

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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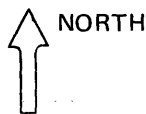
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: old LaGrange Schoolhouse
2. Historic name, if known: LaGrange Schoolhouse
3. Street or rural address La Grange Road/Floto Road  
 City: LaGrange ZIP: 95329 County: Stanislaus
4. Present owner, if known: Stanislaus County Address: 1716 Morgan Road  
 City: Modesto ZIP: 95351 Ownership is: Public  Private
5. Present Use: Vacant; In process of restoration. Original Use: School
- Other past uses: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

6. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:  
 A one story, wood-frame building with rock foundation and shingle roof. Vernacular rendition of the Greek Revival with picturesque details added at a later date. Facade delineated by three bays surmounted by a steeply pitched gable with pilasters supporting box cornice return. Symmetry is enhanced by fanlights above the central entrance porch and rear windows; originally these apertures provided ventilation for the attic. Coffered door with some Italinatate details; transom above the entrance. A new bell tower replaces the original, itself probably a turn of the century addition. The restored tower differs slightly in decorative jigsaw patterning from the original and no longer supports the flag spire. Evidently a porch was added across the front, wrapping around the building's sides to the first windows; this structure was also apparently added ca.1900. Originally, the windows were covered by shutters. (See continuation sheet.)

7. Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



VBD:

Beginning at intersection of La Grange and Floto streets, on the W side where La Grange changes directions from SE to SW, proceed 255 ft W to true point of beginning in parcel 13 of Assessors map 8-27; then proceed 56 ft N, the 35 ft W, then 56 ft S, the 35 ft E to point of beginning.

per SHPO 8-2-79

8. Approximate property size:  
 Lot size (in feet) Frontage 125' x 500' revised, see box 7  
 Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
 or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
9. Condition: (check one)  
 a. Excellent  b. Good  c. Fair   
 d. Deteriorated  e. No longer in existence
10. Is the feature a. Altered?  b. Unaltered?
11. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary)  
 a. Open land  b. Scattered buildings   
 c. Densely built-up  d. Residential   
 e. Commercial  f. Industrial   
 g. Other  \_\_\_\_\_
12. Threats to site:  
 a. None known  b. Private development   
 c. Zoning  d. Public Works project   
 e. Vandalism  f. Other  \_\_\_\_\_
13. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): 5/3/78

NOTE: The following (Items 14-19) are for structures only.

14. Primary exterior building material: a. Stone  b. Brick  c. Stucco  d. Adobe  e. Wood   
 f. Other  With a rock foundation.
15. Is the structure: a. On its original site?  b. Moved?  c. Unknown?
16. Year of initial construction 1875 This date is: a. Factual  b. Estimated
17. Architect (if known): Unknown
18. Builder (if known): Unknown
19. Related features: a. Barn  b. Carriage house  c. Outhouse  d. Shed(s)  e. Formal garden(s)   
 f. Windmill  g. Watertower/tankhouse  h. Other  \_\_\_\_\_ i. None

SIGNIFICANCE

20. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site when known):

The LaGrange schoolhouse is a good example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture found in nineteenth century California. Undoubtedly built partially as a byproduct of the prosperity accruing to LaGrange during the 1870's following a massive hydraulic mining operation in the area, the school was the community's first educational institution. Another wave of prosperity during the 1890's possibly coincided with the decision to add the picturesque tower and porch. Both the 1875 Greek Revival and the ca.1900 picturesque details present on the building's exterior are indicative of major stylistic trends in California at these periods.

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21. Main theme of the historic resource: (Check only one): a. Architecture  b. Arts & Leisure   
 c. Economic/Industrial  d. Exploration/Settlement  e. Government  f. Military   
 g. Religion  h. Social/Education
22. Sources: List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates:  
 M.B. Hoover, H.E. Rensch and E.G. Rensch, Historic Spots in California, 3rd edition, Stanford, 1966.

23. Date form prepared: \_\_\_\_\_ By (name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Continuation Sheet

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Description: LaGrange Schoolhouse

The interior apparently housed a single schoolroom with entry hall and coatroom. Original painted wood blackboard remains.

At some later date one rear window was altered to construct a second exit from the building. A side window was similarly altered to allow passage to an added unit of toilets. The coat room was also changed to a washroom, while a section of wall was removed between the coatroom and classroom to allow passage from one area to the other over an added counter. The side bathroom is the only intrusion.