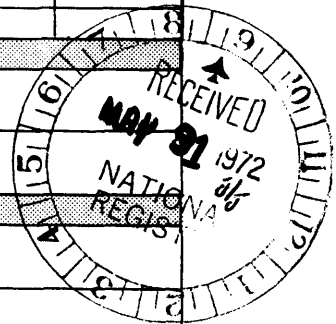


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE:	California
COUNTY:	Yolo
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1. NAME

COMMON: Nelson Ranch

AND/OR HISTORIC: Nelson Ranch

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: County Road 18C between State Route 113 and County Road 102

CITY OR TOWN: Woodland

STATE: California CODE: 06 COUNTY: Yolo CODE: 113

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER: 1416 - 9th Street (Resources Building)

CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Yolo County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Woodland STATE: California CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Nelson Ranch

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Yolo County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 1447

CITY OR TOWN: Woodland STATE: California CODE: 06

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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)			(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

The two story red brick residence, built in 1872 for the family of Camillus Nelson, is picturesquely located north of County Road 98, surrounded by a garden and towering trees. Its architectural design is principally of the Italianate style, although typical local adaptations of various architectural styles were incorporated into the design of this rural home. The house is a two story brick structure with a two story wooden section at the NW corner and a single story wooden section at the NE corner. Standing 25 feet tall, the rectangular house measures 28 feet across the front and 32 feet along the side. It rests on a visible three step brick foundation. The brick is of a style found in Northern California, one row of headers and then six rows of stretchers. The mortar in the first three feet of the walls has eroded from the brick and is in need of restoration.

Each window has a strip cornice above. The central window above the main entrance has a combination of a strip cornice and a pediment. This, along with the gable of the roof, gives the round arched, molded doorway special emphasis. Balustraded porches which formerly adorned the front of both the 1st and 2nd story have been removed, but could be restored.

In addition to the home and an adjacent tank house (without its former windmill), other ranch buildings once included a workman's cabin, blacksmith's shop, carriage barn, large machine shed, granary for wheat and barley, two large hay barns, watering troughs for stock, a small vineyard and a rose garden in front of the house.

The interior design is simple and functionally suited to the home's use as a farm residence for a large family. On the first floor there is a living room, dining room, double parlor, divided by sliding doors; and at the rear is a large porch, the kitchen and a storage room. Eleven foot ceilings are decorated with original rosettes. Some walls and moldings are in need of restoration. A hardwood stairway leads to seven bedrooms on the upper floor.

A parcel of land beginning at the north end of County Road 102 and lying about 2800 feet easterly from that point fronting on the north side of County Road 18-C, and being about 1500 feet in depth.

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PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

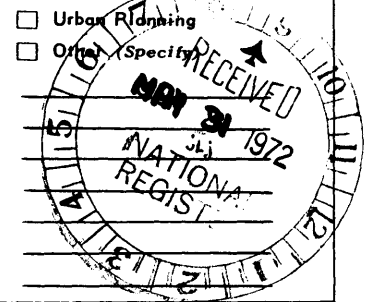
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1872

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The pioneer farm home and 100 acres of the original Camillus Nelson Ranch have recently been deeded to the State of California Department of Parks & Recreation for restoration and development as a living historic agricultural farm. This and another large portion of the Nelson farm, deeded to the University of California Davis School of Medicine, are the gifts of C. Nelson Hackett, grandson of Camillus Nelson, a native of Kentucky and a veteran of the Mexican War, who first came to California in 1849 and settled permanently in Yolo County in the late 1850's.

In about 1872, he acquired clear title to some 3,000 acres of Swamp and Overflow land along the south bank of Cache Creek, land which had formerly been part of Rancho Rio de Jesus Maria, a grant of six leagues made to Thomas M. Hardy, an Englishman, by Mexican Governor M. Micheltorena on October 23, 1843. In the geographic center of these holdings, C. Nelson built an imposing two-story brick residence for his family in 1872, and established headquarters for his extensive cattle and grain-raising operations. This successful agriculturalist served on the Board of Directors when the Bank of Woodland was incorporated in 1868 and made many civic contributions.

The proposed development of this historical landmark into a functioning valley ranch of the 1860-1900 period has statewide and national significance as an educational, cultural and recreational resource. This project has the wholehearted support of the Yolo County Historical Society. Establishment of this "living" museum in Yolo County is of particular significance for several reasons. First, the high degree of agricultural success achieved by the earliest pioneer ranchers of Yolo County led to development of a center of invention and manufacture of farm machinery that has continued to be of international importance. Secondly, the proximity of this proposed outdoor museum of rural Californiana to the State's first agricultural college, established at Davis in 1905, would be of mutual benefit. In addition to an exchange of historical collections for display purposes, the Nelson Ranch could provide an important research and educational resource for many departments on the ever-expanding University of California Davis campus.

Overall, restoration of the pioneer Nelson home and development of the surrounding acreage into a "living" historical farm would provide an educational and cultural resource to be enjoyed by all citizens and

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 State Department of Parks and Recreation

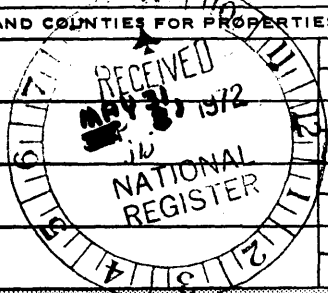
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **100+**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Earl A. Balch, Yolo County Parks Director

ORGANIZATION: Yolo County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee DATE: July 6, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 660 Sixth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Woodland STATE: California CODE: 06

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>August 3, 1970</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>7/17/72</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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8. Significance

would serve as a "living" memorial to all who have contributed to the historical success of California's number one industry--agriculture.

