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

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Moses Rodgers House

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

921 South San Joaquin Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Stockton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

CODE

06

COUNTY

San Joaquin

14

CODE

077

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Tony Pena

STREET & NUMBER

424 East Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Stockton

VICINITY OF

California 95202

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

San Joaquin County Assessor's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Stockton, California

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Unknown

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in a residential area near downtown Stockton, the Moses Rodgers House is a two story rectangular building of clapboard construction approximately twenty-five feet wide by forty feet long. The house is a simple eclectic vernacular building with a double sash window, a curved colonial revival porch, and a steep front gable. There is a single stack chimney in the center of the house, and double hung sash windows interrupt all four walls. The interior has been altered by installation of linoleum and painting over the original woodwork. A shed addition has been attached to the rear. Besides these alterations the building has deteriorated from weathering and is generally in need of repair.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 1898

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Moses Rodgers House, the home of a prominent black mining engineer, was built in 1898 and is significant for its historic associations with the development of gold mining in California and the black community in Stockton.

The details of Moses Rodgers early life are sketchy, but it is known that he was born a slave in Missouri, although the exact date of his birth is unknown. Somehow he managed to acquire "an education as a mining engineer",¹ and immigrated to California in 1849 to participate in the Gold Rush. He settled in the Mariposa mining district at the town of Hornitos where he soon established a reputation as a superior mining engineer. Rodgers' opinion on mining matters was valued by people throughout the state. Investors often consulted him before purchasing mining claims and stock. Rodgers acquired a number of mines in the Mariposa district.

In the 1860's Rodgers married Sahra Quivers of Snelling, California; they had five daughters. In order to take advantage of superior school facilities for blacks, Rodgers moved his family to Stockton in 1890. In 1898 he "built an elegant home. . . located in one of the best residence streets of the town".² He continue to manage his mining interests and act as a consultant. Rodgers was the first person to drill successfully for natural gas in Stockton, although he could not get investors to back his operation. Consequently he was not able to capitalize on his initial success.

Rodgers lived in the Moses Rodgers House until his death after the turn of the century. The house remained in the Rodgers family until 1971 when it was sold to Tony Pena who presently rents it.

The neighborhood in which the Rodgers House is located contains houses of compatible scale and design, many of which were built during the same period as the Rodgers residence. The nominated property has deteriorated, but the building is structurally sound and could be rehabilitated. Despite the apparent deterioration the Moses Rodgers House retains its importance as an historic building significant to the development of Stockton's black community.

1. Delilah L. Beasley, The Negro Trailblazers of California (Los Angeles, 1919), p. 113
2. Ibid., p. p. 114.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Beasley, Delilah L., The Negro Trailblazers of California (Los Angeles 1919).
 Struhsaker, Virginia L. "Stocktons Black Pioneers", Pacific Historian
 (Winter 1975), 347-353.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 50' X 150'

UTM REFERENCES

A

10	6508100	4200750
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is 50' x 150', parcel 9 of block 53 on San Joaquin Street south of Mormon Channel on the San Joaquin County Assessor's map.

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

Albert Hurtado, Historic Preservationist

November 8, 1977

ORGANIZATION

State Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

(916) 445-8006

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 2390

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Sacramento

STATE

California 95811

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

Kathy McEllen

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 1/17/78

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

Matthew B. Cole
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST

DATE 4/26/78

DATE 4.12.78