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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Box Factory
3. Street or rural address: Old Coast Rd. near Highway 1 North Coast Area  
 City Davenport, CA Zip 95017 County Santa Cruz
4. Parcel number: 05809101
5. Present Owner: Orlando, Elio Address: Box 104  
 City Davenport CA Zip 95017 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Vacant Original use: Box Factory

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Vernacular Barn
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The Box Factory is a basic California Coast Barn with an attached shed. The barn is rectangular in plan, with a gable roof. It has a central entry, which originally was a sliding door and has now been blocked with cement. It is flanked by two rectangular horizontal windows, one eight pane and one twelve pane. The barn and attached shed are both covered with board and batten, and have shingle roofs.



8. Construction 1925  
 Estimated 1925 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
 Frontage 258 Depth 182  
 or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of April 1986 photograph(s)

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good \_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated X No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: Doors missing, openings closed, early shed addition to side
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings X Densely built-up \_\_\_  
Residential \_\_\_ Industrial \_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known \_\_\_ Private development \_\_\_ Zoning X Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

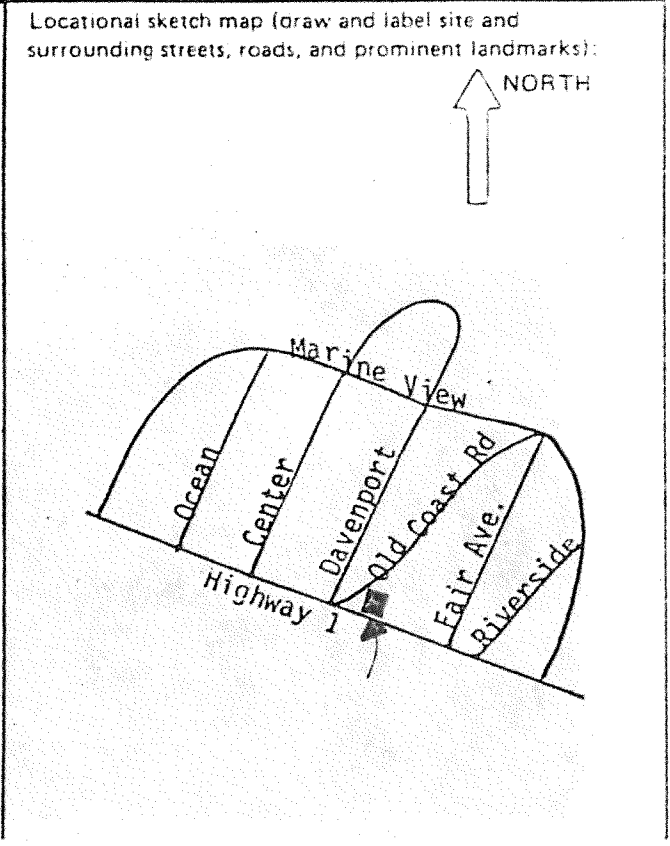
The agricultural business of Santa Cruz County became of national importance with the coming of the railroad and the ability to ship local produce across country. To accomplish this the vegetables had to be packed economically and securely. In this now vacant barn was a factory which manufactured the drums and boxes used in shipping produce. The site is significant as the location of an essential enterprise in the development of the county's agribusiness.

As with other buildings in Davenport, the deteriorated condition of the building appears beyond preservation. Other examples of the coastal barn are in better condition.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
 Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure \_\_\_\_\_  
 Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_\_\_  
 Government \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_\_\_

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
Walking Tour of Davenport, 1985

22. Date form prepared April 1986  
 By (name) The Firm of  
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Box Factory (Old Coast Road near Highway 1)

ADDENDUM—1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: April 14, 1994

Result of Inspection: Structure is in advanced state of decay and is partially collapsed.

CONSULTANT'S PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS:

No change.

(Change of rating pending public hearing before the Historical Resources Commission with final approval by the Board of Supervisors).

