

Shasta State Historic Park Southside Ruins
Audio Tour, Descriptive Narrative
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FILE: Lots 13-15

Man's Voice... Lots 13-15. The next three buildings are the best preserved of the Southside Ruins. They are also three of the largest. Each measures more than thirty feet wide and is over sixty feet long. The first of the three buildings was shared throughout the eighteen-fifties by the A. and S. Solomon Company and T. Levy and Company. The A. and S. Solomon Company sold ready-made clothes while T. Levy and Company sold cigars and tobacco. Today, the front of the building and its sides survive. This building had three entrances, all three of which are still guarded by their iron doors and framed by decorative columns. The western-most door is wider than the other two and has two iron shutters instead of one. Observant visitors can find the mail slot cut into the western-most shutter.

Next door stands the Bull, Baker and Company building. When built, it was the most expensive building in Shasta. Today it is one of the best-preserved buildings. The front, back and side walls still stand as do the iron shutters in the three doorways. Although Bull, Baker and Company sold their wholesale business in 1859, their name still remains painted in large black letters against a white background across the front of the store.

The last of the three better preserved buildings was known in its day as the Shurtleff and Goldstone building. In its prime, it was one of the most decorative of all the Main Street buildings. Today however, it is known as the Shurtleff building, after one of

Shasta's leading citizens. The front and side walls still stand and iron doors fill the doorways framed by columns. The columns rest on square bases and a line of decorative bricks runs the width of the building along the top of the columns.

Woman's Voice...To hear the story of why Shasta was all but abandoned, please go to the file **Shasta's Decline**

Man's Voice...To hear a description of the western-most four buildings, please go to the file **Lots 16-20**