

Shasta State Historic Park Southside Ruins
Audio Tour, Descriptive Narrative
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FILE: Lots 9-12

Man's Voice...Lots 9-12. Standing in Shasta, facing the ruins, the buildings stretch along the south side of the street, from west to east. The store farthest west, to your right, has been known by many names throughout the years. Originally known as the Crenshaw Building, it was later known as the W.S. Fitch Grocery and even later as Dangerfield and Company. Built in eighteen fifty-four, it served for most of its life as a grocery store and sold local produce from the orchards of Ben Swasey and the vineyards of the Weil brothers. It stood eight-five feet long, twenty three feet wide and thirteen feet tall. Today the front wall still stands, and you can see the entrances to the building, which are roughly five and a half feet wide by eleven feet tall. Two iron shutters still hang in the doorway.

Moving east, the next building, built in eighteen fifty-three, is known as Hollub and Isaac's. It was once a two story building that served as a dry goods and clothing store. Today the building is largely gone, only the rear and western side walls remain. The height of the second story – 21 feet – can be seen by the standing rear wall. A single iron door hangs from the front corner of the western wall.

M. Jacobson and Company stood next to Hollub and Isaacs. Fifty feet long and twenty-three feet wide, it was shorter than its two-story neighbor, standing only thirteen feet tall. Built in eighteen fifty-three, Jacobson and Company was the first brick building built in Shasta. A clothing store, it sold the basics and the latest trends. Today, the front and

back walls still stand, as do portions of the side walls. Two iron doors still mark the entrance to the store.

Moving east again, you come to the site of the former St. Charles Hotel. In its later years, it became the St. Charles Store and St. Charles Warehouse. Today, only the side walls remain. At thirty-six feet across, the building was wider than the others that lie to the west.

Woman's Voice...To hear the story of Shasta's development into a commercial center, please go to the file **Shasta's Golden Years**

Man's Voice...To hear a description of the middle three buildings, please go to the file **Lots 13-15**