

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

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code 6Z

Other Listings P-43-001468
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

Page 1 of 2 *Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) Wade Warehouse

P1. Other Identifier: _____

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

*a. County Santa Clara and (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Milpitas Date 2021 T 06S; R 01W; of of Sec ; Mt. Diablo B.M.

c. Address 1641-1657 El Dorado Street City San Jose Zip 95002

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S, 5900522.23 mE/ 4142481.52 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, decimal degrees, etc., as appropriate)
APN 015-03-022

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

Note: This description is from March 2023. In April 2023, the building was demolished for safety reasons.

The Wade Warehouse at 1657 El Dorado Street is a one-and-a-half story, rectangular plan, partially collapsed red brick building. There is currently no roof. The north and west (primary) facades are mostly intact. A large, arched opening is located in the center of the west façade and historically served as the front entrance to the warehouse. Three arched openings, currently filled in with brick, are located on the north facade. Similar openings are located on the south façade but only traces of them are visible in the lower portions of the remaining wall. The east facade has entirely collapsed. Traces of "H.G. Wade" are visible in black bricks on the south façade.

See Continuation Sheet.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP8, HP45

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



*P4. Resources Present:

Building Structure Object Site
 District Element of District
 Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (view, date, accession #) View from El Dorado Street, looking east, November 2022

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source: Historic Prehistoric
 Both

c. 1860, NR Nomination

*P7. Owner and Address:

Sandra L. Anderson, Trustee
3920 Lighthouse Place
Discovery Bay, CA 94505

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address) _____

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*P9. Date Recorded: _____
March 30, 2023

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)
Intensive

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

Neighborhood of Alviso Historic Context and Survey

*Attachments: NONE Location Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record
 Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record
 Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List): _____

CONTINUATION SHEET

Property Name: Wade Warehouse

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P3a: Description (Continued)

History

"This warehouse was constructed by Harry G Wade after the American House Hotel, operated by the Wade family, burned in 1860 on the site. A native of England, Harry Wade Sr. brought his family through Death Valley in 1849, settling in Alviso in 1851, then a busy port town. Harry, fourteen years old when the Wades came to California, joined his father in a teaming and stagecoach business. The warehouse was originally used for storing high volumes of hay shipped from Alviso to San Francisco. In 1866, Harry purchased the warehouse property from his father and built wharves on the adjacent land for direct ship-to-shore freighting. H.G. unsuccessfully tried to revive the family stagecoach business with a line between Alviso and Monterey in 1870, and the stagecoach was stored in the warehouse for many years. In the early 1900s, the Wades allowed Chinese cannery workers to live in the loft of the warehouse where they safely survived the 1906 earthquake. After 1908, the warehouse was rented, and during the 1940s the warehouse was used as a site for Western movies. In 1948, the stagecoach was sold to the Wells Fargo History Museum in San Francisco."¹

Status

As a vacant building, it suffered a fire in 2020 that destroyed the roof and destabilized the brick walls. The building was demolished for safety reasons in April 2023. The building was a contributing feature to the 1973 *Port of Alviso National Register District* and was included in the 1995 *Port of Alviso, California Point of Historical Interest*.^{2,3} It is no longer a contributor to the historic district.

¹ Phyllis Butler and the Santa Clara County Historical Landmarks Advisory, *National Register Nomination: Port of Alviso (San Jose)*, April 7, 1972, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/123861641>.

² Butler, *National Register Nomination: Port of Alviso (San Jose)*.

³ City of San Jose, *Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso*, 1995.