

STATE

CALIFORNIA

COUNTY

Mariposa

TOWN OR VICINITY

Bear Valley

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MONUMENT

Oso (Bear) House Hotel

REPRESENTED IN
NEGATIVE FILEH.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.
CAL-1106

(Destroyed by fire in 1938)

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History: Located at a Mexican camp called Campo del Oso. Built by General John C. Fremont in 1851 near his Mariposa Mining Co. operations. Hotel was a sumptuous establishment for the Mother Lode and housed the Wells, Fargo Co. office.

Description: Two-story wood frame with clapboard siding and shingle gable roof. Two-story veranda at front and end with shed roof and supported by 10 boxed wood Doric columns. Typical 12-light D.H. windows. Entrance door with side lights. Steps for full length of veranda with awning extending out over steps. Rear wing forming T plan had board and batten siding.

References: Ghost Towns - Stockton Chamber of Commerce.
Mother Lode Album - Otheta Weston.

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