

2.2.25 Poverty Ridge Historic District



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Poverty Ridge Historic District

The Poverty Ridge Historic District preserves an area that was considered to be Sacramento's wealthiest neighborhood in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The neighborhood is located on a slight rise in the southeast quadrant of Sacramento's original 1848 city limits. Because it was one of the only elevated areas within the city, residents often fled to this area for safety during the floods that periodically devastated Sacramento in the nineteenth century. People camping out on the ridge looked so poor that locals nicknamed the area "Poverty Ridge."

Despite the area's advantageous location and its reputation as "the most beautiful eminence in the city," Poverty Ridge remained sparsely populated until the late nineteenth century. Burns Slough, which ran between 18th and 19th streets, often turned the blocks between the ridge and 14th Street into "an almost impassable quagmire," preventing potential residents from reaching the area. Beginning in 1868, the city carried out several projects to address the issue of flooding around Burns Slough, initially strengthening levees and later redirected through a system of underground sewers and drainage tunnels.

Residential development began in Poverty Ridge in the late nineteenth century. By then, increasing industrialization, the influx of low-income workers, and the expanding impact of the Southern Pacific Railroad on the environment and local politics had turned the city's downtown core into an overcrowded, polluted, dirty, and crime-ridden area. Seeking quieter, cleaner, and safer places to live, Sacramento's affluent middle- and upper-class residents began to migrate to new neighborhoods, such as Poverty Ridge, that were emerging on the city's undeveloped tracts to the south and east.

Poverty Ridge became the neighborhood of choice for Sacramento's wealthiest and most influential citizens. Residents included Buffalo Brewery founder Herman Grau, Pioneer Box Company president John Stevens, and Sacramento Bee editor Charles K. McClatchy, among others.

The period of significance for the Poverty Ridge Historic District begins in 1868, when city projects addressed flooding around Burns Slough and allowed for residential development to begin in the area, and concludes with the end of streetcar service in 1947 as part of the post-war migration of city residents to new automobile-oriented residential suburbs outside Sacramento's historic urban core.

Architectural Styles: Italianate, Queen Anne, Shingle, Folk Victorian, Colonial Revival, Classical Revival, Tudor, Beaux Arts, French Eclectic, Mediterranean Revival, Italian Renaissance, Mission, Spanish Revival, Monterey, Prairie, Craftsman, Classic Box, Art Deco, Minimal Traditional, Vernacular

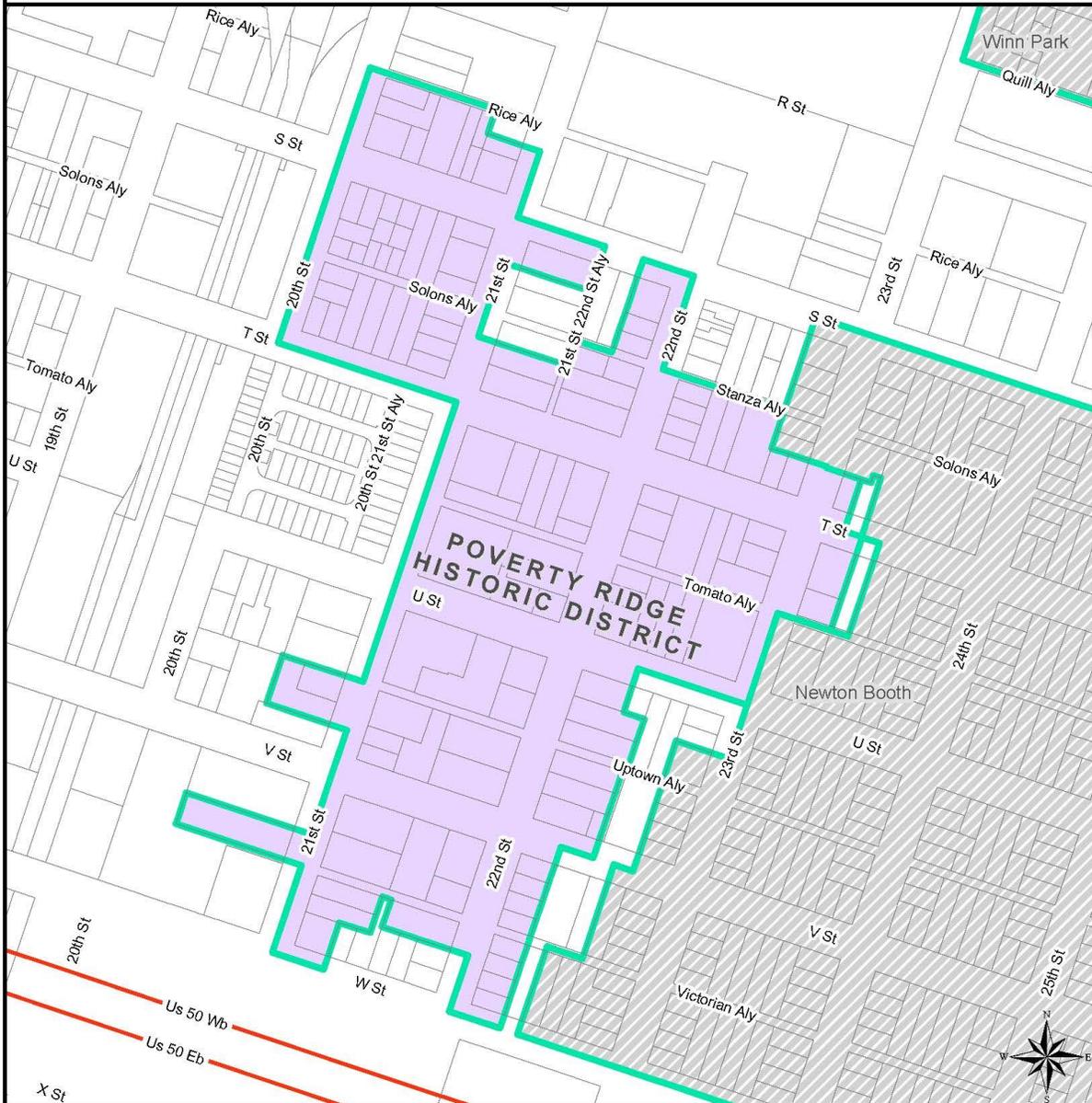
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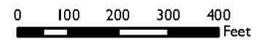


Geographic Information System

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Boundaries Revised: Ordinance # 2019-0052 December 10th, 2019



- Parcel
- Poverty Ridge
- Other Historic District

SACRAMENTO REGISTER OF HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Contributing (C) and Non-Contributing (NC) Resources

Address	Parcel Number	Historic Status
1819 20TH ST	010-0025-018	Contributing
1823 20TH ST	010-0025-019	Contributing
1911 20TH ST	010-0026-002	Contributing
1915 20TH ST	010-0026-025	Non-Contributing
1917 20TH ST	010-0026-023	Contributing
1919 20TH ST	010-0026-022	Contributing
1822 21ST ST	010-0025-005	Contributing
1900 21ST ST	010-0026-009	Contributing
1903 21ST ST	010-0032-003	Contributing
1906 21ST ST	010-0026-010	Non-Contributing
1914 21ST ST	010-0026-011	Contributing
1916 21ST ST	010-0026-012	Contributing
1919 21ST ST	010-0032-016	Non-Contributing
1920 21ST ST	010-0026-013	Contributing
1921 21ST ST	010-0032-014	Contributing
1922 21ST ST	010-0026-014	Contributing
1928 21ST ST	010-0026-036	Non-Contributing
1931 21ST ST	010-0032-013	Contributing
2001 21ST ST	010-0101-017	Non-Contributing
2015 21ST ST	010-0101-001	Contributing
2019 21ST ST	010-0101-019	Contributing
2115 21ST ST	010-0102-010	Contributing
2116 21ST ST	010-0094-025	Contributing
2121 21ST ST	010-0102-009	Contributing
2201 21ST ST	010-0166-027	Contributing
2214 21ST ST	010-0155-023	Contributing
2215 21ST ST	010-0166-026	Contributing
2217 21ST ST	010-0166-040	Non-Contributing

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2221 21ST ST	010-0166-039	Contributing
21ST ST	010-0094-026	Non-Contributing
1900 22ND ST	010-0032-018	Contributing
1908 22ND ST	010-0032-008	Contributing
1914 22ND ST	010-0032-009	Contributing
1917 22ND ST	010-0034-022	Contributing
1918 22ND ST	010-0032-017	Contributing
1921 22ND ST	010-0034-021	Contributing
1925 22ND ST	010-0034-020	Contributing
1926 22ND ST	010-0032-011	Contributing
1931 22ND ST	010-0034-019	Contributing
2000 22ND ST	010-0101-022	Contributing
2005 22ND ST	010-0103-002	Contributing
2011 22ND ST	010-0103-001	Contributing
2014 22ND ST	010-0101-008	Contributing
2017 22ND ST	010-0103-020	Contributing
2020 22ND ST	010-0101-009	Contributing
2021 22ND ST	010-0103-019	Contributing
2022 22ND ST	010-0101-010	Contributing
2025 22ND ST	010-0103-018	Contributing
2100 22ND ST	010-0102-003	Contributing
2101 22ND ST	010-0104-024	Contributing
2107 22ND ST	010-0104-002	Contributing
2112 22ND ST	010-0102-004	Contributing
2115 22ND ST	010-0104-001	Non-Contributing
2117 22ND ST	010-0104-019	Non-Contributing
2122 22ND ST	010-0102-005	Contributing
2123 22ND ST	010-0104-018	Contributing
2129 22ND ST	010-0104-020	Contributing

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2130 22ND ST	010-0102-006	Contributing
2201 22ND ST	010-0163-004	Contributing
2205 22ND ST	010-0163-003	Contributing
2209 22ND ST	010-0163-002	Contributing
2214 22ND ST	010-0166-030	Non-Contributing
2215 22ND ST	010-0163-001	Contributing
2216 22ND ST	010-0166-031	Contributing
2217 22ND ST	010-0163-024	Contributing
2221 22ND ST	010-0163-023	Contributing
2225 22ND ST	010-0163-022	Contributing
2231 22ND ST	010-0163-021	Contributing
1929 23RD ST	010-0036-016	Contributing
2000 23RD ST	010-0103-008	Contributing
2008 23RD ST	010-0103-009	Contributing
2009 23RD ST	010-0105-021	Contributing
2014 23RD ST	010-0103-010	Contributing
2015 23RD ST	010-0105-001	Contributing
2030 23RD ST	010-0103-025	Contributing
0 S ST	010-0025-023	Non-Contributing
2000 S ST	010-0026-003	Contributing
2001 S ST	010-0025-012	Non-Contributing
2004 S ST	010-0026-004	Contributing
2008 S ST	010-0026-032	Non-Contributing
2009 S ST	010-0025-011	Non-Contributing
2010 S ST	010-0026-031	Non-Contributing
2012 S ST	010-0026-033	Non-Contributing
2014 S ST	010-0026-030	Non-Contributing
2015 S ST	010-0025-020	Contributing
2016 S ST	010-0026-007	Contributing
2019 S ST	010-0025-008	Non-Contributing

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2020 S ST	010-0026-008	Non-Contributing
2021 S ST	010-0025-022	Contributing
2031 S ST	010-0025-021	Non-Contributing
2001 SOLONS ALY	010-0026-026	Non-Contributing
2011 SOLONS ALY	010-0026-027	Non-Contributing
2013 SOLONS ALY	010-0026-028	Non-Contributing
2015 SOLONS ALY	010-0026-029	Non-Contributing
2001 T ST	010-0026-021	Non-Contributing
2005 T ST	010-0026-020	Contributing
2009 T ST	010-0026-019	Contributing
2015 T ST	010-0026-018	Non-Contributing
2017 T ST	010-0026-034	Contributing
2023 T ST	010-0026-035	Non-Contributing
2110 T ST	010-0101-018	Non-Contributing
2116 T ST	010-0101-004	Contributing
2120 T ST	010-0101-005	Contributing
2131 T ST	010-0032-012	Contributing
2200 T ST	010-0103-003	Contributing
2209 T ST	010-0034-018	Non-Contributing
2210 T ST	010-0103-024	Non-Contributing
2213 T ST	010-0034-017	Contributing
2216 T ST	010-0103-006	Non-Contributing
2217 T ST	010-0034-016	Contributing
2220 T ST	010-0103-007	Contributing
2225 T ST	010-0034-015	Contributing
2229 T ST	010-0034-014	Contributing
2119 U ST	010-0101-020	Non-Contributing
2124 U ST	010-0102-011	Contributing
2131 U ST	010-0101-021	Contributing

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2211 U ST	010-0103-017	Contributing
2213 U ST	010-0103-016	Contributing
2217 U ST	010-0103-015	Contributing
2101 V ST	010-0102-012	Contributing
2101 V ST	010-0102-013	Non-Contributing
2109 V ST	010-0102-007	Contributing
2120 V ST	010-0166-028	Contributing
2128 V ST	010-0166-029	Contributing
2210 V ST	010-0104-021	Non-Contributing
2101 W ST	010-0166-038	Contributing

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