

CITY OF ARCATA-Historical Resources Survey
Project Volunteers

Project volunteers may serve in two areas, either as Office and Research Assistants, as Field Surveyors, or Photo Documentarians:

Research Assistants, will generally be working in our office or doing research in a local archive or library on an as needed basis. The first phase of the survey consists of property research, locating and organizing photos and documents to establish survey files, as the basis for the study.

Field Surveyors, will work in teams of two to conduct the physical inventory of properties in designated study areas within the City and record the exterior features of buildings, structures, objects and landscapes on paper and/or electronic forms. These will form a comprehensive database for planning, preservation and interpretation of the history of our built environment.

Neighborhood Photo Documentation will visually record all of the buildings, structures, objects and landscapes within the study areas. This will create an accurate snapshot of Arcata and its resources which will be useful to planners and historians. Volunteers must provide their own camera equipment.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete the initial training and orientation. Anyone interested in the photo documentation project must complete a self paced module on photographic documentation of historical resources, and submit a sample of their work.
- Sign up as a volunteer with the City of Arcata and be able to make a commitment of 20-40 hours per month during the assigned survey period.
- All of the area to be surveyed is within the City Limits and accessible by AMRTS bus lines. Volunteers who desire to use their own automobile they must provide a valid drivers license and proof of automobile insurance.

For more information contact the survey office at historic@cityofarcata.org, or call 822-5955.