

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

Primary #  
HRI #  
Trinomial  
NRHP Status Code 6Y / 7N

Other Listings  
Review Code

Reviewer

Date

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\*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) Havens Block

P1. Other Identifier: Shattuck Hall site / Constitution Square Building

\*P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted  
and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

\*a. County Alameda

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Oakland West Date 1993 Township & Range No data

c. Address 2168-2180 Shattuck Ave. City Berkeley Zip 94704

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S; 564340mE/ 4191617mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

Assessor's Parcel Number: 57-2026-13;

West side of Shattuck Avenue between Allston Way and Center Street.

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

The three-story retail commercial and office building at 2168-2180 Shattuck Ave. was constructed in 1906 for John Weston Havens, great-nephew of Francis K. Shattuck. The property was the site of Shattuck Hall, an important building in early Berkeley in which many persons of national importance had spoken or performed. After Shattuck Hall's destruction by fire in 1905, Havens built the extant building for use as stores, offices, and as the home of the Elks Lodge. The modern-looking building was designed by A. H. Broad.

The current building has experienced multiple remodels, and has lost much of its physical association with the past. Although the general massing and rhythm of window openings remain the same as the original, the changes do not seem reversible. The property therefore is not a Contributor to the Shattuck Avenue Downtown Historic District.

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\*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 (Isolates, etc.)



P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #)

View facing west, January 2015.

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age & Sources:  
 Historic  Prehistoric  Both

1906/1942 and altered 1965 and later, 109 years old, based on Architect & Engineer.

\*P7. Owner and Address:

Constitution Square LLC  
47375 Dakota Ave.  
Firebaugh, CA 93622

\*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address)

F. Maggi & S. Winder  
Archives & Architecture, LLC  
PO Box 1332  
San Jose CA 95109-1332

\*P9. Date Recorded: 5/15/2015

\*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

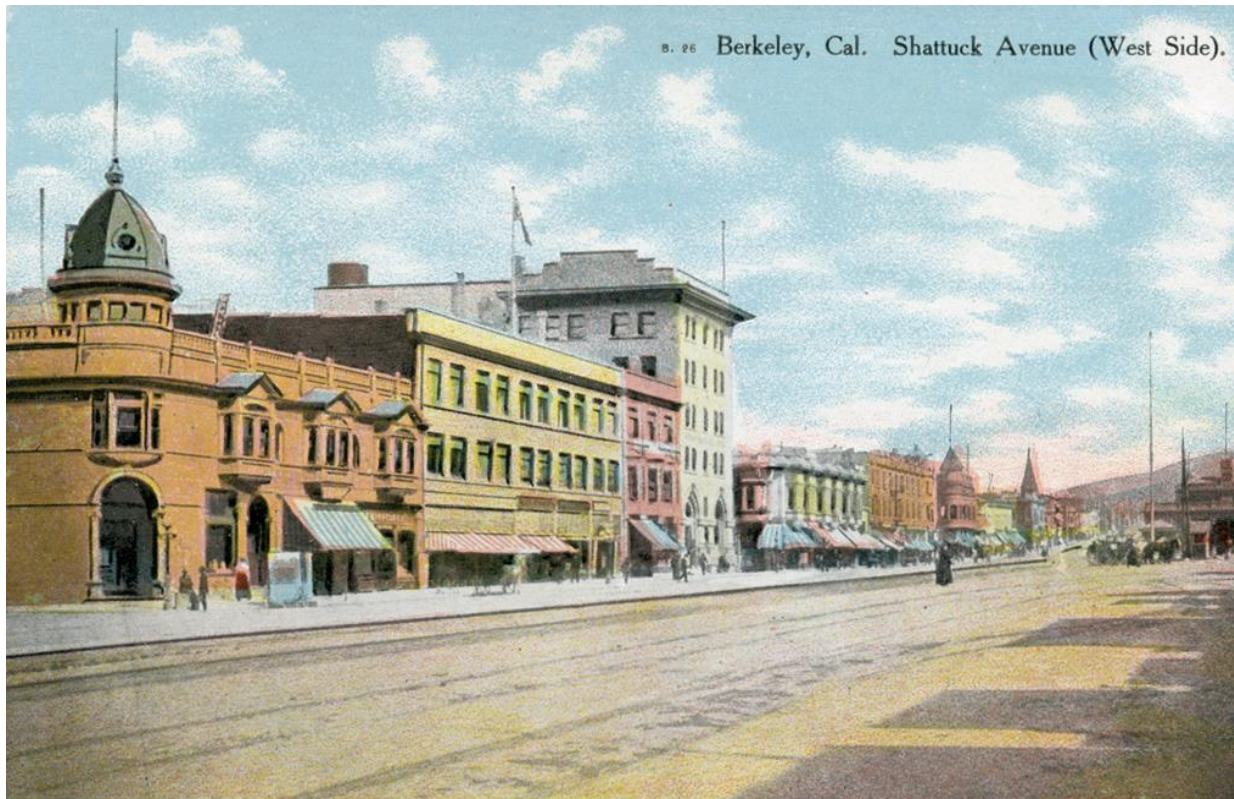
Intensive

\*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none".)

Archives & Architecture LLC: Shattuck Avenue Commercial Corridor Historic Context and Survey, 2015.

\*Attachments:  NONE  Location Map  Sketch Map  Continuation Sheet  Building, Structure and Object Record  Archaeological Record  District Record  Linear Feature Record  Milling State Record  Rock Art Record  Artifact Record  Photograph Record  Other (List)

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Ca. 1915 postcard courtesy of [Alamedainfo.com/Berkeley\\_ca.htm](http://Alamedainfo.com/Berkeley_ca.htm) - Havens Block located in center of row of buildings above, accessed December 15, 2014.

The original building was horizontal in form with brick unornamented in the façade. Two rows of ten paired windows each lined the second and third floors above Shattuck Avenue. In 1942, the building was modernized at the front and renamed Constitution Square.

The building was again altered in 1965, when the façade was stuccoed. An additional remodeling took place in 1985, which included new brick veneer, a stepped parapet, replacement windows, and modern storefronts.

In 1977, the building was first surveyed by Anthony Bruce for Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association, who cited possible social/education and economic/industrial significance.

A. Castaneda and J. Pitti of Chicano/Latino Culture Resources Survey also evaluated the building in 1980 on a California Historic Resources Inventory form and cited possible ethnic history and social/education significance. The Havens Block was found to be associated with the historically significant Quinto Sol Publications, second floor tenants from 1970 to 1974. Founded in 1967 at the height of the Chicano Movement, Quinto Sol Publications was the first independent publishing house to promote, publish, and disseminate Chicano literature. Subsequently, the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) gave the building a no-longer-used National Register Status Code 4 (might become eligible for National Register), with a current status code of 7N (needs to be reevaluated).

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In 2005, JRP Historical Consulting reevaluated the property for the East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project. They believed the building was altered significantly to no longer be eligible for the National or California Registers. The building was given a status code by OHP of 6Y - *Determined ineligible for NR, not evaluated for CR or local listing.*



View of façade from entry to BART, viewed facing northwest.

**References:**

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- Toffelmier, Cindy, DPR523 forms for Map Reference No. 01-16, JRP Historical Consulting, "Historic Properties Inventory and Evaluation: East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project," 2004.