175.

Second, That the special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value of the said Landmark justifying its designation are as follows:

Building typical in architectural style of office buildings built in this area of the City during the 1850's. The building on the site between the 1850's and the 1906 fire and earthquake, occupied by numerous real estate, mining and stock brokers, including F. D. Atherton, A. B. Grogan and W. M. Lent, was severely damaged, and the present building is described on photographs taken shortly after the earthquake as "the first brick building completed after the Fire." The present building is similar in appearance to the earlier building, and includes portions of that building.

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 in Docket No. LM68.20; the summary description being as follows:

Three story painted brick. Ground story windows are arched in white stone. Foundations on the street fronts are also of white stone. Upper story windows are framed in brick, with pronounced eyebrow arches above. There are belt courses at the second floor level and at the roof line.

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 June 26, 1969.

Lynn E. Pio
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Brinton, Carr, Fleishhacker, Kearney, Mellon,
Newman, Porter
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
PASSED: June 26, 1969

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
Revised Case Report for Hearings
October 9, 1968 and September 15, 1969
(Corrected Version)

LM68.20
Grogan-Atherton-Lent Bldg.
400-404 Jackson Street
701-705 Sansome Street

OWNER Helen Heskins

LOCATION Northwest corner of Jackson and Sansome Streets. Lot is 30 feet wide and 60 feet deep, being Lot 4 in Assessor's Block 175.

NATURE AND HISTORY A building on this site, erected in 1858, housed the real estate business of Alexander B. Grogan, early land developer and capitalist. He was in partnership with William M. Lent, a commission merchant, steamship financier, stock market operator and broker, and very successful mining broker and investor. Lent was active in many mining ventures: he was President of the Savage Mining Company, and instrumental in financing the Comstock Lode. While his office as merchant and mining broker was apparently always elsewhere, this building was first known as Grogan and Lent's Building, because of his financial interest in it. The title to the building remained in the Grogan family until the late 1890's. Grogan, whose office remained in the building all his life, was the agent and later associate of Faxon Dean Atherton: Atherton, returning to California in 1860 (after an early visit in the 1830's) had his office here until his death in 1877. It was Atherton, also a real estate developer and capitalist, who developed the area near his residence in Menlo Park, and after him it was named the Town of Atherton. He was father-in-law of Gertrude Atherton, the novelist.

The identity of the pre-Fire building and this building is not completely established. In 1906 the building was severely damaged by the earthquake. A postcard (published by the San Francisco Examiner) depicts the building and describes it as "the first brick building completed after the Fire". It is not clear whether it is completely new, or merely a rebuilding of the previous building. Photographs of post-Fire and pre-Fire buildings show a similar general appearance, but are not quite sufficiently detailed to demonstrate whether this is in both substance and architectural style, the same building, as existed before 1906.

The store on the ground floor was long used by liquor dealers, Fenkhausen and Gerichten were here in 1868 onward, and A. Denny in 1876. A pickle factory was here in the 1890's. By 1901 Henry Sonntag owned the building and had his cigar factory on the ground floor. Before 1906 the building housed the American Paste Company, macaroni manufacturers, on the upper stories. After 1906, the building was called the Jackson Street Lodging House.

In the 1950's Thomas Church, leading landscape architect, moved his office into the building. Arbes and Fenton, a firm of antique and furniture dealers, took the ground story, replacing the restaurant after 1960.

The building is quite harmonious with the remainder of Jackson Square, although like most buildings on the north side of Jackson Street in this block, is not Italianate in architectural style.

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STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION	Three story, exposed red brick of rough finish. Ground story doors and windows are all arched in white stone and all are identical in appearance. Foundations on both facades are also of same white stone. Upper story windows are framed in brick with pronounced eyebrow arches above. There are belt courses at second floor level and at the roof line.
ZONING AND SURROUNDING LAND USE	Zoned C-2, part of the Washington-Broadway Special Use District. Land uses to west are interior decorators; to the north, offices and art gallery, to the east, furnishings; to the south, parking.