9. TURNER HITCHING POST

1104 14TH Street (1871)



Landmark Preservation Commission Resolution: July 16, 1990 Designated by City Council: April 23, 1991

Historic Significance: John D. Turner, the original owner of the hitching post and adjoining home, was a member of the prominent Turner family who contributed much to Modesto's early commercial growth and development. Turner was the president and manager of Turner Hardware and Implement Company, established in 1871 by his father, Theodore Turner.

The property was purchased by J.L. Singleton in 1932. Singleton was a department manager for Turner Hardware until 1935 when he became the local dealer for Buick, Pontiac and International cars and trucks. In 1975 ownership of the property passed to Dean Flesoras who opened a hair styling salon on the premises.

Historic designation status is limited to the hitching post and not the adjacent building.