# HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE REPORT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 625 EAST MARKET STREET

Based upon a review of Stockton City Directories and Sanborn Insurance Atlases, the property in question—currently designated as 625 East Main Street in Stockton, CA—was built in 1921. It is a simple single story brick structure measuring approximately 70 x 100 feet. While it is today referred to under the rubric of a single address, i.e., 625 East Market Street, when the building was first listed in the POLK-HUSTED STOCKTON CITY AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY DIRECTORY for 1922 there were four business tenants, each with a separate address:

- 625 East Market: Woodlee-Pulich Printing Company
- 627 East Market: Heinze & Eybs (bookbinders)
- 631 East Market: J. E. Barnes (linotype)
- 633 East Market: Stewart School Supply Company

Over the past 96 years the building has experienced a number of structural modifications but for the most part it remains that for which it was initially designed, i.e., a simple, functional edifice. It is typical of many smaller industrial/commercial structures built shortly after WWI—a practical building bereft of any real aesthetic merit. As such, there is nothing architecturally unique or significant about its design or construction.

Given size and especially its location—situated on the fringes of the commercial heart of the city—it's not surprising that a building such as this would have had a host of tenants over the course of almost 100 years.

In addition to the initial occupants listed above, the following businesses called this structure "home" at one time or another from the 1920s through the mid-1960s:

- a host of printing companies;
- a laundry;
- an advertising agency;
- a mailing service;
- a multiple listing service;
- · a general contractor; and
- a wholesale school supply warehouse.

By 1968 only the 633 E. Market Street address is listed, now as a warehouse for N. Sweet & Sons Furniture. It is likely that during this warehouse-period, i.e., mid-1960s, that the large, centrally situated bay door was installed. By 1982, it was occupied by Scott Screen Arts, one of the city's largest outdoor sign and advertising fabricators. This company utilized the building as a warehouse for approximately 20 years.

There followed a period through much of the 2000s with no listing for any of the East Market Street addresses associated with this property until the name Michael Pierce as

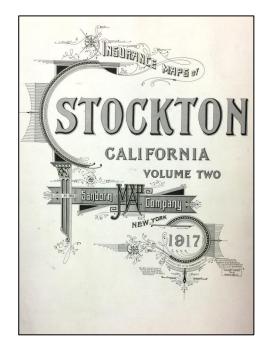
a tenant, beginning in 2010. It is also worth noting that the ownership of the property changed hands seven times from 2000 to the present time.\*

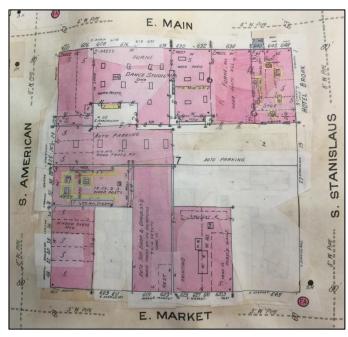
As can be seen in this review of the various tenants associated with this building, all were part of the business/commercial fabric of Stockton as it was woven over a period of almost 100 years; however, none can be regarded as having made a unique or seminal contribution to the City's development. In my opinion the building that is the subject of this report does not warrant special consideration as either an architecturally or historically significant structure. Based upon these findings, I see no reason why it should not be modified or razed as part of the expansion plans of TEAM Charter Academy.

Should anyone have any questions concerning this report or my assessment, please contact me at your convenience.

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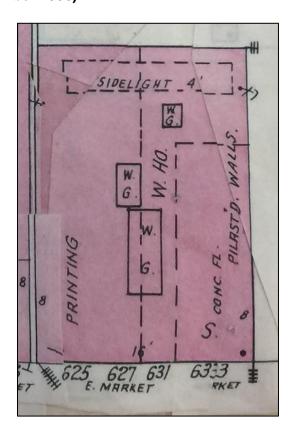
<sup>\*</sup>Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, ACRE Investment Company LLC: 600 East Main and 633 East Market Street, Stockton CA; Project No. 54.42886.0003, Cardno ATC; page 18.





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East Market Street Structures, December 1956



**Detail of Structure in question, December 1956** 



Structure in question – June, 2017

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