

City of San Luis Obispo, "Souvenir of San Luis Obispo," (June 1904)



A. SAUER, GROCERIES AND CROCKERY,
SAN LUIS BAKERY, 850 Monterey St.
Photo Fitzhugh.

Sauer Bakery (Master List No. 104), 848 Monterey Street:

The former Sauer Bakery comprises the rear part of the two-story structure at 848 Monterey Street. Built around 1875, the historic bakery was owned and started by George F. Sauer, an early pioneer of San Luis Obispo. Sauer was co-owner (with Pollard and Childs) of the Chorro (wheat) Mill, started in 1868. George Sauer was a member of the Vigilance Committee of 1858, and County treasurer in the 1880s. Sauer built several grocery-bakery stores in the region, with this one on Monterey Street being the last remaining store. In 1912-13, the building was moved back away from Monterey Street in order to widen the street. A building permit dated 4/19/21 shows a request for a 28'x40' second story to be added to the bakery for \$2,500 by W. J. Smith, a local contractor. The owner at that time was Clara Sauer, descendent of the family. Extensive exterior alterations done in the 1960s have covered over most of the original character of the bakery.¹

The old bakery property is within City Block 327, bounded by Monterey, Chorro, Palm and Morro streets, which, in 2017 was redeveloped with mixed-use retail, office, restaurant and residential land uses. The old Sauer Bakery building has been retained and incorporated into the redevelopment, through seismic retrofit and strengthening of unreinforced brick in the rear building, retention of the historic bakery ovens, recreation of the original horizontal siding on Monterey Street façade, retention of the existing window along the northeast façade of the building, reconstruction of the original bracketed cornice of the building, and strengthening and leveling of all bakery building floors.²

¹ Source: Notes from City of San Luis Obispo Community Development Department Historic file on 848 Monterey Street.

² City of San Luis Obispo, Community Development Department and AMEC, *Chinatown Project Final EIR Addendum* (September 2009): p. 2-9.

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. 0129-05C
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 5 SHL _____ Loc _____
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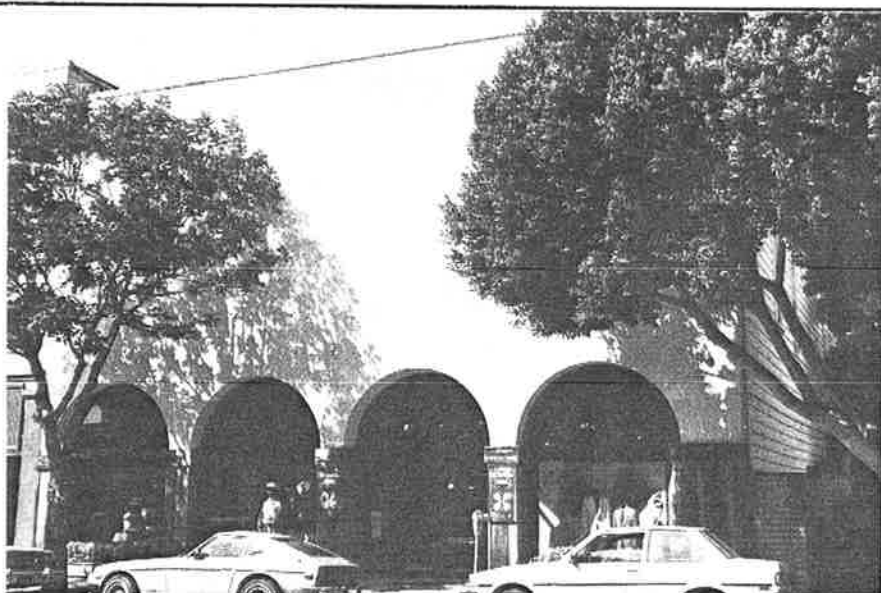
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Holser's Attic
2. Historic name: Sauer Bakery
3. Street or rural address: 848 Monterey
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 County San Luis Obispo
4. Parcel number: 02-416-09
5. Present Owner: Karl Kundert Address: 1106 Pacific
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Clothing Store Original use: Bakery

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Italianate/Pioneer False Front (Modernized)
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Holser's is a two story, rectangular structure at 848 Monterey Street. It has a false front behind which is a flat roof. It has plaster and wood sheathing over brick walls. The original Sauer Bakery was in the brick building at the rear of the large structure. The facade of the structure has been plastered over and now there are only four arched openings on the first floor.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1875 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 100' Depth 85'
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
October 1982

13. Condition: Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ☒ Deteriorated ____ No longer in existence ____
14. Alterations: The facade appears to have been extensively altered.
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ____ Scattered buildings ____ Densely built-up ____
Residential ____ Industrial ____ Commercial ☒ Other: Parking lot
16. Threats to site: None known ☒ Private development ____ Zoning ____ Vandalism ____
Public Works project ____ Other: ____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? ____ Moved? ☒ Unknown? ____
18. Related features: ____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The former Sauer Bakery comprises the rear part of the two story structure. It was moved back away from Monterey Street in 1912-13, twelve feet, in order to create a uniform sidewalk up Monterey Street. Most of the exterior alterations were done in the 1960's. As a result, most of the original character of the building has been covered over.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure ____
Economic/Industrial ____ Exploration/Settlement ____
Government ____ Military ____
Religion ____ Social/Education ____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
Telegram-Tribune, 11-19-1975
6-11-1870
City/County Directory (1901)
22. Date form prepared June 15, 1983
By (name) Historic Res. Survey Staff
Organization City of San Luis Obispo
Address: P.O. Box 321
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

