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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California	
COUNTY: Lake	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.06.0001	DATE 10/28/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Lake County Courthouse

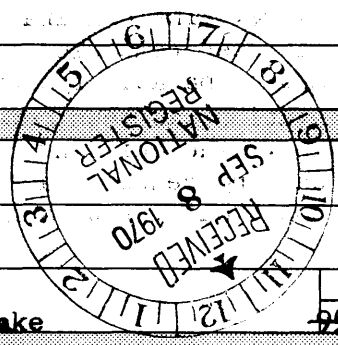
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Lake County Courthouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
255 North Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Lakeport

STATE: **California** CODE: **95453** COUNTY: **Lake** CODE: **95453**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>vacant</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
County of Lake

STREET AND NUMBER:
255 North Forbes Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Lakeport** STATE: **California** CODE: **95453**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Courthouse, Official Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
255 North Forbes Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Lakeport** STATE: **California** CODE: **95453**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
NONE

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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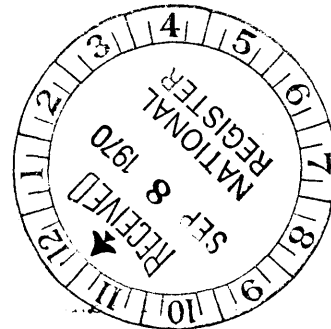
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Lake County Courthouse is of brick, kilned at Lakeport 100 years ago. It has a concrete coating on the exterior, which is now covered with vines. The original Courthouse structure as constructed in 1870-71 has been remodeled in a manner which has deleted some of the dominant comparable features. The pediment type roof ending at front elevation has been removed and the brick chimneys removed by remodeling. The building 66 X 44 feet is two stories high with a cast iron balcony centered above the entrance on the second floor, for the court bailiff to announce when court was in session.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1870-1871

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

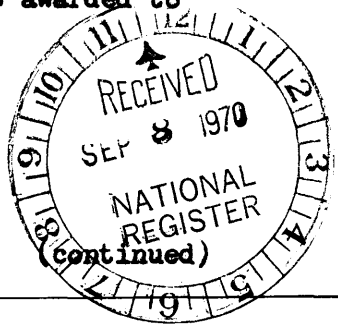
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Lake County had the distinction of having 4 separate elections held in a 9 year period to establish the location of the county seat. Just prior to the 3rd election in 1867 the original 2 story wooden courthouse was destroyed by fire, believed to be the work of arsonists. The 3rd election proved successful in having the county offices moved to Lower Lake, but a court action was instigated charging fraud in the election. The 4th and final election held in 1870 returned the county seat to Lakeport with a majority of 75 votes. A year prior to this final election the 3 members of the Board of Supervisors named J. B. Hollaway a commissioner to the board, to have plans and specifications drawn up for a courthouse and jail. He employed A. P. Pettit, and February 5, 1869 the specifications were approved and accepted by the Board and placed on file among the archives and proceedings of said Board. Mr. Pettit was paid \$250.00 for making up the plans; the money paid out of the county building fund.

March 24, 1868 an enabling act was passed by the legislature permitting the issuing of \$20,000.00 in bonds, by the Board of Supervisors, in denomination of \$250.00 each, and to bear interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum.

The bonds were sold in September 1870 for 90 cents on the dollar to Aaron Levy, pioneer Lakeport merchant and prominent rancher.

The Board of Supervisors advertised for proposals from February 5 to April 5, 1869 for erection and completion of a courthouse and jail. The builder to be bonded in the amount of \$20,000.00 in gold coin of the United States. There were two bids, one from B. Robinson and Son for \$23,950.00 and the other A. P. Pettit's for \$17,000.00 and on May 27, 1870 the contract was awarded to Mr. Pettit.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Official Records of County of Lake.
 History of Lake and Napa Counties, 1881.
 History of Lake and Mendocino Counties, 1913.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Marion Geoble, secretary**

ORGANIZATION: **Lake County Chamber of Commerce** DATE: **June 25, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **LAKEPORT** STATE: **CALIFORNIA** CODE: **95455**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION 06

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Ben M...*

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: August 3, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: OCT 28 1970

ATTEST:

William J. Mantel
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: OCT 20 1970

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The Courthouse withstood the disasterous earthquake of April 18, 1906 while other buildings in the vicinity were damaged in various degrees.

A month prior to the earthquake, on March 5, 1906 W. H. Castner, Junior was awarded the contract to repair and remodel the Courthouse for \$2,500.00. Work also included a coat of cement. Mr. Castner was bonded for \$1,500.00, also, in gold coin of the United States.

The old vine covered Courthouse served as the seat of county government from 1871 until September 13, 1968, when a new County Courthouse Complex was dedicated. The new Courthouse is located directly behind the old Courthouse, at 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport.

