

2.2.6 Alkali Flat South Historic District



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Alkali Flat is Sacramento's oldest existing residential neighborhood. Once part of a dry lakebed, it was named after the chalky, white deposits of alkali that were left on the streets after the floods that periodically affected the area. After a devastating fire in 1852 destroyed 70 percent of Sacramento, the city began to rebuild, often in fireproof brick. This included some houses in the new residential neighborhood of Alkali Flat, which emerged on the undeveloped land north of G Street.

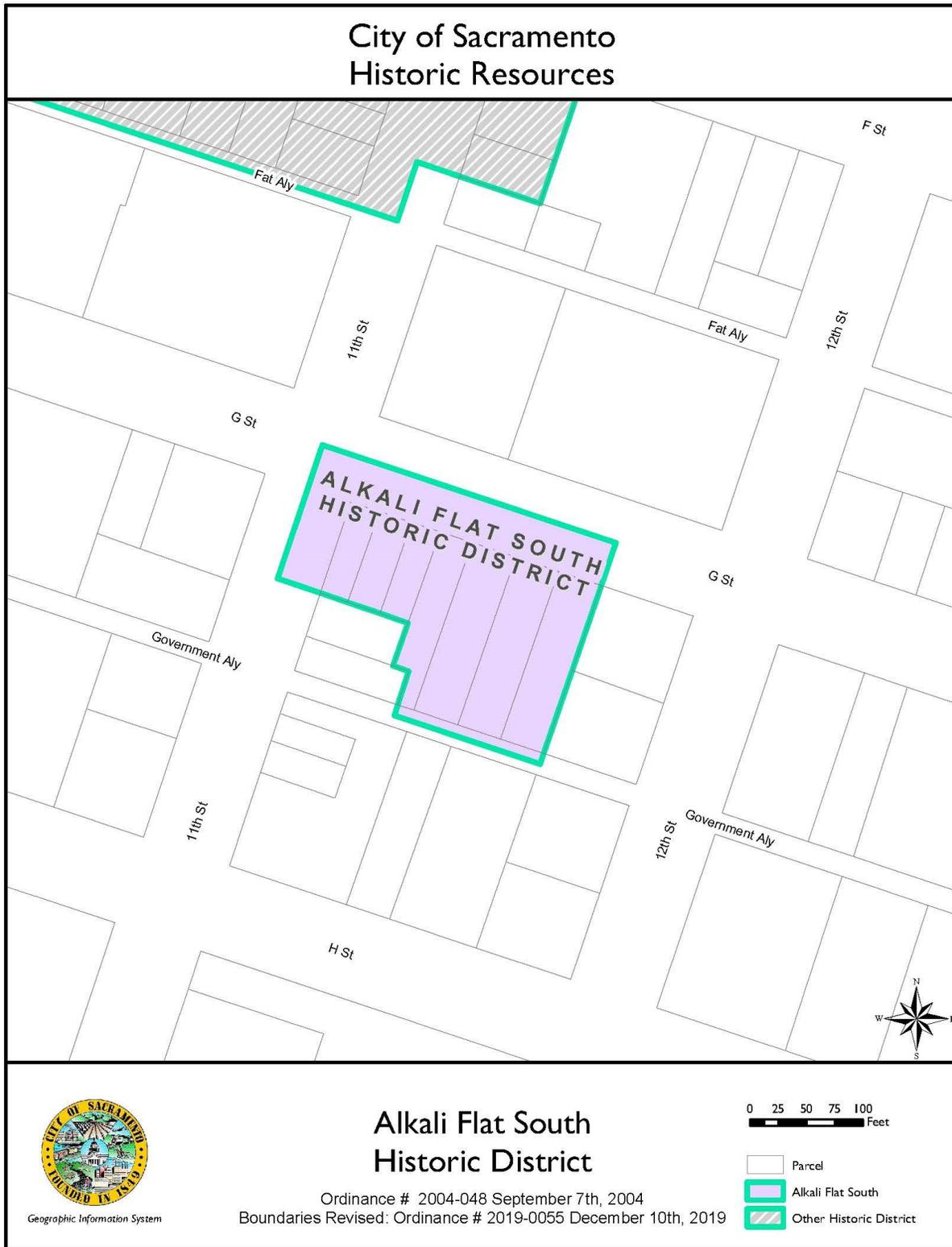
Thanks to its convenient location near the city's central business district, Alkali Flat became the home of Sacramento's elite throughout the mid- to late nineteenth century. Governors, legislators, business and industry leaders, newly wealthy merchants, artists, physicians, and all manner of the local gentry settled in Alkali Flat. Among them was J. Neely Johnson, the fourth governor of California whose Greek Revival home still stands at 1029 F Street. Alkali Flat's affluent and influential residents filled the neighborhood with mansions and stately homes that were built in the most fashionable architectural styles of the time, many on lots with verdant gardens surrounded by wrought iron or picket fences.

The period of significance for the Alkali Flat Central Historic District, Alkali Flat North Historic District, Alkali Flat South Historic District, and Alkali Flat West Historic District begins with Sacramento's efforts to rebuild after the fire of 1852 and concludes with the end of streetcar service to the neighborhood in 1936, which increased the neighborhood's isolation from the rest of the city and contributed, along with the effects of the Great Depression, to declining development and investment in the neighborhood. The transition also coincided with Alkali Flat's evolution into a predominately working-class neighborhood.

Architectural Styles: Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne, Stick/Eastlake, Moorish Revival, Federal, Second Empire, Classical Revival, Prairie, Craftsman, Folk Victorian, Vernacular

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Alkali Flat South Contributing and Non-Contributing Resources

Number	Street		Parcel Number	Status
1022	G	ST	002-0154-008	Contributing
1100	G	ST	002-0156-003	Non-Contributing
1104	G	ST	002-0156-004	Non-Contributing
1106	G	ST	002-0156-005	Contributing
1108	G	ST	002-0156-006	Contributing
1112	G	ST	002-0156-008	Contributing
1118	G	ST	002-0156-009	Contributing
1120	G	ST	002-0156-010	Contributing

Note: Addresses of properties may not be all the addresses associated with the property; address shown reflect the address assigned to the parcel by the Sacramento County Recorder's Office.

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