

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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

Bank of Italy

AND/OR COMMON

Livermore City Hall

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2250 First Street

CITY, TOWN

Livermore

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

9

STATE

California

— VICINITY OF

CODE
06COUNTY
AlamedaCODE
001 2**CLASSIFICATION**

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

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Howard A. Ives and Robert J. Schoen

STREET & NUMBER

Two Palo Alto Square, Suite 550

CITY, TOWN

Palo Alto

— VICINITY OF

STATE

California

94304

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Alameda County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

1225 Fallon Street

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

California

94612

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

(UNKNOWN)

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This "Renaissance Revival" style structure is located on the corner of First Street. The entry facade on First Street is approximately forty-seven feet long and thirty-five feet high. The facade is punctuated with three half round arched openings approximately eight feet wide and twenty-one feet high and spaced symmetrically. The center opening is the Building Entrance with glazing above the door to match the adjacent window openings. The openings flanking the entrance are wood sash with clear glass. All openings are recessed to the interior surface to create a heavy shadow pattern. The window sills are approximately four feet above sidewalk level and rest on a solid stone grade beam which runs around the facade of the building.

The remainder of the facade is made up of fourteen courses of rusticated cut stone, a single pilaster projecting three inches from the facade between each of the three openings, and a double pilaster at the corners of the building. The pilasters are rusticated to match the facade wall. Each pilaster has a carved base and an ornate carved capitols of corinthian origin. The keystone above each arched opening has a stone sculptured head of a woman. Above the pilaster capitols is an architrave, a taemia, an entablature with applied relief sculpture of the French "Fleur-de-lis" in line with each pilaster below and the name "Bank of Italy" carved in the center of the span of the architrave. This is topped by a banding of egg and dart, simulated beam ends or triglyphs, and covered with a stone cornice with a coffered soffit. At the roof line of the building is a balustrade of turned balusters, square posts in line with the pilasters below, capped with a simple top rail. Centered above the middle arched opening at the roof is a white painted flag pole.

The facade on South Livermore Avenue is approximately sixty-three feet long and thirty-five feet high and is of identical fenestration to the First Street facade with the exceptions that there are four half round arched window openings, no doorway, and no flag pole at the roof. The remaining two facade are blank and against adjacent buildings. The exterior of the present building remains virtually unchanged from its original appearance.

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 5/17/21 to 1/3/22 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Edward T. Foulkes - Architect
Alfred J. Storm - Builder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building was designated a historical structure by the Livermore City Council on December 12, 1977 under Chapter 11 of Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance 905 adopted December 13, 1976 and Ordinance 906 adopted December 20, 1976.

The Bank of Italy commissioned Alfred J. Storm to construct the Building on May 17, 1921 to be the 13th branch of what is now the largest banking system in the world, the Bank of America. During construction, the Bank of Italy operated out of temporary offices next door on Lizzie Street, (now S. Livermore Ave.).

The branch was officially opened on January 3, 1922 by Charles Arnette Smith, manager. The first customers were Lloyd Henry Lassen and Zelda Hazel Lassen, prominent local farmers. The local Chamber of Commerce gave a reception and dinner that evening. The Toastmaster was Mr. Thomas W. Norris, President of the competing First National Branch of Livermore.

The building was purchased by the City of Livermore for use as City Hall on August 28, 1957. Since that time, livermore's population has grown from 12,000 to over 48,000 residents. The building known as "City Hall" for the past 30 years is identified as the focal point of city government during the city's period of major growth. Because of continually expanding needs, the City of Livermore will soon be moving into a newly constructed City Hall Center.

Landmark status has been given to the granite faced building, not only for its own historic and architectural features, but because it stands across Livermore's center from other historical buildings of the same era and style.

The Bank of Italy is architecturally significant as an early 20th century Second Renaissance Revival bank building, and is an excellent example of the neo-classic architecture which embellished California's early 20th century townscape.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Bankitaly Life, January 1922 - Enclosed -

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 2571 Sq. Ft. (-1/16 Acre)

QUADRANGLE NAME NE/4 Livermore 15' Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:2400

UTM REFERENCES

A 10 608700 4171980

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See Continuation Sheet)

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Howard A. Ives and Robert J. Schoen (Owners)

2/27/78

ORGANIZATION

N.A.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Two Palo Alto Square, Suite 550

TELEPHONE

(415) 493-4004

CITY OR TOWN

Palo Alto

STATE

California

94304

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

Knox Mellon

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 5/22/78

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

Charles Adams
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

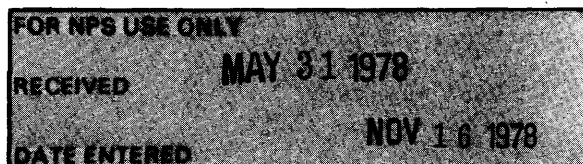
DATE 11-16-78

ATTEST: *W. Ray Luce*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 11-15-78

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES ATTACHED (3):

Livermore Herald, Livermore, CA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>
May 21, 1921	Front Page	MicroFilm #11
December 31, 1921	Front Page	Period January 1, 1921 to December 28, 1923
January 7, 1922	Front Page & Page Eight	Livermore Public Library

Additional References Available:

August 2, 1957	Page 2	MicroFilm #28
March 21, 1958	Front Page	August 2, 1957 to May 1, 1958 Livermore Public Library

Livermore News, Livermore, CA

July 9, 1957	Front Page	MicroFilm #27
July 30, 1957	Page 2	January 22, 1956 to October 7, 1958
March 25, 1958	Front Page	Livermore Public Library

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That parcel of land in the City of Livermore, County of Alameda, State of California, described as follows:

Portion of Block 1, Map of the McLeod Tract, filed September 8, 1875, Map Book 6, page 2, Alameda County Records, described as follows:

Beginning at the Point of intersection of the northeastern line of South Livermore Avenue, formerly Lizzie Street, with the north-western line of First Street, as said avenue and street existed November 11, 1942; thence along the said line of South Livermore Avenue north 38° 46' west 62.96 feet; thence north 42° 19' 30" east 37.87 feet until intersected by the direct production north-westerly of the southwestern boundary line of that certain parcel of land described in deed to L. Schenone and wife, recorded June 21, 1922, Series No. S-209827, in Book 212 of Official Records of Alameda County, page 278; thence along the said line so produced, and along the southwestern boundary line of the Schenone parcel of land south 47° 40' 30" east 62.20 feet to a point on the said northwestern line of First Street, also known as East First Street; thence along the said last mentioned line south 42° 19' 30" west 47.62 feet to the point of beginning.

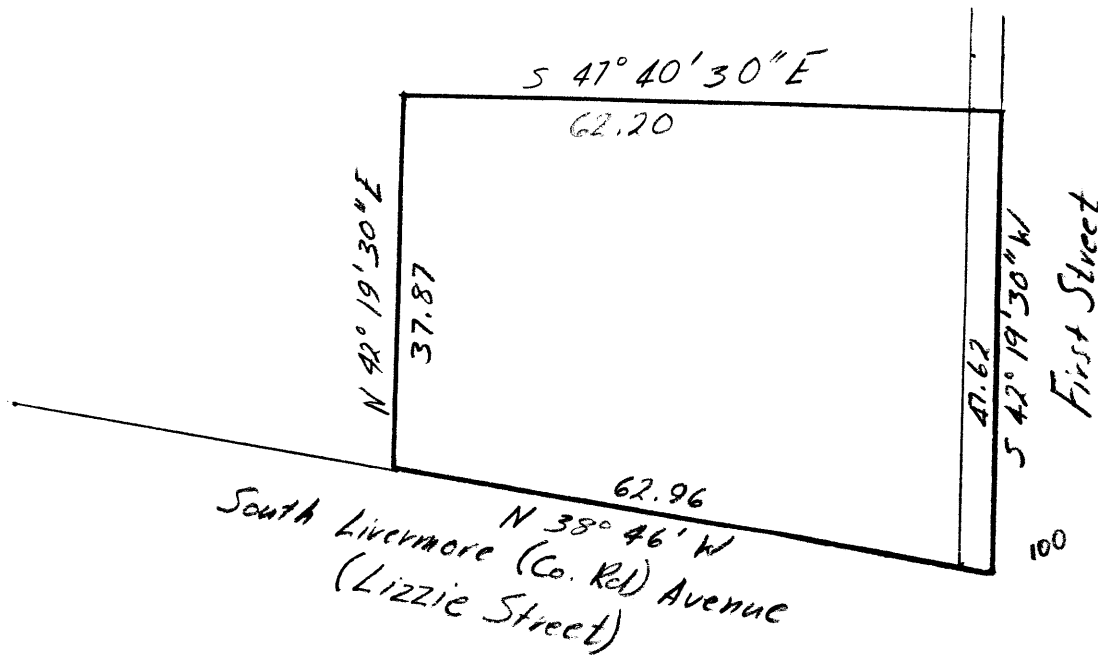
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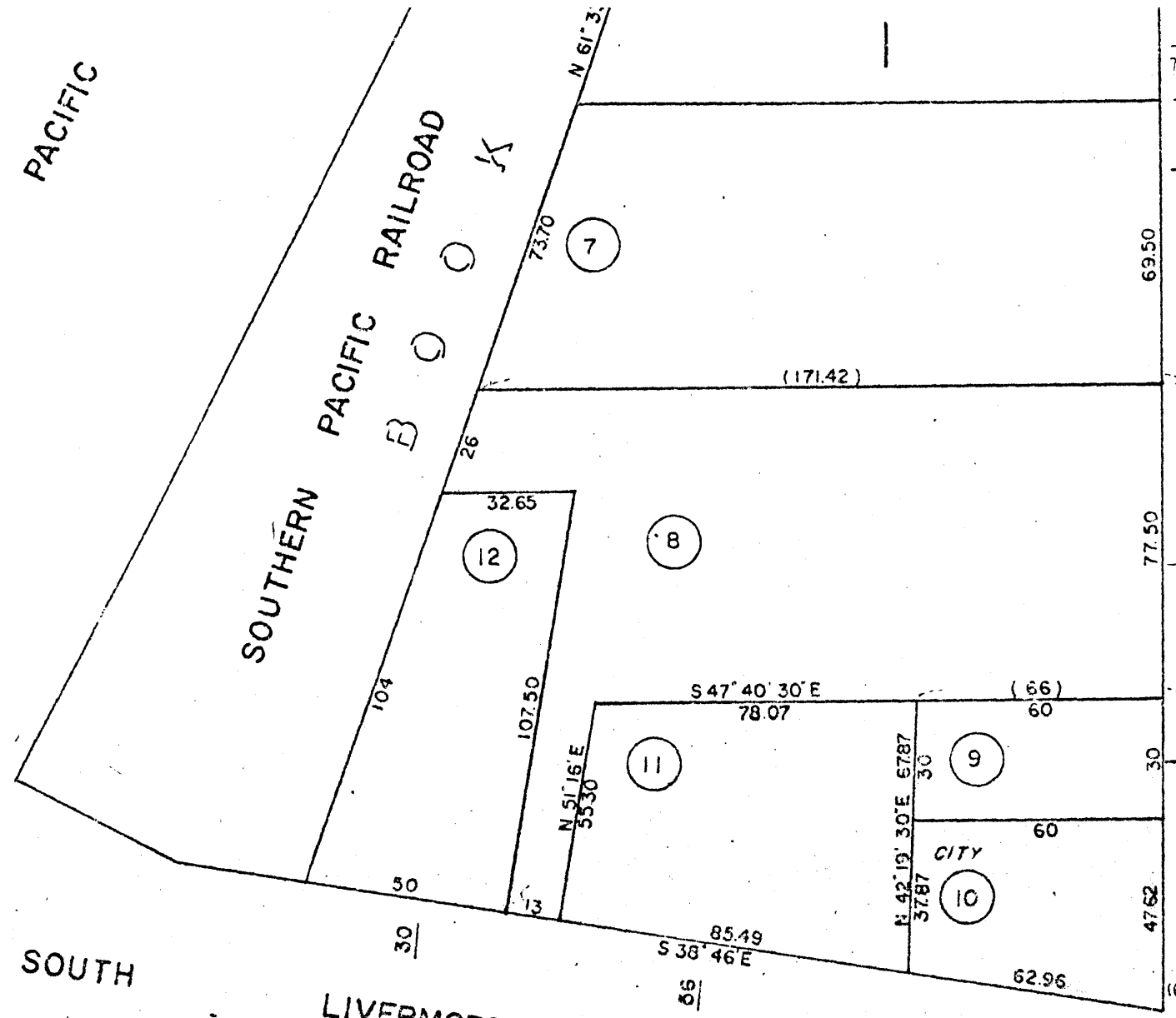
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD

SOUTH

LIVERMORE

AVENUE

ACM 49



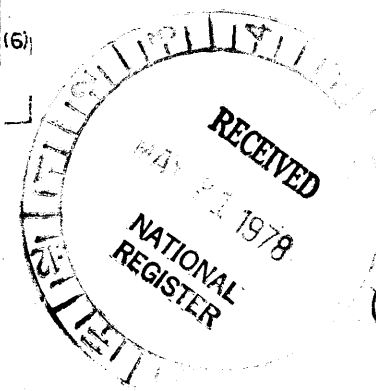
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 2330
 2326
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FIRST

2310 Odd lot apt - 2 apt
 2309 - upstairs apt
 2298 - 1st floor apt
 2296 - later use
 2290
 2285

2262 Upstairs

2262
 2250



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