

California Historical Resources Information Database (CHRID) Tutorial

Introduction

The Valley of the Moon/Sonoma Historic Resources Survey Database (VoMHRS) is a treasure trove of information about more than 600 historic buildings and sites in the City of Sonoma and the surrounding Sonoma Valley.

The VomHRS resides in the California Historical Resources Information Database program referred to below as the CHRID. A number of other California cities use the CHRID for storing and accessing their historical databases. The database structure was developed in compliance with the California State Office for Historic Preservation standards and guidelines.

Before using the CHRID to access the Valley of the Moon/Sonoma historical material, we suggest that you review this tutorial to familiarize yourself with its elements and tools.

The Sonoma/CHRID database contains reports on Sonoma properties deemed historic in a series of surveys done by members of Sonoma League for Historic Preservation stretching back many years. (To learn more about the history of these surveys and the many dedicated individuals that collected this valuable information, see the introduction to the database on the League's website, <http://www.slfhp2.wildapricot.org>).

Note that the existence of a property within the Sonoma/CHRID database does not automatically mean it is a designated or eligible historic resource. Properties may be either designated historic resources or, as part of a historic resources survey, properties may have been determined eligible or ineligible for historic designation, or may require further study to determine eligibility.

The information contained with a property's records in the Sonoma/CHRID should make the property's status clear. However, because buildings change over time, historic resources surveys become outdated, or additional information that was not known at the time of the survey may be found, the Sonoma/CHRID is not a source of definitive determination of the historic status of a property.

Please note as well that Sonoma League for Historic Preservation welcomes suggestions for corrections or additions to the Sonoma/CHRID from users of the database. Such suggestions can be sent to the League at P.O. Box 766, Sonoma CA 95476.

To open the CHRID, click on this link (or type the URL into your web browser): <http://sonomastage.cfwebtools.com>. The home page contains a disclaimer, acknowledgements and information about who originally developed the database. To begin using the database, click on “Search for Historic Properties.”

Searching for Information

The search screen is divided into three sections: Search by Property (upper section), Search by Context (middle section) and Search by District (lower section). The Search by Property section allows you to search for individual properties and the search can be limited by using any of the available fields in this section, as seen in the graphic below.

Note: The Search by Context section and Search by District section are not operational at this time as the information relative to the context of the surveys and the delineation of districts have not yet been defined and populated in the database. This Tutorial will be updated when these sections will become operational in subsequent phases of the project.

The screenshot displays the search interface for the California Historical Resources Inventory Database. The page is titled "CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL RESOURCES INVENTORY DATABASE" and "City of Sonoma - Sonoma Valley". The navigation menu includes Home, Search, Help, Contact Us, Acknowledgements, and Admin. The search interface is divided into three sections, each highlighted with a red oval:

- SEARCH BY PROPERTY:** This section includes fields for Address, APN, Architectural Style (Select A Style), Status (Select A Status), Architect, Builder, Original Use (Select Original Use), Year Built (Exact Year), District, Designation Type (Select Designation Type), National Register of Historic Places Status Code (Select National Register of Historic Places Status Code), Survey Title (Select a Survey Title), Context (Select a Context), and Keyword. A "Search Property" button is located below these fields.
- SEARCH BY CONTEXT:** This section includes a Context dropdown menu (Select Context) and an "Open Context" button.
- SEARCH BY DISTRICT:** This section includes a District dropdown menu (Select District) and a National Register of Historic Places Status Code dropdown menu (Select National Register of Historic Places Status Code). A "Search District" button is located below these fields.

Type or select the information for which you wish to search in the proper field(s) and click the “search property” button (depending on the search section in which you are searching).

Search hints:

- In the fields that accept free-form text (Address, APN, Architect, Year Built & Keyword), you should enter the least amount of text possible to achieve a result. In these fields, information may be entered in various ways. Although we have made efforts to standardize data entry, different sources may have contained data entered differently.
- When searching for an address, do not include the street suffix (Street, Avenue, Boulevard, etc.). For example, entering a number will yield all properties sharing the same number but different street names. Or entering just a street name will yield all properties from that street in the database. Note that many properties have multiple addresses and the addresses in the CHRID are considered to be the property's primary address according to the City.
- If you use the back arrow to return to the search screen and conduct a different search, the data you previously searched for will remain and you will need to clear this data before conducting a new search. To do a new search, clicking the "search" link at the top of the screen will clear any previously entered data.
- To find out more about a particular search field, click on the name of the field and information about that field will pop up (see image below).


The screenshot shows the top header of the "CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL RESOURCES INVENTORY DATABASE" for the "City of Sonoma – Sonoma Valley". Below the header is a navigation bar with links for Home, Search, Help, Contact Us, Acknowledgements, and Admin. The main content area is titled "SEARCH BY PROPERTY" and contains several search criteria: Address, APN, Architectural Style (highlighted with a red circle), Status, Designation Type, National Register of Historic Places Status Code, Survey Title, Context, and Keyword. A help popup window titled "Help on 'Architectural Style':" is overlaid on the right side of the search form. The popup contains the following text:

▪ **Architectural Style:** An architectural style is a building form with common character defining features and elements. Buildings may have more than one architectural style. When searching the database for a specific style, select an architectural style from the drop down menu. Click 'search property' and a list of resources that match your selection will be displayed. The Office of Historic Preservation has adopted official architectural styles for the State of California. These architectural styles are included on the drop-down menu. Some resources have a primary and a secondary architectural style. Some resources may have a style that is not included on the official list. 'Unknown' and 'no style' have been included in the drop-down menu for resources that have an unknown style or no defined style. If the architectural style is not found in the drop down menu, search for the architectural style in the keyword search.

To open a resource and view more information about it, click on any field for that resource in the search results list. You can also print information from this screen by clicking on “print.” This will open a screen asking what you would like to print and will generate a document in PDF format that you can save or print.

Upon opening a resource, you will be directed to the “Resource Summary” screen for that resource. This screen describes the location of the property, its historic status, architectural style and any architect or builder associated with the property. If a photo is attached to the property, it will be displayed and can be enlarged by clicking on it.

The left-hand bar has links to any records attached to the property that may contain additional information. These records are displayed and named according to the State Office of Historic Preservation’s guidelines and typically may include a Primary Record form; a Building, Structure and Object Record form and/or a District Record form. The resource in the image below contains a Primary Record form and a District Record form for the district in which it is located (Bungalow Heaven). The print wizard can be opened from this page by clicking “print.”



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Resource Summary

484 Fourth Street East

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- Bldg, Struct & Object Record

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Resource Summary

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Address: 484 Fourth Street East APN: 018-860-023

RESOURCE OVERVIEW

<p>Address: 484 Fourth Street East</p> <p>City: Sonoma</p> <p>Zip Code: 95476</p> <p>County Code:</p>	<p>State: CA</p> <p>County: Sonoma</p>
<p>Historic Name: 484 Fourth Street East</p> <p>APN: 018-860-023</p> <p>Building Sq. Ft:</p> <p>Year Built: 1920 Documented</p> <p>District:</p>	<p>Common Name: 484 Fourth Street East</p> <p>Zoning:</p> <p>Site Size (Acres):</p> <p>District:</p> <p>Property Status:</p>

Resource Description:
1998: 1920 Bungalow

Legal Description:

RESOURCE DETAILS

Primary Architectural Style: California Bungalow

Secondary Architectural Style:

Architect:

Builder:

Contractor:

Context:

Original Owner:

Original Use: residence

Original Location:


Demolished: no

Notes:

Moved: no

Date Moved: n/a

Designation Date: n/a



* This is a simplified statement of the property's status. Please review the NRHP Status Code field on the search screen for official, adopted status language.

To open additional records that are attached to a resource, click on the link for that record. The Primary Record screen contains much of the same information as the Resource Summary screen, but in the required state format. The Primary Record also contains the National Register of Historic Places status code for the property, which indicates its level of historic significance. Any additional photos that might be attached to the property can be accessed from this form by clicking on the “additional photos” link above the displayed photograph (see image below).

Again, you can print the Primary Record form (with any additional photographs) by clicking the “print” button and opening the print wizard. You can return to the Resource Summary screen by clicking “Resource Summary” at the top-left or open another record that may be attached to the property by clicking on the name of the record on the left-hand side of the screen.



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State of California - The Resource Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #: _____
 HRI #: _____
 Trinomial: _____
 NRHP Status Code: _____
 Other Listings: _____
 Review Code: _____
 Date: -/-/_____
 Reviewer: _____

*Resource Name or #: 484 Fourth Street East, Sonoma

P1. Other Identifier: 018-860-023

***P2. Location:** not for publication unrestricted *a. County Sonoma
and (P2c, P2a, and P2b or P2c. Attach a Location Map as Necessary)

b. USGS 7.5' Quad: Sonoma YEAR: 2012 T ;R of of Sec ; B.M. ;548136 mE/ 4238296 mN Zip Code: 95476

c. Address: 484 Fourth Street East City: Sonoma State: CA

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone: 10S ;548136 mE/ 4238296 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)
 13F, #N-67, elev. 97

***P3a. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)
 1998: 1920 Bungalow

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** (List attributes and codes) HP02

***P4. Resources Present:** Building Structure Object Site District Element of a District Other

P5a. Photograph or Drawing (A photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



P5b. Description of Photo:

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:**
 Historic PreHistoric
 Both Neither
 Year Built: 1920 - Documented

***P7. Owner and Address:**
 Name: _____
 Address: _____

***P8. Recorded By:**
 Sonoma League For Historic Preservation

***P9. Date Recorded:** 01/31/2018

***P10. Survey Type:** Survey - Reconnaissance
 Survey Title: _____

***P11. Report Citation:** (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.")
 none


***Attachments:**

<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	<input type="checkbox"/> Location Map	<input type="checkbox"/> Sketch Map	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation Sheet
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building, Structure, and Object Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Record	<input type="checkbox"/> District Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Linear Feature Record
<input type="checkbox"/> Milling Station Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Art Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Artifact Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Photograph Record

Other: _____

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Below is an example of a Building, Structure & Object Record for an individual property. This record explains the significance of a property and has a location map.



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State of California - The Resource Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
BUILDING, STRUCTURE & OBJECT RECORD

***NRHP Status Code:** 5
 *Resource Name or #: 484 Fourth Street East, Sonoma

Primary #: _____
 HRI #: _____

Survey Title: _____

B1. Historic Name: 484 Fourth Street East
B2. Common Name: 484 Fourth Street East
B3. Original Use: residence
***B5a. Primary Architectural Style:** California Bungalow
B5b. Secondary Architectural Style: _____
***B6. Construction History:** _____

***B7. Moved?:** Yes No Unknown **Date:** _____

***B8. Related Features:** _____

***B9a. Architect:** _____

***B10. Significance:** **Theme:** _____
 Period of Significance: 1920
 Applicable Criteria: National Register Criteria
 Context: _____

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: HP02
***B12. References:** _____

B13. Remarks: _____

***B14. Evaluator:** Sonoma League For Historic Preservation
 Date of Evaluation: _____


B4. Present Use: residence

Date Built: 1920

Original Location: _____

b.Builder: _____

Area: _____
Property Type: Single Family Residence
California Register: _____ **Local Register:** _____
 Other: _____



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You may notice that some properties have more information than others. Data was obtained from other existing databases, survey forms and property lists and the amount of data from these sources varies. The CHRID is a work in progress and more information will be added over time. However, we believe that there is sufficient information to make the system available for use by the public. Again, definitive information about historic resources should be obtained from the staff of the Design & Historic Preservation Section of the Planning & Development Department.

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