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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Darius David Johnston House

AND/OR COMMON  
Hargitt Ranch House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
12426 Mapledale Street

CITY, TOWN  
Norwalk

STATE  
California

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CODE  
06

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
33rd

COUNTY CODE  
Los Angeles 037

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: restoration project

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
City of Norwalk

STREET & NUMBER  
12700 Norwalk Blvd.

CITY, TOWN  
Norwalk

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE  
California

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Recorder of Los Angeles County

STREET & NUMBER  
227 North Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Los Angeles

STATE  
California

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Darius David Johnston House, built in 1890-91, is a two-story shiplap Eastlake building with cross gable shingle roof. Front and side bay gables are shingled and ornamented with decorative scrollwork. Spindle and bracketwork ornament the front bay windows and two-story entrance porch.

The exterior design has not been altered. However, only one original stained glass window remains. The front door retains its original etched and stained glass work.

A semi-attached water tower, built in 1878 for an earlier house, became the water tower for the Johnston House. The tower has its original pipes and has not been altered. The stairs at the rear of the tower building were added in 1930.

Originally the D.D. Johnston property consisted of 120 acres devoted to wine grapes. During Prohibition, the ranch began raising prunes, avocados and citrus. Today the surrounding acreage has been sold to housing development, leaving only the house and water tower intact.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1890-91

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Darius David Johnston

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Darius David Johnston House is architecturally significant as one of the few remaining two-story Eastlake houses in original condition built in the Norwalk area. It is a fine example of an 1890's rural Eastlake two-story house, and retains most of its original embellishment. The cross gables and front and side bays are typically ornamented in Eastlake fashion.

Historically, the house is significant as the residence of one of Norwalk's leading pioneers, Darius David Johnston. He was instrumental in organizing the Norwalk School District in 1880, and was a member of the board of directors of the school system until his death in 1917.

Johnston was an humanitarian who helped the Japanese find employment, housing and schooling when they immigrated to the area in the 1880's. He and his family, through his daughter, Cora Hargitt and grandson, Charles Hargitt, continued to support the civic welfare of the Norwalk community. Norwalk has schools named after D.D. Johnston and Cora Hargitt who was a teacher and principal in the school system.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Oral history taped 10-28-70. Charles Hargitt.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .2296 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,1 | 40,13,2,0 | 3,715,12,0,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Bounded on the north by Mapledale Street; bounded on the east by Hargitt Way; bounded on the south by a line parallel with and distant 200 feet south of Mapledale Street; and bounded on the west by a line parallel with a distant 50 feet west of Hargitt Way.

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 / TITLE

Billie Robinson, Curator

4/14/78

ORGANIZATION

Gilbert Sproul Museum, City of Norwalk

DATE

213-864-9663

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 71 12237 Sproul Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Norwalk

STATE

California

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Knowlton*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 7/11/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Wright*

DATE

10/20

ATTEST:

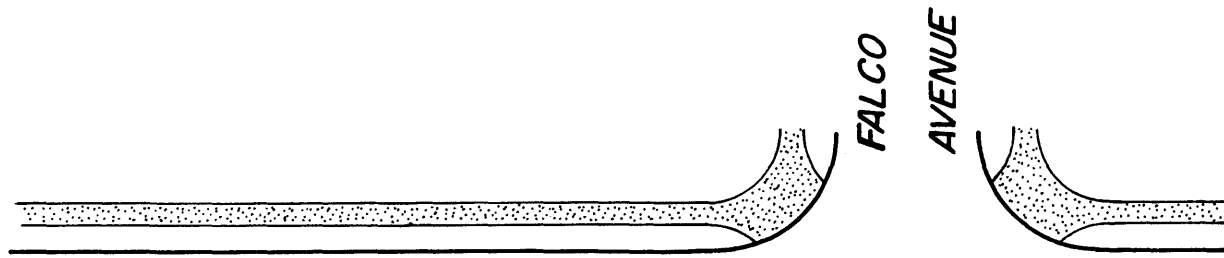
*Bill Labovich*

DATE

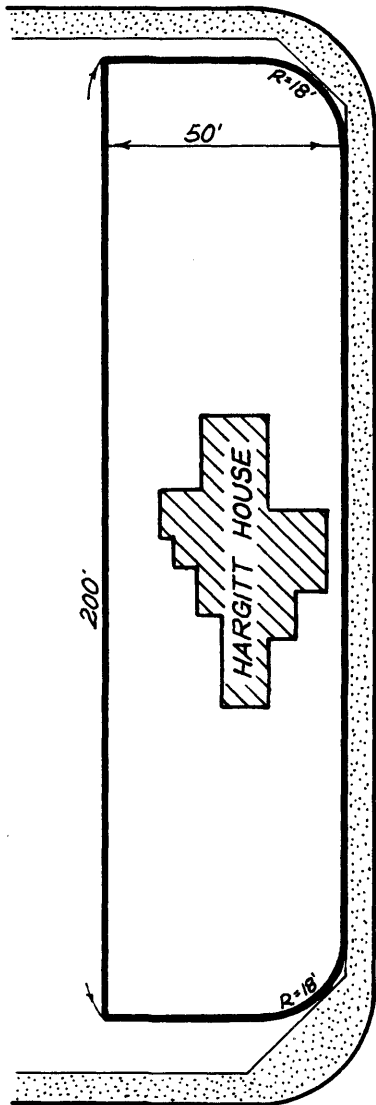
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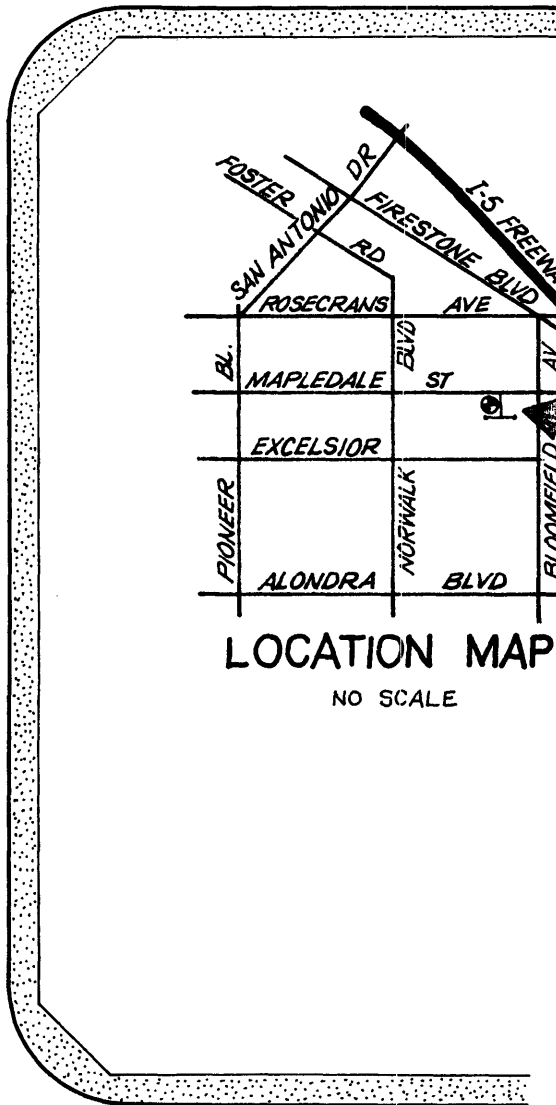
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MAPLEDALE STREET



HARGITT WAY



LOCATION MAP  
NO SCALE



PIAZ

PLACE

CITY OF NORWALK

HARGITT HOUSE

ENGINEERING DIVISION - P.W.

1"=40'  
SCALE

rbh  
DRAWN

K. Montgomery  
APPROVED

RCE

3-20-78  
DATE