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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California	
COUNTY: San Mateo	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
APR 11 1972	

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Lathrop House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
627 Hamilton Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Redwood City

STATE California	CODE 94063	COUNTY San Mateo	CODE 081
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Preservation</u> <u>Work in Progress</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
County of San Mateo

STREET AND NUMBER:  
County Government Center

CITY OR TOWN:  
Redwood City

STATE: California	CODE 94063
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STATE:  
California

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
County Clerk - Recorder

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Hall of Justice and Records

CITY OR TOWN:  
Redwood City

STATE: California	CODE 94063
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COUNTY:  
San Mateo

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The exterior of the house has been restored to its original condition with minor exceptions. Several photographs, taken a relatively short time after the original construction, were valuable as a source of information. Appendages which had been added to the building were removed revealing the true identity of the house. Where possible the existing materials, trim and decoration were repaired and utilized. In cases where this was impossible, due to deterioration or loss, the item was reproduced identically to match a like part as in the case of the finials and railings. As all the pendants were missing the supporting members were surveyed for evidence of size and contour and the photographs were studied to determine the actual shape.

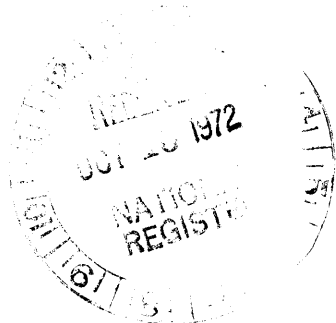
The New redwood shingles for the roof were cut to match the original and care was taken to lap the shingles in the unusual pattern of the initial installation. The exterior has been painted based on shades and tones of areas which were concealed by additions and from studies of structures of a similar period.

The interior has suffered considerably over the past several years and as a result will require extensive renovation. Some exploratory work has been accomplished which has revealed concealed stairs, original ceilings, fireplace foundations and evidence of walls which had been removed. Also, interior partitions added at a later period have been removed.

The present plans are to move forward when funds are available to complete the interior restoration.

E. Bradford Street west of Middlefield Road and Hamilton Street from E. Bradford Street to E. Marshall Street have been abandoned and will be converted to a mall. This will add an open space more in keeping with the style of the house.

The House was originally built in 1863 on a site fronting on Broadway, Redwood City. This site including the house was sold in 1894 to the school district. The house was moved to the rear and a new school was built on the site. In 1905 the school district sold the house and it was moved by the new owner to its present site.



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**1. 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

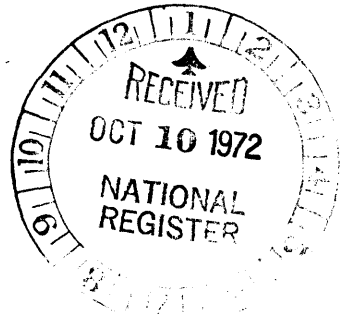
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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<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	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Architectural revival, including the Gothic, appeared in the Eastern United States around 1830 and moved westward in the late 1840's. It was still being built in California in the 1860's in a simplified form.

Gothic motifs, translated into wood, were applied to a basic Colonial frame house. Classical influences appeared in the symmetrical facade, Colonial influences in the horizontal siding and Baroque influence in the front porches, central door and sometimes a central main gable.

The Benjamin Lathrop house is architecturally important because it is an outstanding example of this style. Its tall gables and arches pierced by quadifoil designs is a prime example of its type, unique in the County of San Mateo. For this reason we feel the preservation of the Lathrop House is significant.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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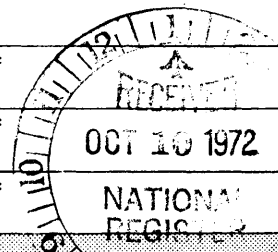
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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
NW	° ' "	° ' "		37 °	29 ' 13 "	122 ° 13' 43 "
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **.114+ acres (5,000 square feet)**

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: **Henry P. Tarratt, Director, Building Constr. & Gen. Services**

ORGANIZATION: **County of San Mateo**      DATE: **July 3, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **590 Hamilton Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Redwood City**      STATE: **California 94063**      CODE: **06**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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: [Signature]

Title: **State Liaison Officer**

Date: **September 27, 1972**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

[Signature: Robert H. Alley]  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/11/73

ATTEST:

[Signature: C. J. M...]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4 4 73