State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code
Other Listings
Review Code Reviewer Date

Page 1 of 1 *Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) 190 Hermann St.

P1. Other Identifier: 50-54 Webster St

*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted *a. County: San Francisco

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: San Francisco North, Calif. Date: 1956 (rev. 1973)

*c. Address: 190 Hermann St. City: San Francisco Zip: 94102

d. UTM: Zone: 10 mE/ mN (G.P.S.)

e. Other Locational Data: Assessor's Parcel Number (Map, Block, Lot): 0869-020

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

190-198 Hermann Street is one of two buildings located on a 50' x 87' lot at the southwest corner of Hermann and Webster Street. The second building is addressed as 50-54 Webster Street. 190-198 Hermann Street is a 2-story, wood frame, multiple-family residential building containing 2 units that appears to have been heavily modified. The rectangular-plan building, clad in smooth stucco, is capped by a flat roof. The primary façade faces south and is three bays wide. The left bay of the ground floor contains a basement entrance with flush wood door and transom and a recessed entryway demarcated by a pointed trefoil arch and ornate metal security door. This entryway has a small flight of concrete stairs and two contemporary wood doors with transoms. A single window opening and rounded corner window complete the first story. The second story features a rectilinear bay window in the left bay, single flush window opening in the center bay, and rounded corner bay window in the right bay. All window openings have replacement aluminum sliding sash with a transom. The façades terminates in a simple coved cornice. The building appears to be in good condition, but all original ornament has been removed. It is located in the Hayes Valley Residential Historic District but is non-contributing.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes) HP3: Multiple family property

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

P5b. Photo: (view and date)
View of south and west façades
8/29/2006

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: ☒ Historic
Ca. 1905
Sanborn maps

*P7. Owner and Address:
William D. & Robert Robertson
398 Ardendale Dr
Daly City CA 94014

*P8. Recorded by:
Page & Turnbull, Inc.
724 Pine Street
San Francisco, CA 94108

*P9. Date Recorded:
8/29/2006

*P10. Survey Type:
Reconnaissance

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

*Attachments: ☒ None ☐ Location Map ☐ Sketch 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)

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION HRI No.

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*NRHP Status Code 6Z

Page 1 of 2 *Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 190-198 Hermann Street

B1. Historic Name 190-198 Hermann Street

B2. Common Name 190-198 Hermann Street

B3. Original Use Multiple Family Residence B4. Present Use: Multiple Family Residence

* B5. Architectural Style

*B6. Construction History

190-198 Hermann Street was constructed in 1900. Alterations include stucco cladding and window sash.

*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes Date: Original Location:

*B8. Related Features none

B9a. Architect Henry Geilfuss . Builder n/a

*B10. Significance: Theme Gilded Age of Merchant Builders Area: Lower Haight

Period of Significance 1870-1906 Property Type Residential Applicable Criteria n/a

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity)

In regard to California Register Criterion 1 (History/Events) this property is considered under the Gilded Age of Merchant Builders context of the Historic Context Statement, Market & Octavia Neighborhood Plan Area, since it is both an identified building type (Residential) and dates from the Period of Significance (1870-1906) of that context. There is no indication the property is eligible for listing in the California Register under Criterion 1 (History/Events), Criterion 2 (Important Persons), Criterion 3 (Design/Construction), or Criterion 4 (Information Potential).

Criterion 1:

190-198 Hermann Street is one of two buildings located on the lot. 190-198 Hermann Street is a two-story wood frame multiple-family residential building. The second building, addressed as 50-54 Webster Street, is a three-story wood frame multiple-family residential building.

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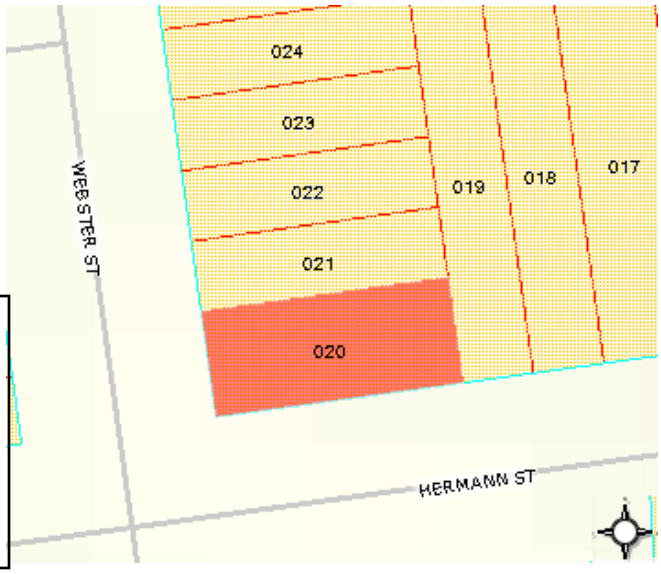
B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

*B12. References: Historic Context Statement, Market & Octavia Neighborhood Plan Area, Page & Turnbull, Inc. July 20, 2007

B13. Remarks

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



*B14. Evaluator Kelley & VerPlanck

*Date of Evaluation 5/1/2010

(This space reserved for official comments)

B10: Significance (continued)

190-198 Hermann Street was designed by local architect Henry Geilfuss in 1900 for G & K Samsreithner. Henry Geilfuss (b. 1850) was born and educated in Germany and immigrated to the US in 1876. Among his best known works are the Westerfeld House in Alamo Square (1889) and St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 1135 O'Farrell (1894).

Laid out in 1856 as part of the Western Addition, the area known today as the Lower Haight began to develop during the early 1880s after cable car service opened along Haight Street. The section of the Lower Haight within the Survey Area was not built up until the late 1890s when the City ceded the northern half of Duboce Park to a plaintiff in a lawsuit, who then subsequently subdivided and developed the area.

The 1899 Sanbor map shows that the parcel is vacant, one of handful of vacant parcels on the block. The rest of the neighborhood consisted of mostly single-family dwellings and flats located on Webster Street. The 1913 Sanborn map shows that the parcel was occupied by the present building containing two flats. The neighborhood appears to have been built out almost fully with mostly flats and a few single-family dwellings. By 1950, no vacant parcels remained.

Integrity:

190-198 Hermann Street appears to have undergone significant alterations, including removal of all original architectural ornament, re-cladding in stucco, and replacement window sash consisting of aluminum-sash slider windows with transoms. The building retains integrity of location, as it has not been moved. Although adjacent buildings appear to have been constructed during the same time period, 190-198 Hermann Street does not retain integrity of setting because those adjacent buildings have also been heavily altered. In addition, the building does not retain integrity materials, design, workmanship, feeling, and association due to the significant alterations described above.

Conclusion:

190-198 Hermann Street does not appear to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources or local designation under any criterion. Although the construction date and building location demonstrate an association with the Gilded Age of Merchant Builders context, it no longer accurately expresses this association due to the alterations to the exterior. As the building no longer conveys its original appearance at the time of construction, it does not clearly express an association with any broad pattern of events in San Francisco history or the State of California or significant persons, nor does it represent the work of master architects. It no longer embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction. Although designed by well-known local architect Henry Geilfuss, it does not possesses high artistic values.