

Shasta State Historic Park Southside Ruins
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FILE: Lots 16-20

Man's Voice... Lots 16-20. Moving past the Shurtleff building, the condition of the remaining brick structures rapidly decays. The Tomlinson and Wood Dry Goods Store, once a two-story masterpiece with a veranda, has been reduced today to partial rear and side walls. Half an iron shutter remains in what was once the eastern most doorway. Tomlinson and Wood built their store in 1853 after a fire destroyed the previous wooden structure. They built the two-story structure and had it stocked and ready for business in only 13 days, winning a six hundred dollar bet as a result. The building next door, the Wills Building, was also a two story shop with a balcony and graceful wrought iron spiral staircase. Among many uses, it served as an Oddfellows Hall. Today, it is similar in appearance to the Tomlinson and Wood Buildings, with only rear and partial side walls still standing.

The next two buildings are almost non-existent today. All that remains are partial side walls. When they were intact, these buildings changed hands frequently. The best known owners were B. Young, a barber and bathhouse proprietor, and Emanuel Lewin, who worked as an assayer and jeweler.

The final building remnant of the Southside Ruins was a bakery owned by Spatz and Litsch, called the U.S. Bakery. Sharp-eyed visitors sometimes notice the doorway and brick platform for the original bakery oven in the back wall, which still stands. While the

wall on the west side is barely a few feet high, the eastern wall still stands tall and a lone iron shutter hangs from the doorway occasionally swinging in the wind.

Woman's Voice...This ends the audio description. To hear the story of how Shasta was preserved, please go to the file **[Creating a State Park](#)**