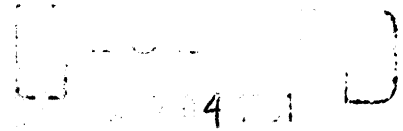


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Mariposa County High School Auditorium

other name/site number: _____

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2. Location

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street & number: 5074 Old Highway North

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Mariposa

vicinity: N/A

state: CA

county: Mariposa

code: 043

zip code: 95338

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private & Public-Local

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
__1__	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
__1__	__0__	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: __0__

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Stade R. Craig _____ March 28, 1991
Signature of certifying official Date
California Office of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

~~Entered in the~~
~~National Register~~

- entered in the National Register
_____ See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the
National Register
_____ See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the
National Register
 removed from the National Register
_____ other (explain): _____

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Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: EDUCATION:

Sub: School

Current : EDUCATION

Sub: School

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Spanish Revival_____

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation-concrete roof-tile
 walls-stucco, tile other-terra cotta

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Mariposa County High School Auditorium is a symmetrical, stucco-sided Spanish Revival or Eclectic building with a Spanish tile roof (McAlester 1984: 417-430). The two-story building is composed of two wings, which project from either end, and form an attractive patio. Over the doors and windows, and on the front facades, are decorative Spanish tiles. The entrances are flanked by pseudo-Grecian urns. The front of the building is made up of three sets of paired vertical windows, which retain the same massing and scale as the original gridded windows, which were removed in the last twenty years in an effort to retrofit the building. Other than changing the windows, the only other alterations have occurred in the interior of the building to make it suitable for school functions and other activities. Overall the exterior of the building retains integrity.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1936-37

Significant Dates : 1936-37

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Weeks, William H.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Mariposa County High School Auditorium contributes to the architectural heritage of the old town of Mariposa and stands alone as a fine example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. The building, which was constructed in 1936-7, reflects the craftsmanship and skills of its Works Progress Administration workforce. This building is Mariposa's best example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style and one of very few architect designed buildings in this small town. William Weeks was perhaps the state's pre-eminent designer of school buildings. His designs show careful attention to detail and graceful proportions, and Mariposa's High School Auditorium exhibits those characteristic qualities.

Construction began on January 7, 1936 and was completed on April 1, 1937, with dedication ceremonies held on April 30th of that year. The building was built with a federal grant of \$66,236 from the WPA and a county bond issue of \$85,000. Weeks designed the building and William Spivok of San Francisco was the contractor. When the building was completed it was among the city's largest buildings and perhaps the most expensive. Given that Mariposa was and is the county seat, most of the county's population attended the high school and functions in the school's auditorium. Today, the building remains a prominent landmark in Mariposa County. It is also Mariposa's only historic school building that retains integrity.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Borchard, Robert L. Mariposa County Gold Rush Design Review Guidelines. Mariposa County Planning Commission, February 6, 1986.
- California Tourism Corporation, pub. Discover the Californias. Merced: World Watercolor Press, 1989.
- McAlester, Virginia and Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York: Alfred Knopf, 1984.
- Mariposa Miner, (newspaper) Mariposa California

___ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- _ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- _ previously listed in the National Register
- _ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- _ designated a National Historic Landmark
- _ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- _ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- _ State historic preservation office
- _ Other state agency
- _ Federal agency
- _ Local government
- _ University
- _ Other -- Specify Repository: Mariposa Museum and History Center, Inc., P.O. Box 606, Mariposa, Ca 95338

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of Property: 2 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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C				D

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the Mariposa County High School Auditorium Building is delineated on the accompanying map. The boundary of the property encompasses the auditorium building, its front entrance, and patio.

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Boundary Justification: The boundary includes the auditorium building, front entrance, and patio, which maintain integrity and contribute to the properties' architectural significance

___ See continuation sheet.

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11. Form Prepared By
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Name/Title: Dana E. Supernowicz/Historical Consultant

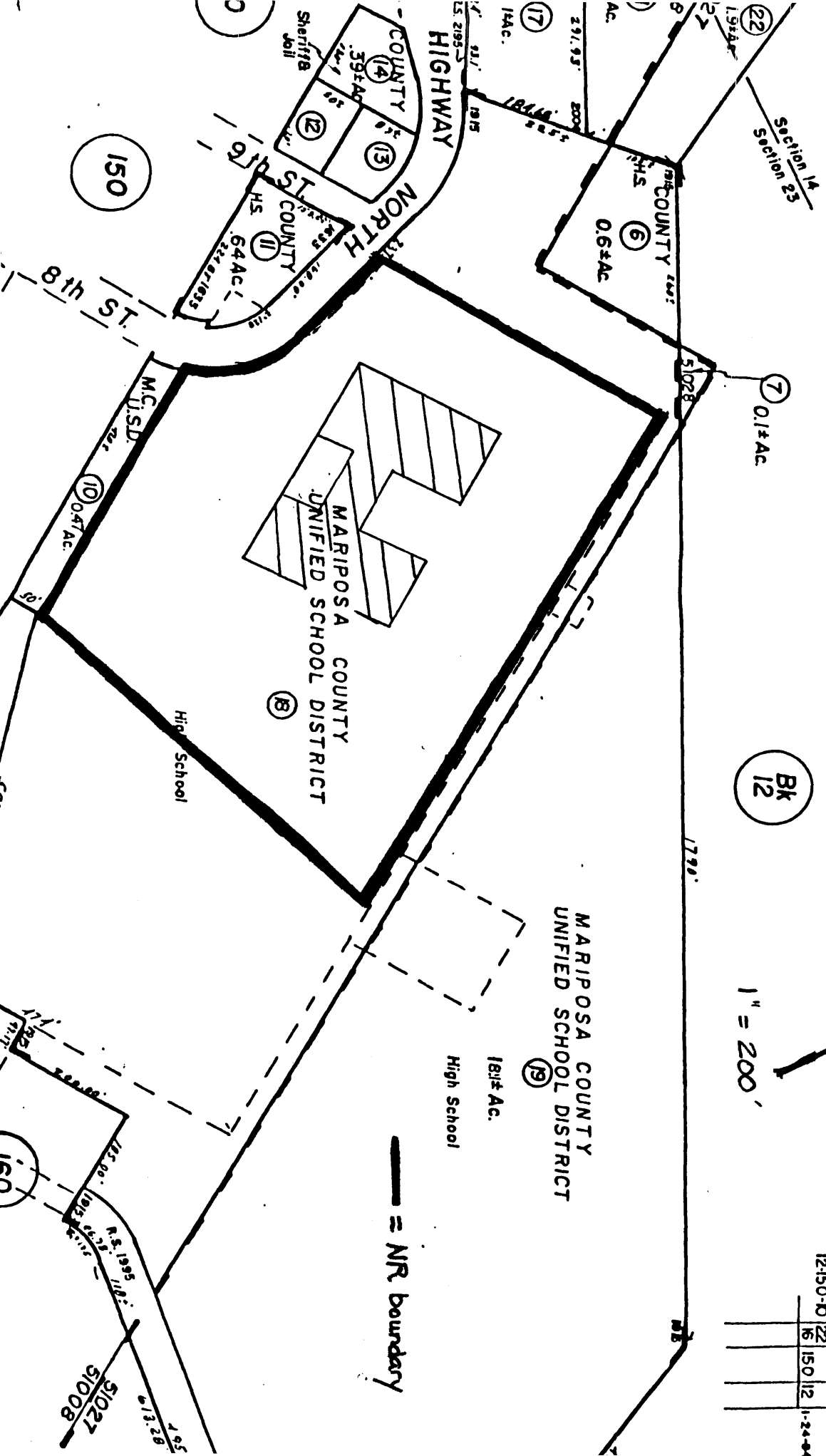
Organization: Mariposa Museum and History Center, Inc. Date: 12/3/90

Street & Number: P.O. Box 606 Telephone: 209-966-2924

City or Town: Mariposa State: Calif Zip: 95338

PROJECTED SECTIONS 14 & 23, T.5S., R.18E., M.D.B.&M.,

Mariposa County High School Auditorium Building Mariposa, California



Parcel History

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