

PH 0037303

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California	
COUNTY: Monterey	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 12.106.0002	DATE 1/7/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Monterey State Historic Park

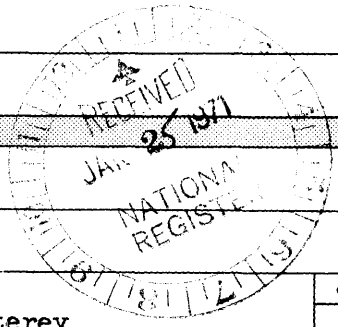
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Stevenson House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Houston Street between Pearl and Webster

CITY OR TOWN:
Monterey

STATE: **California** CODE: **06** COUNTY: **Monterey** CODE: **053**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<u>Literature</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" 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.:
Monterey County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Salinas

CITY OR TOWN: **Salinas** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee

DATE OF SURVEY: **3/12/52** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Parks and Recreation

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

CITY OR TOWN: **Sacramento** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: **California**

COUNTY: **Monterey**

ENTRY NUMBER: **12.106.0002**

DATE: **1/7/71**

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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 Stevenson House is of quaint Spanish Colonial Style built in the 1830s. It is a composite 2-story house. Some walls are of chalk rock laid up in mud mortar, others are of wood frame. The exterior walls are plastered with limestone mortar; bracketed overhanging roof is covered with wood shingles. The present building which has been remodeled several times for successive owners is approximately 45' x 51'. Windows are double hung wood sash and fixed casement sash. Exterior doors are of panelled wood. The interior walls are plastered; floors are of wide wood planks. Walks, garden walls, shrubs, fences and trees are non-historic developments.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

State Landmark No 352 - the Stevenson House is reminiscent of the stay of Robert Louis Stevenson in Monterey - Autumn of 1879. Here he lived and courted Fannie Osbourne who was later to become his wife, and here today may be found the world's largest collection of "Stevensoniana." While prior to his fame, this period represents one of the most decisive periods in his life. Part of the house is furnished as it was when owned by the Girardin and Gonzales families. The main emphasis, however, is Stevenson.

The original adobe residence was built circa 1836 by Don Rafael Gonzalez, customs administrator at the Port of Monterey. From 1856 and through the 1870's Juan Girardin, merchant, operated a general store on the lower floor, with his family residence and some cheap rooms for boarders upstairs. Frame additions were added during this period. It was the cheap room and board that attracted Robert Louis Stevenson to the house.

Stevenson's attachment to Mrs. Fannie Van de Grift Osbourne was a principal factor in his decision to come to California and Monterey, where Mrs. Osbourne, whom he had met in Europe, was sojourning. Both Stevenson's character and the entire trend of his life were influenced by the brief, three-months stay here on the Monterey coast. "In Monterey some of his greatest friendships matured; among them were those of Fannie Osbourne, who became his wife; her sister Nellie Sanchez, his amanuensis, and Jules Simonean, his lifelong friend."

While his health as well as his fortunes seemed at a low ebb here, Monterey and the modest residence in this house proved to be a turning point. Stevenson felt here for the first time, it has been said, "the need for money and the necessity to earn it strengthened the character of his writings . . . he worked furiously, spurred only by his need".

Among works begun, planned or written in his quarters at the Stevenson House were An Amateur Emigrant; The Pavilion on the Links; Prince Otto; essays on Thoreau and the Japanese reformer Yoshida Torajiro; The Old Pacific Capitol. Inspiration for Stevenson's famous classic Treasure Island was drawn from the rugged beauty of the Monterey coast.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rensch - Historic Spots in California
Robert Louis Stevenson House - Monterey County.
 Christian Ecklon, 1940.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

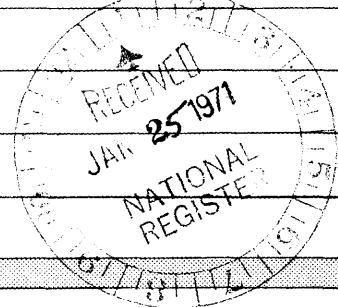
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE					
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	36	°	35'	51"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	121	°	53'	36"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"				
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"				

UTM
 10/59902
 4050600
 03

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.5 Acres ±

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Allen W. Welts, State Park Historian III

ORGANIZATION: Department of Parks and Recreation DATE: 3/20/70

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

CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California CODE: 06

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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:

National State Local

Name [Signature]

Title State Liaison Officer

Date October 16, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date JAN 7 1972

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date DEC 9 1971