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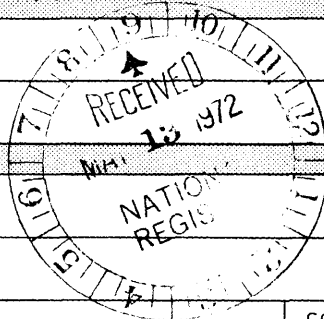
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

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: Napa	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUN 22 1972



1. NAME

COMMON:
Bale Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Bale Mill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
3 miles N.W. of Saint Helena off Highway 128

CITY OR TOWN:
Between Saint Helena and Calistoga

STATE: **California** CODE: **06** COUNTY: **Napa** CODE: **055**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Napa County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Napa** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Napa County Courthouse, County Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Napa** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER:
1416 "9" Street, Resources Agency Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Sacramento** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

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STATE: **California**

COUNTY: **Napa**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Bale Mill is a grist mill built in 1846-47 on a sloping site. The downhill side of this wooden structure has three stories, the uphill side two; each level covers approximately 1000 square feet. The lumber and stones used in construction were locally obtained and processed. The exterior walls are covered with wood siding; the present corrugated iron roof has replaced the original shake roof. The overshoot water wheel, 45 feet in diameter, and the gearing were made of wood. The millstones were locally made of native stone. A flume constructed of halved and hollowed-out redwood logs conveyed water to the top of the overshoot wheel; a rubble stone tailrace carried away the water. A grain storage building, also of wood construction, is located near the mill.

A plaque has been placed on the site by the Historic Landmark Committee, Native Sons of the Golden West. This site has been registered and numbered #359, as a point of historic interest by the California Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1846-47

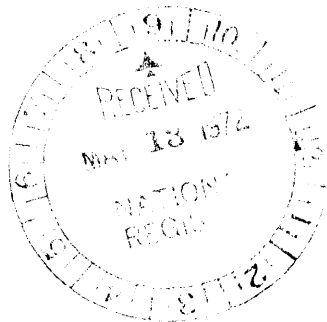
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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

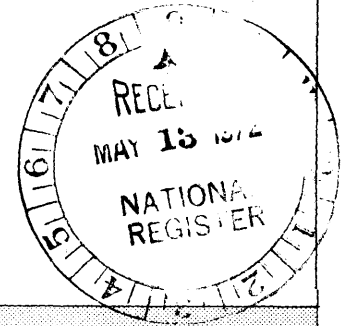
Built in 1846 by Dr. E. T. Bale, grantee of Ranch Carne Humana, it is a prime example of an early day grist mill. While the 49'ers were searching for gold in the hills and ravines of the Sierra Nevada, the mill was daily grinding flour for the settlers. This mill is the only historic structure of its kind in California. Given originally to the Native Sons of the Golden West, repairs were subsequently provided the mill through State legislation and county funds. Since 1941 the building has been owned by the County of Napa and is open daily as a public attraction. Thousands visit the mill annually.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rensch - Historic Spots in California



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	122	30	30
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5.0 +/-

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: Allen W. Welts, State Park Historian III

ORGANIZATION: Department of Parks and Recreation DATE: 2/30/70
Resource Management and Protection Division

STREET AND NUMBER: 1416 "9" Street

CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California 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 August 3, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/24/72

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____