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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC INDEPENDENCE HALL

AND/OR COMMON SCOUT HALL

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

129 Albion Ave.

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Woodside, CA

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12th

STATE

California

___ VICINITY OF

CODE 94062 06

COUNTY

San Mateo

CODE 081

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: not used.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME James R. Rice

STREET & NUMBER

129 Albion Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Woodside

___ VICINITY OF

STATE California 94062

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. San Mateo County Government Center, County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Redwood City, CA

California 94063

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

1. Junior League of Palo Alto, Historic Structures Survey

DATE

1974

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE COUNTY ___ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Junior League Office

CITY, TOWN

555 Ravenswood Ave.; Menlo Park

STATE California 94025

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

—EXCELLENT
GOOD
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED
—RUINS
—UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED
ALTERED

CHECK ONE

—ORIGINAL SITE
MOVED DATE 1894

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Independence Hall of Woodside, constructed in 1881-84, has served the community as a meeting place for most of its history. Built by local carpenters from local lumber, it replaced the Starlight Hall, a meeting hall razed when its location was bought by the Miramontez family to build a residence. One and a half stories high, the architectural style of this wood frame building is a provincial adaptation of Greek Revival; ^{ITALIANATE} it measures 30 feet across the facade by 50 feet front to rear. The facade, and south and west sides of the building have 10 inch ship-lap siding, while the north side, (obscured by heavy shrubbery and trees) still retains the original board and batten siding. (Date of the ship-lap siding uncertain, but appears to be well-preserved old wood). The entrance doorway, with transom, is centered in the building's facade and is flanked either side by sash windows; a double sash window is centered at the upper story level. The north and south sides have three windows each and an exit doorway each side with six-light transoms above. (These fire-exits appear to have originally been windows). At the rear or west side of the building an addition (date unknown, but covered in the same ship-lap siding as the Hall) contains a stage area; from the interior the stage is sealed off from the main room by sheet-rock. A later storage shed is attached to the stage addition. (See photos 1,2,3,7A & 7B, Folio II)

In 1894, the Hall was moved from the Kelly property on Woodside Rd. just 300 feet east and north onto its present site on Alcion Ave. Both sites were many-treed residential locations, just a quarter mile from the village center. The Kelly property later became an additional part of the Woodside Elementary School. The moving of the building seems to have been necessitated to keep the building in the hands of the Independence Hall Committee since M. G. Kelly died, intestate in 1894. (No document for verification of this reason is available). Since the sites were very similar, no effects upon the historical integrity of the second location can be observed. The original site, however, is now the location of the Woodside Elementary School Tennis Courts. (Photos # 9A & 9B). The second site, having a slight grade, necessitated the building being set on a high wood, concrete and (later) stuccoed foundation.

Until its renovation in 1944, the building remained much in its original state. In the renovation process, the interior lath and plaster walls were replaced with sheet-rock and the plumbing fixtures, new in 1903, were replaced; a window was added at the south-east corner, south side of the building. A hardwood floor, still in fine condition (see Photos 6 A & B) replaced the old floor and the wooden front steps were replaced by wide curving brick and concrete steps, a gift to the renovation executed by the Hall's owner, Mr. Fred Mighall. A small kitchen was updated with modern appliances in the building's north-east corner. The Hall's front 6 over 6 windows and the added window south-east corner, were given single-pane sashes in the renovation. Originally, the building's windows were snutted and all windows and the entrance doorway had cornice caps. The snutters were removed in the renovating, but the upper floor window and all windows on the north side still have the original cornice caps. These were removed from the other windows. In addition, all of the 6 over 6 windows have retained more than half of their original hand crafted old panes.

Both the interior and the exterior of the Hall are in good condition. The stair to the upper story was removed some years ago by the owner, but the upper floor is accessible through the stair opening in the ceiling of the north-east corner of the kitchen. In the second story, hand-newn beams and square nails attest to the age of this fine historic building. (Photos 8A & B).

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Constructed in 1881 or 1884 BUILDER/ARCHITECT no record

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Independence Hall, well-known pioneer landmark, is one of the five surviving original buildings of the Woodside Village Community, and has spent most of its 93 plus years in active use by the community. (News account of 1919, Folio I Pg. 6 and news account of 1944, Pg. 9).

When the town's former meeting hall, the Starlight Hall, was razed to make way for the construction of the Miramontez residence on Woodside Road, Independence Hall was built on the west edge of the M. G. Kelly property on the south side of Woodside Road, where it provided the local citizens with a much needed meeting place. The wood-frame building, with shuttered and cornice-capped windows was a pleasant setting for the first rural Congregational Church services in San Mateo County. It served as a voting place in many elections and as a community meeting-hall for dances, plays, and minstrel shows of local participation. (Folio 1, Pg. 7) An "Independence Hall Committee" was at that time comprised of pioneer citizens of Woodside, Dr. Tripp, Messrs Jenkins, Winkler, McArthur, Shine and Greeley, and the Hall was indeed the focal point of village life.

In 1894, the Hall was moved just 300 feet east and north onto Alvin Avenue property bought by the Independence Hall Association (the earlier Hall Committee); the group at this time incorporated and sold shares to the community. (Folio I, Pg. 5) Ledgers at the San Mateo Historical Society provide lists of the subscribers to Independence Hall from 1894 through 1915. Of special interest is the record of fees paid for moving the Hall. (Folio I, Pgs. 3 & 6) Although records do not state a reason for moving the Hall, it is known that M. G. Kelly died, intestate, in 1894, and rather than lose the building altogether, the Hall committee must have deemed it prudent to buy the nearby Alvin Ave. property from Mr. George Ross, and to reestablish Independence Hall there for the community's continued use. Its former site later became part of the Woodside School property.

Activities at the Hall were minimal during World War I, and with many of the early Association members now deceased, the Hall was sold in December 1919 to association member Mr. Henry Koop, who, a news account reported "will continue the building as an amusement place". (Folio I, Pg. 6) After outsiders began coming to the Hall dances, during this Prohibition era, the rowdiness got out of hand and the Hall was closed by court order, in 1921. Approximately a year later, Mr. Koop sold the property to Fred Mighall.

In 1944, interested citizens saw a new purpose for the neglected pioneer landmark and a new Hall Committee was formed. (Folio I, Pg. 9) Townspeople, eager to have a place for the young people to meet, generously donated more funds than were actually needed. Mr. Fred Mighall, the Hall owner and public-spirited Woodside resident, was contacted and was a ready and willing worker who proceeded to renovate the old building, inside and out, with Scout and community help, finally adding, as his own personal contribution, a large curving stair of concrete and brick in place of the wooden entrance steps. (Folio I, Pg. 5) On Sunday, November 5, 1944,

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. San Mateo County Historical Museum Files: Independence Hall Ledger, & Independence Hall Shares receipts, 1894.
2. Records: Title Insurance and Trust, 333 Marshall, Redwood City, Ca.
3. Redwood City Tribune: 5-21-60; 1-25-62; 11-3-44
4. Redwood City Democrat: 1-4-94; 9-27-94; 8-6-96; Redwood City Standard: 12-18-19
5. Woodside Town Hall Archives (Cont'd)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.04 acres.

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>10</u>	<u>5570</u>	<u>4162500</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located on west side of Albion Road 150 feet north of Woodside Road.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
<u>N/A</u>			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Frances Roesler (Mrs. Edward Jr.) Chairman Woodside Historical Survey
Sally J. Lemoin (Mrs. Donald H.) Co-Chairman May 1977

ORGANIZATION Woodside Historic Resources Survey

DATE 851-1930

STREET & NUMBER 1200 Mountain Home Road

TELEPHONE 851-1930 or 851-7764

CITY OR TOWN Woodside

STATE California 94062

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 Herbert Rhodes

TITLE SHPO

DATE July 25, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: <u>Charles W. [Signature]</u>	DATE <u>8.3.78</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>8.3.78</u>

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1976

Fed. ___ State ___ County x Local x

Depository for Survey records: Dept. of Parks and Recreation

City

Sacramento, California

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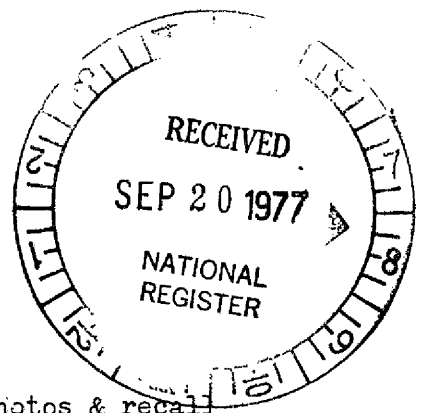
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6. Richard Schellens Historical account of San Mateo Co. (Redwood City Library
Microfilm files)
7. Mr. John Volpiano, Life resident of Woodside and former Fire Chief of Woodside.
8. Mrs. Blanche Walker Coats; Resident of Woodside for most of her 100 years.
Oldest living pioneer resident of Woodside.
9. Mrs. Elsa Mueller, life resident of Woodside and photographer of early village
days.
10. Mrs. Fred Eilerman, resident
11. Mr. Parker Woods, former president of the Woodside Foundation.
12. Mrs. Norman Velliquette, life resident, pioneer family of Woodside.
13. CROSSROADS by Gilbert Richards (1973)
14. Joseph Hallett, Life resident
15. Vern Kelly, Life Resident

= INFORMATION SOURCES =



Pictures etc. :- Elsa Mueller - photos & recall
Norma Velliquette " " (related to
Chairmen's " " Fred Mighall)

Libraries :- San M. Museum Library
Independ. Hall Ledgers
" " Share Books
Microfilm of SM Gazette

Redwood City Library
Maps
Richard Schellens Collection (mostly RCDemo.,
RedW Stand.)

Letters :- Blanche Coats
Parker Wood (Chair.Youth activ.)

Woodside TH Archives:- Paper Clippings

County Dept. Of Records

" Assessors Office

Title & Trust Co.

Books :- Gil Richards " Cross Roads "

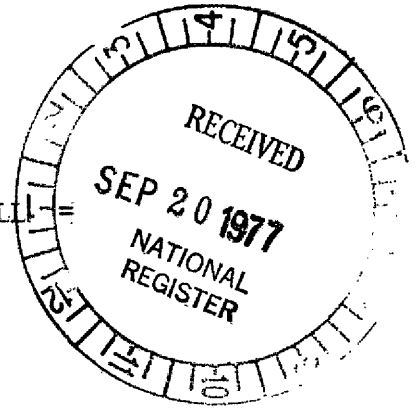
Phone Calls & Interviews :- John Volpiano
Joe Hallett
Vern Kelly
Elsa Mueller
Norma Velliquette
Lorraine Eilerman
Blanche Coats
Parker Wood

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= OUTLINE HISTORY OF INDEPENDENCE HALL =



- Hall built by Association on Kelly/School Property ? 1881 ? 1884
- " moved to 129 Albion Ave. (not known why) 1894
- " property payment completed to Mr. George Ross 1902
- " minimal use (during World war 1 years) 1914
- " bought from Association & operated by Mr. Henry Koop 1919
- " closed by court order of Judge Griffin (rowdy parties) 1921
- " bought by Fred Mighall around 1922
- " reopened by Scout Hall Comm., & Mr. Mighall (funds, Communit. Chest) 1944
- " management change, Youth Activities Comm., later Wds. Foundat. 1960
- " closed, lack of funding 1970
- " to be moved or torn down , request of owner, (relative F. Mighall) 1977

1889 Independence Hall Cr.

June 24	Cash on hand as reported by R. C. Tripp Treasurer.	\$ 40.50
July 20	Hall rent	2.50
Aug 3 rd	Hall rent	6.00
Sept 1	Hall rent	6.00
Oct 19	Hall rent	6.00
Dec 14	Hall rent	6.00
¹⁸⁹⁰ April 12	Hall rent	6.00
1890 May 7		<u>73.00</u>
	Balance Cash on hand	33.64
May 17	Hall rent	40.36
July 4	Hall rent	6.00
Aug 12	Hall rent	6.00
Sept 27	Hall rent	6.00
Nov 1	Hall rent	6.00
Dec 27	Hall rent	4.00
¹⁸⁹¹ April 4	Hall rent	6.00
May 16	Hall rent	6.00
		<u>86.36</u>
		11.80
		<u>\$ 74.56</u>
¹⁸⁹² Aug 22	Hall rent	4.00
Nov 14	" "	6.00
¹⁸⁹² June 23	" "	6.00
April 23	" "	6.00
		<u>22.00</u>
		<u>\$ 96.56</u>
		4.00
¹⁸⁹² May 7	Cash on Hand	92.56

1892

Aug	28	R. Q. Tripp Bill	\$19.90
June	18	Cleaning Hall	1.00
"	22	Insurance on	11.25
July	30	Cleaning Hall	1.00
Oct	15	"	1.00
1893			
May	6	R. Q. Tripp Bill	3.05
1893			
May	27	Expense	37.20
May	27	For cleaning Hall	1.00
July	30	"	1.00
Oct	23	"	1.00
Dec	5	R. Q. Tripp	25.25
1894			28.25
Jan	2	Paid Geo. C. Ross on lot	\$100.00
June	21	" " " Incorporating	50.00
Oct	1	R. Q. Tripp Bill	13.50
"	10	Paid Sam. Hall for moving hall	52.00
"	16	" Martin Wolf	43.90
"	27	Hanson & Co for lumber	49.60
Nov	15	Case Coal Oil	2.50
Dec	4	Cash paid Row Kelly for rent	1.00
"	15	Lamp shaded reflector	40
		Expense	312.90

Independence Hall asst expense.

Jan 15	Corporation Tax # 5759				1.00	-
Feb 23	Notary fee					50
June	Insurance ^{11.25} _{1.70}					9.55
May 25	Electric Lights for Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May					5.00
	Electric Lights for June July					2.00
July 30	State Tax					6.11
July	Cleaning around the Hall					1.50
	Expense for dance given by Hall May 25					22.30
	Electric Light Bill for Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.					5.10
	Notary fee					50
Nov 15	State & County Tax					4.85
	Balance Jan 1 - 1919					32.92
						100.33

By 4/19
 bet Dr & Cr
 + Bkpt acct

Expense of the dance given by the Independence Hall May 25, 1918 were

Music	\$ 5.00	continued McArthur Advertising & Tickets	
Railroad Fare	1.40		.75
Ed. Gieley	.75		3.75
			\$ 22.30

Independence Hall Association

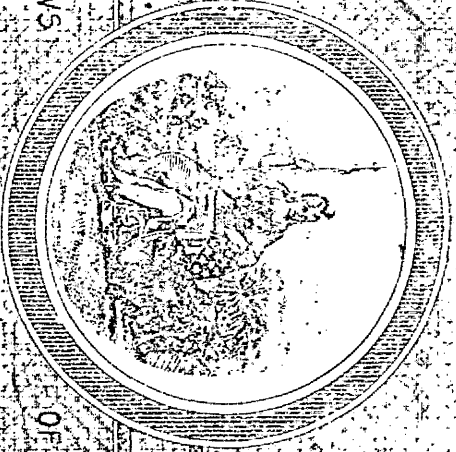


CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.

2,000 SHARES.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS

OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



MAY 28, 1894

Witness my hand and seal

D. S. Richards 11-1895

This certifies that

David *James* the Capital Stock of the

Independence Hall Association

Independence Hall Association

Subject to the provisions of the By-Laws of the Corporation. Transferred to and on the

Book of the Corporation, entered by *Shelby* on surrender of this Certificate

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT

27-27

other share (over)

~~1898~~ J.V. Hollinghead 1898 ~~1898~~
R.O. Tripp 1898
S.M. Saunders 1898
Thom. Early 1898
G.D. Greeley 1898
E. H. Greeley 1898
Henry McArthur 1898
Thom Shine 1898
Ed Shine 1898
M.B. Boyd 1899

Geo. Shine 1899
Geo. Ross 1902
M. Ayers 1902
Henry Jenkins 1894
R.G. Winkler 1894
J.F.C. Winkler 1894
E.H.L. Winkler 1894
W.J. McHarty 1894
Andrew Halburton 1895
George Rice 1896
George Doyle 1896
J.H. Ramsay 1898

} early.

San Mateo Hist. Museum Library

RC Dem Jan 28, 1892:

The young ladies of Woodside gave a leap year ball in Independence Hall Saturday evening. The attendance was large, Redwood, Menlo and Searsville well represented. The music was furnished by the Redwood City Singing Band;

Mr. Richard Schellens collection.
Redwood City Library

RC Dem 1-4-94: "A very pleasant dance was given by the young men of our village in Independence Hall last Saturday evening, in honor of the New Year. Music was furnished by local talent and dancing was indulged in until midnight when all departed after having spent a very pleasant evening. Those present were: Misses Lucy and Ada Bottger, Belle McArthur, Nana Newman (Nana), Kate and Gergette Squires, Lucy Michael, Grace Dearborn, Maggie Myers, and Laura Shine, Blanche Walker, Anita McCormick, Agnes Early, Addie Tripp, Georgie Zeigenhurst; Mesdames Ayers and McArthur, Messrs Ed and George Greeley, Ed. Cooney, Henry and George McArthur, E. Early, Charles Good, Peter Hanson, D. De S, Ed Shine, Clarence Melvin, Al Newman, J. W. Johnson, C. O. White, Ed Hallett, Harry Jimison, Fred Leslie, George Whorton, J. V. Hollingshead, George Hott and William Hanson."

8-27-94: "The contract for moving Independence Hall has been let to Mitchell & Wolf of Redwood City."

8-6-98: "A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Independence Hall Saturday night under the auspices of the local members of the State Women's Suffrage Assn. The audience was addressed by Mrs Laura Riddell, the state organizer of precinct clubs, Rev. F. Marr of Redwood, Mr. Switzer of Palo Alto, Mr. J. Kreiss of the Canyons, and Mrs Spedding of Woodside... The meeting was followed by an impromptu dance participated in by the young people of Woodside."

Tripp store collection:

"\$5.00. Woodside Jan 9th 1894. R. O. Tripp, Treasurer of Hall, pay to the order of H. Laurilliard Five Dollars. Value received and charge the same to account of Independence Hall Association, for tuning and repairing piano, G. D. Greeley, sec."

do "\$8.75 to C. Larson (reason not stated).... Independence Hall Association, G. D. Greeley, sec."

do "\$6.00 to Henry Koop, for labor on hall... Independence Hall Assn G. D. Greeley."

do \$11.75 to F. W. Glennen (Glennan) for insurance.... Independence Hall Association, G. D. Greeley

RC Std 12-18-19: "The old Independence Hall, one of the landmarks of Woodside, was sold by the hall assn last week to Henry Koop, who will continue the building as an amusement place. The hall was erected in 1881 by a number of enterprising citizens of Woodside and for many years was the scene of many enjoyable affairs. Many of the old stockholders have since passed away, so the assn thought best to dispose of the property. Henry Jenkins was secretary of the assn."

Woodside Boy Scout Hall To Be Dedicated Sunday

WOODSIDE — Dedicatory ceremonies on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5, will formally open the Scout Hall in Woodside as an activity center for the young people of Portola and Woodside.

The dedication of Scout Hall will be a memorable event in the annals of Woodside's picturesque history, leaders predicted, because it recalls the colorful history of an old landmark, it represents the realization of a dream for those interested in the welfare of youth, and to youth, it means a suitable meeting place for future activities.

Mr. Ellerman suggested the old, unused Independence Hall be renovated to accommodate the youth groups of the community. He approached Fred Michall, who owns the property and found an interested, public spirited helper. In the negotiations that followed, the Woodside-Portola Boy Scout Troop committee leased the building until 1950 for the payment of the annual taxes. Chief John Volpiano was named as chairman of the remodeling committee and work went forward with success. Serving with Volpiano were Smith, H. M. Carscadden of the Red Feather Products, who acted as architect; Griff Nickols had charge of finances, and Michall and Ellerman had charge of the actual remodeling, labor and materials. Robert Riddel acted as secretary for the project. Letters went out and all money for materials and equipment was acquired entirely through local donations which are still being received. Practically all labor was donated by carpenters, plumbers, electricians and painters of Redwood City and Woodside. Every local boy scout has done his share of work on the remodeling and will assist in the care of the

hall.

Although the building is resplendent in its coat of paint and substantial brick approach, its modern plumbing and translucent lights, there still remains the aura of the past, dating back to 1884 when it was erected where the John J. Kelley home now is. A corporation, known as the Independence Hall Assn. had charge of the affairs of the hall. Stocks were sold at \$5 a share and listed as early stockholders were Dr. Robert O. Tripp, J. K. G. Winkler, J. T. C. Winkler, E. H. L. Winkler, Henry Koop, Hugh McArthur, Henry Jenkins, G. D. Greely, Nicholas Hansen, W. J. McNulty, A. Haliburton, George H. Rice, George H. Buck (Judge Buck), Thomas Shine, T. H. Ramsey, E. D. Jones, J. V. Hollinshead, G. M. Saunders, Thomas Early, A. A. Neuman.

Just 50 years ago in October the hall was moved to its present location and up until about a decade ago was the scene of varied activities. In the early 1900's several dances a month were often scheduled, Stanford University groups being regularly on the list. There were socials, political rallies and dancing classes. The charge for rental apparently varied, for a medicine show it was as high as \$15 and for a church social as low as \$1.75. One continuous item of business" was the payment of \$1 for "sweeping the floor and filling the lamps."

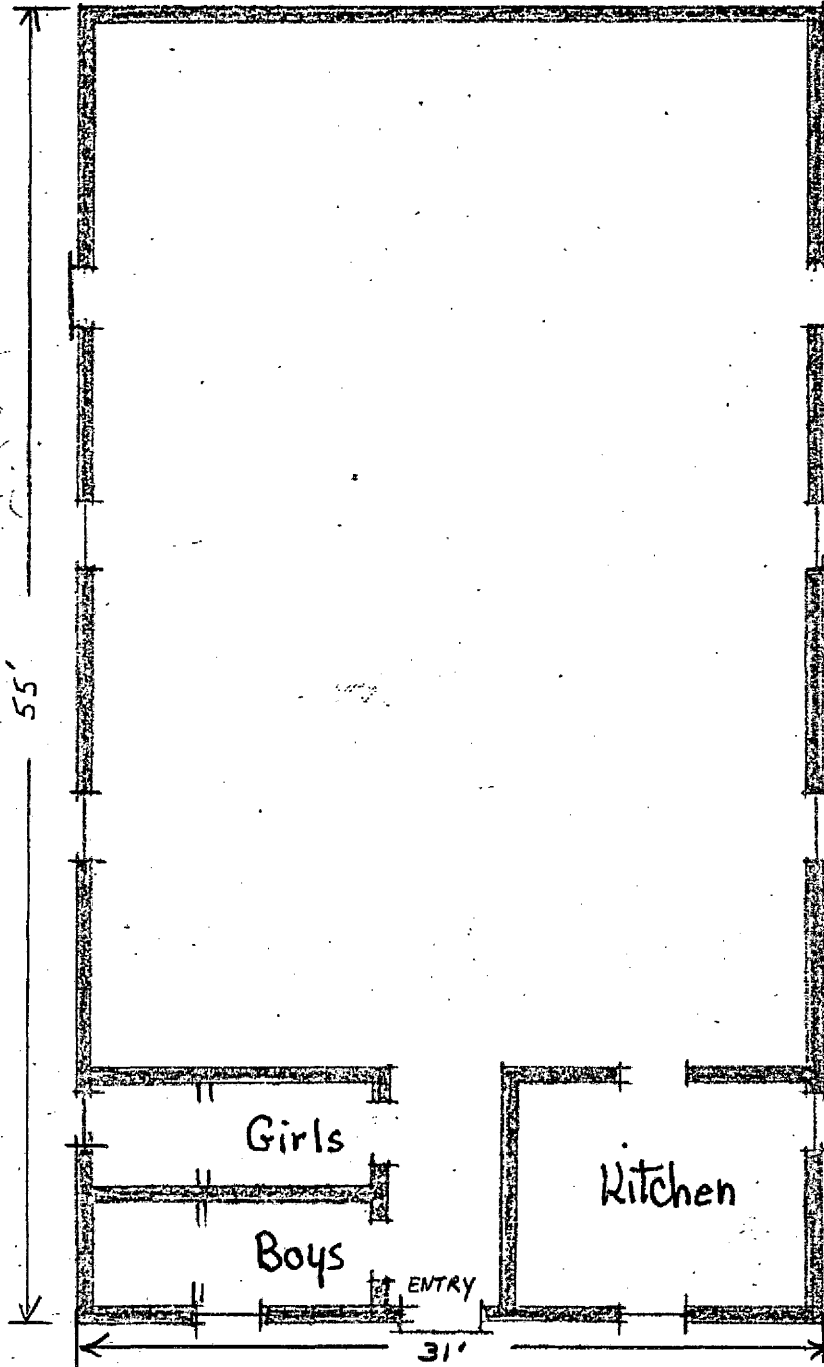
In this dedication there is represented much more than the establishment of a meeting place or the reconversion of an old hall. It is the realization of a worthwhile project by a group of Woodside citizens who genuinely desired a center for local youth activities and it is an accomplishment of which any community could be justly proud. Leaders claimed. A board of trustees from the Boy Scout Troop committee has been named to attend to the oper-

daring of all events in the scout Hall. Of this committee, the Chief John Volpiano is chairman, with Robert Riddel as secretary, and members of the Rev. Palmer, Bonenfant, Bielesman and Michall.

INDEPENDENCE HALL*WOODSIDE, CA.

Floor Plan of Hall.

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INDEPENDENCE HALL

Scale $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$

Woodside Chapel (1887)

Woodside School Plan Independence Hall

Scale 1" = 40'

Woodside - La Honda Road

Woodside Elementary School

Proposed Site (C)

BENCH MARK
TOP OF 1" OF IRON PIPE
ASSUMED E.L. 100.00'

BENCH MARK
TOP OF IRON PIPE
ASSUMED E.L. 100.00'

SITE PLAN 1/8" = 1'-0"

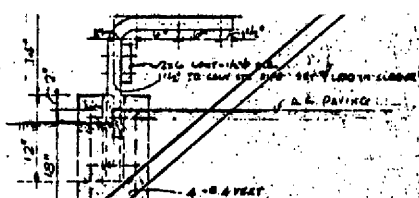
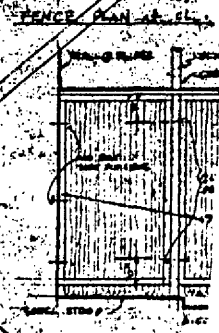
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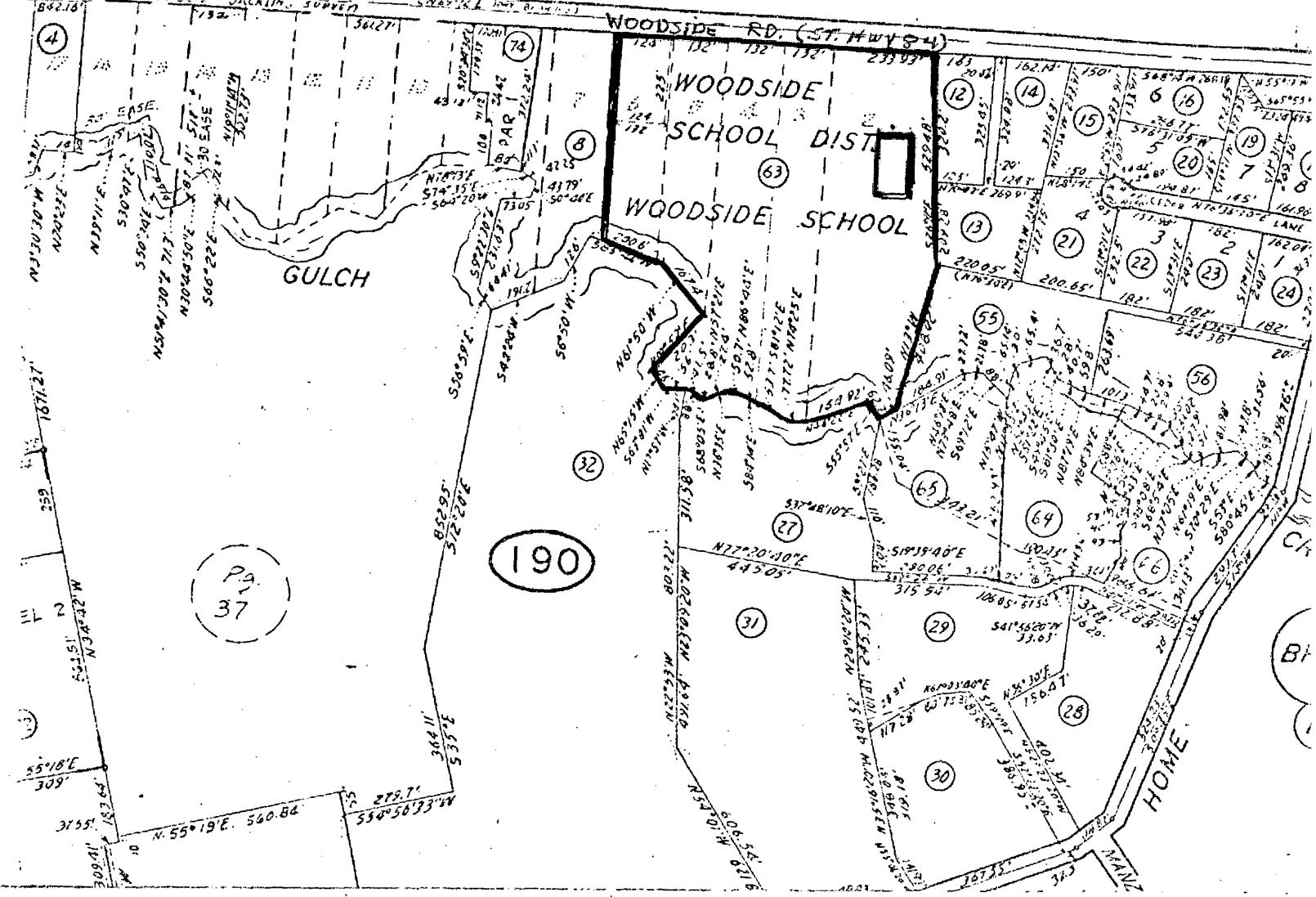
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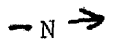
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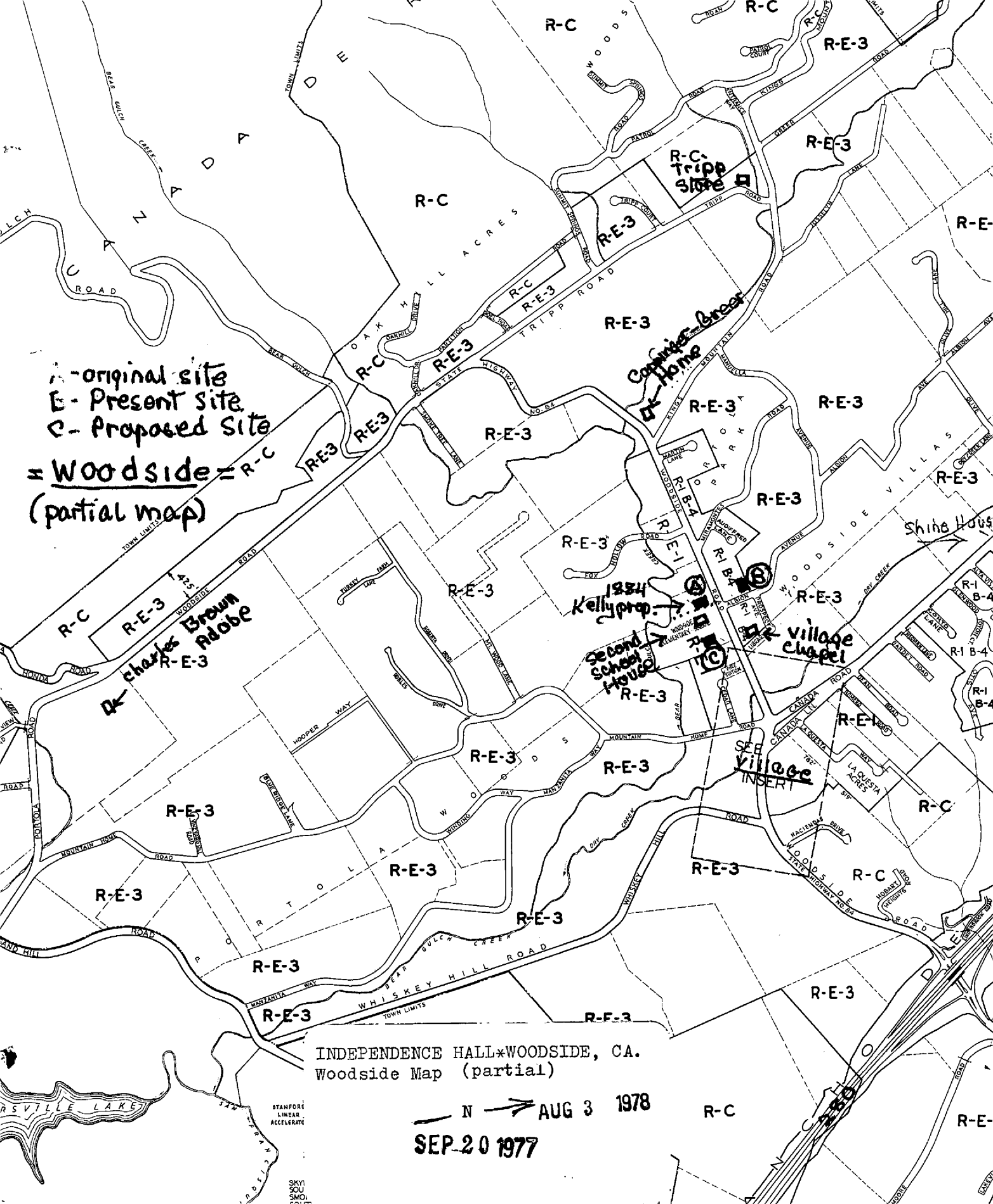




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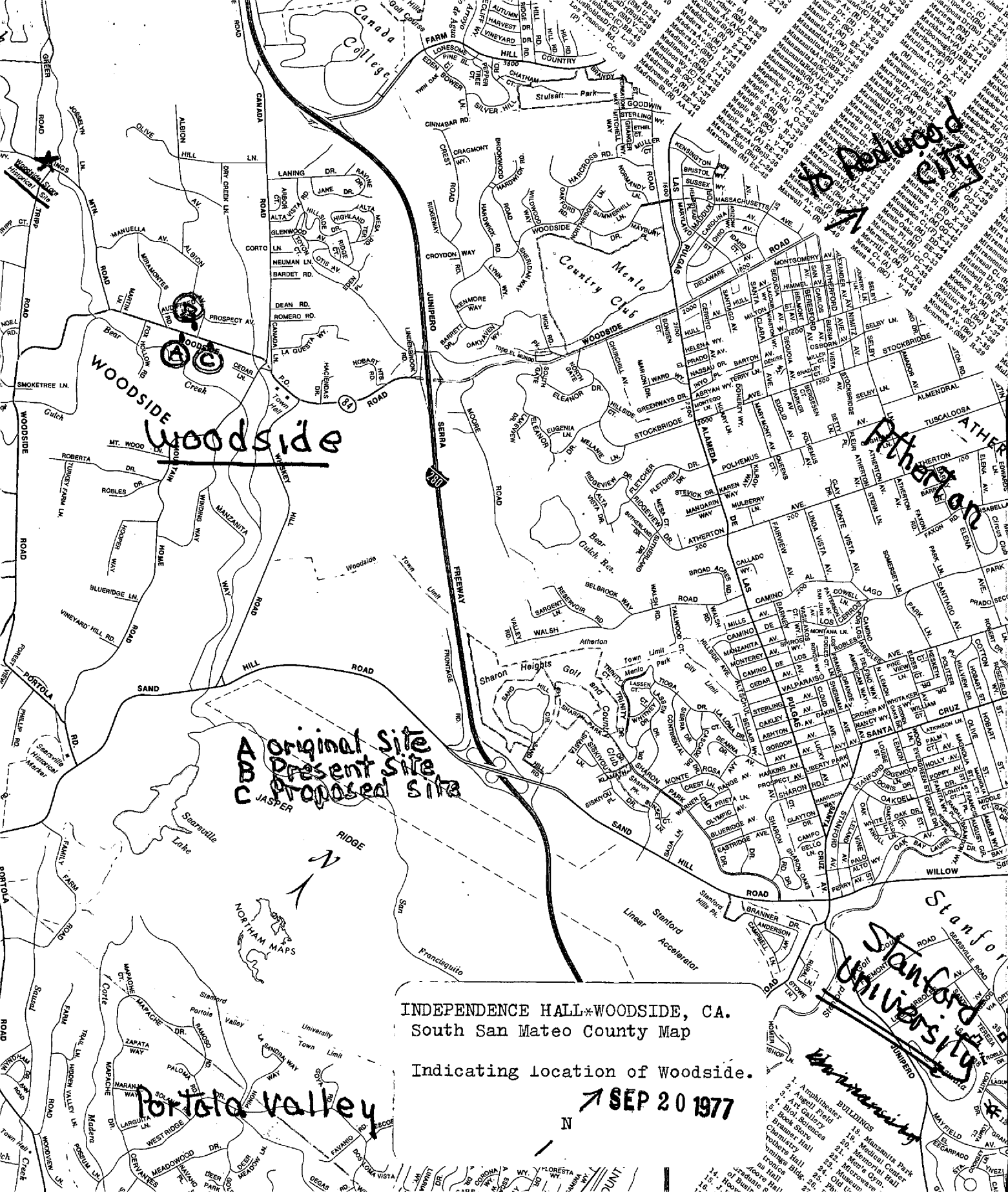


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Woodside
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C Original Site
A Present Site
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South San Mateo County Map

Indicating location of Woodside.

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Portola valley

Stanford University

- 1. Amphitheater
- 2. Angel Field
- 3. Art Gallery
- 4. Bank
- 5. Bank Store
- 6. Braner Hall
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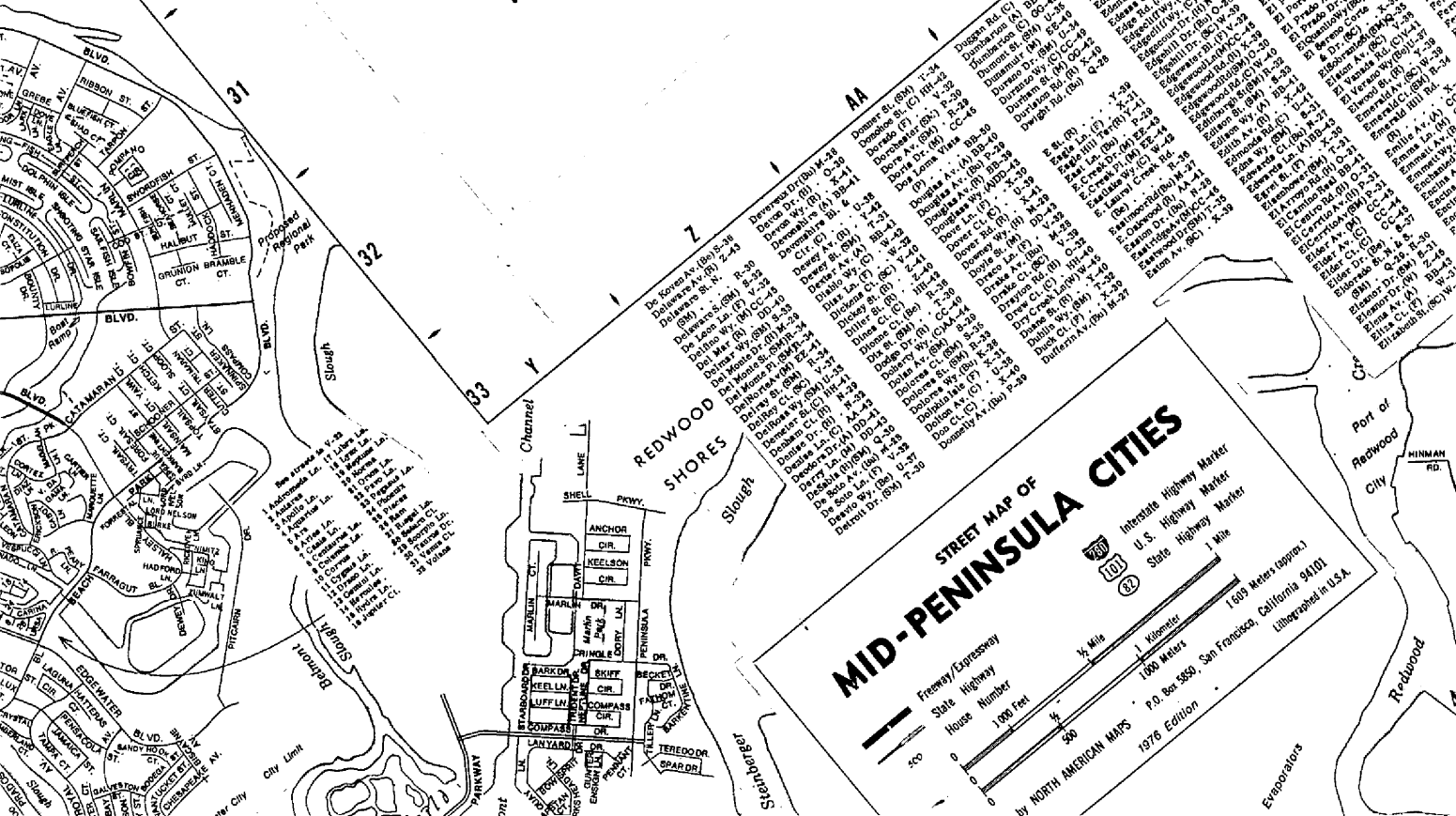
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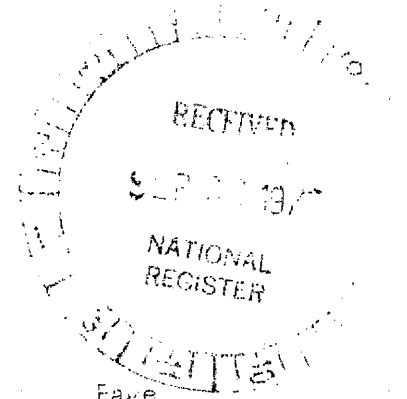
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Pictures of Independence Hall

(Board & Batten side of old original Building)
(right hand - facing door)



Independence 11-11-11

condemned Scout Hall
(Independence)

Documentary & Statistical Facts
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Date 1977

Artist - Frances Roesler

Sketch of Independence Hall on
proposed site on Elementary School
grounds. To show location.

Photo #10B

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