

government infantrymen back into the outpost's landing zone. It has been shelled by warplanes and artillery to evacuate the wounded but since June 1.

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# Hall Of Records Restoration Gets \$25,000 Federal Aid

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The old octagonal-shaped Hall of Records building on Cooper Street, built in 1882, has been granted federal funds for restoration as a museum.

Congressman Burt Talcott's office announced that the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will grant \$25,000 as half the restoration cost of the structure. The county must pay the rest.

Rep. Talcott, R-Salinas, noted that the Santa Cruz Bi-centennial Committee and historical organizations informed him the building is unique because of its octagonal shape, once a fashion in architecture.

"It is the only building of this design in brick which remains in California," Talcott's office explained.

Supervisors voted the other \$25,000 Monday, plus another \$5000 to close off and cover over a back room connecting the hall with

the courthouse annex. Actually, the closing already has been done as part of a conversion of the annex into a sheriff's building.

Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Hughes was pleased with both actions.

"I don't think we can have the restoration complete in time for the bicentennial celebration in October," Hughes said, "but I hope the building can be used for the event, nevertheless."

Plans for the restoration call for stripping off the old paint and plaster to reveal the original brick, and removal of the additional room on the east side which obscures the octagonal shape.

The federal grant was somewhat unexpected, since HUD has many more applications for historical preservation projects than it has money, Talcott's office said. Such other major projects, like Monterey's Colton Hall, were put off until the next fiscal year by HUD authorities, but funds were apparently granted for the Hall of Records because it is standing vacant.

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