

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

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HRI # \_\_\_\_\_  
Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
NRHP Status Code \_\_\_\_\_

Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 of 3 Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) *Busy Bee Market*

**P1. Other Identifier:**

\*P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad *TCA 1667*

\*c. Address *1002 West Third Street*

\*e. Other Locational Data: Assessor's Parcel Number *406-163-20* Hutchins Resub Lot: 1 Block: A N 48.5 FT-EX S 2 FT W 24 FT

\*a. County *Orange County*

Date:

City *Santa Ana*

Zip *92701*

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

*Located on the southwest corner of West Third and Olive Streets, the two-story Busy Bee Market was constructed as a combination commercial and residential building, with a grocery on the ground floor and an apartment on the upper floor. Of brick construction, the building is topped by a flat roof. The principal (north) elevation is divided into two bays by the fenestration. Segmental arched casement windows with wrought iron balconies occupy the upper story bays, while multi-paned, flat-headed display windows and entries fill the street level bays. An extended header molding links all of the lower level openings. The side elevation also contains both flat-headed and arched windows. An iron railing around the edge of the roof is not original.*

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes) *HP6. 1-3 Story Commercial Building*

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

P5a. Photo



\*P5b. Photo: (view and date)  
*North and east elevations  
July 2001*

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:  historic  
*1919/Source: City of Santa Ana  
Building Permit*

\*P7. Owner and Address:

\*P8. Recorded by:  
*Leslie J. Heumann, Peter C. Moruzzi  
SAIC  
35 S. Raymond Ave. # 204  
Pasadena, CA 91105*

\*P9. Date Recorded:  
*February 4, 2002*

\*P10. Survey Type:  
*Intensive Survey Update*

\*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none")  
*City of Santa Ana. Santa Ana's Historic Treasures.*

\*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)

**BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD**

\*Resource Name or #: *Busy Bee Market*

- B1. Historic Name: *Seifert Store and Dwelling*
- B2. Common Name: *Busy Bee Market*
- B3. Original Use: *Store and Dwelling*
- B4. Present Use: *Commercial*

\*B5. **Architectural Style:** *Other: One- or Two-Story Brick Commercial*

\*B6. **Construction History:** (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations):  
*December 20, 1919. Store and dwelling.*  
*September 22, 1944. Reroof.*  
*November 18, 1985. Seismic rehabilitation and restoration.*  
*February 3, 1994. Alternate ventilation system.*

\*B7. **Moved?**  No  Yes  Unknown **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Original Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*B8. **Related Features:**

*None.*

B9a. Architect: *Unknown*

b. Builder: *Unknown*

\*B10. **Significance: Theme** *Commercial Architecture*

**Area** *Santa Ana*

**Period of Significance:** *circa 1880-1946* **Property Type:** *Commercial Building* **Applicable Criteria:** *C*

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

*The Busy Bee Market is significant as a surviving example of a neighborhood market, made more rare by its brick construction and combination of uses. Most other neighborhood stores in Santa Ana were wooden, one-story, and non-residential. Records indicate that Fred Seifert was the original owner in 1919. Previous research shows that the store was operated by Mrs. Winnie Phillips prior to J.L. McKee and P.B. Roberts gaining ownership in 1922. Joseph and Carrie McKee lived upstairs. The name Busy Bee Grocery first appeared in 1923 when P.B. and Anna Roberts moved into the apartment. Mr. Roberts was a timekeeper for the California Packaging Company. Ownership changed again in 1924 when George and Rena Rice took over the store and moved in upstairs. After the Rice's, J.M. and Olie White operated the facility as a*

*(See Continuation Sheet 3 of 3.)*

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

\*B12. **References:**

- City of Santa Ana Building Permits*
- Santa Ana History Room Collection, Santa Ana Public Library*
- Sanborn Maps*

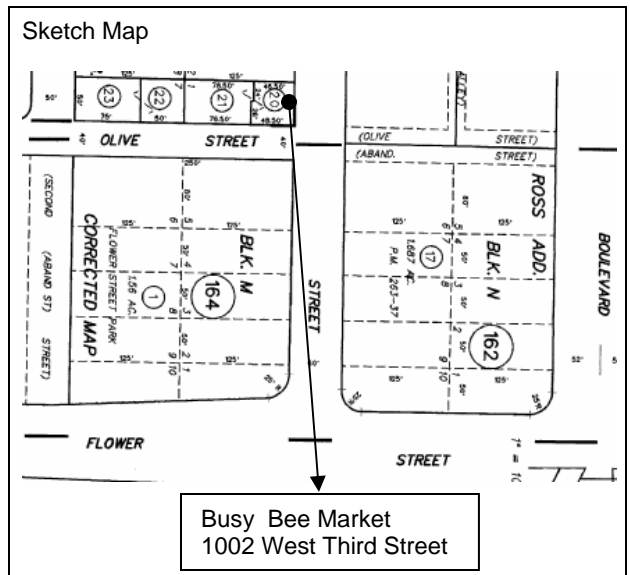
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B13. Remarks:

\*B14. **Evaluator:** *Leslie J. Heumann*

\***Date of Evaluation:** *February 4, 2002*

(This space reserved for official comments.)



**\*B10. Significance (continued):**

grocery/meat market while living on the second floor (Treasures). By 1944 the name of the store had changed to Holbrook Grocery.

*Santa Ana was founded by William Spurgeon in 1869 as a speculative town site on part of the Spanish land grant known as Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana. Early growth and development were stimulated by the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1878 and the Santa Fe Railroad in 1886. Following its incorporation as a city in 1886, Santa Ana was recognized as one of the leading communities in the area in 1889 when it became the seat of the newly created County of Orange. The development of southern California is general and Santa Ana in particular experienced a large boost in the second half of the 1880s, when competition between the two railroads triggered a real estate boom.*

*The commercial center of Santa Ana was located at Fourth and Main Streets. As residential neighborhoods developed away from the City's core, small markets were constructed to serve local patrons. Most of these markets, once a fixture of urban neighborhoods, have disappeared in the wake of the development of supermarkets and chain stores.*

*The Busy Bee Market is significant as a relatively rare example of this building type. It is included in the Santa Ana Register of Historical Property and has been categorized as "Key." Although the building no longer functions as a market, it is still clearly recognizable as a neighborhood grocery. Character-defining exterior features of the Busy Bee Market that should be preserved include, but may not be limited to: materials and finishes (brick); roof configuration; windows and doors; ironwork where original; and architectural detailing.*

**\*B12. References (continued):**

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*Whiffen, Marcus. American Architecture Since 1780. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1969.*