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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Smith-Tuthill Funeral Parlors

AND/OR COMMON

Smith-Tuthill-Lamb Mortuary

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

518 North Broadway

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Santa Ana

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_ VICINITY OF

40

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

Orange

CODE

059

**CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_ BUILDING(S)

\_\_ PRIVATE

\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_ COMMERCIAL

\_\_ PARK

\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_ BOTH

\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_ SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_ RELIGIOUS

\_\_ OBJECT

IN PROCESS

\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_ NO

\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_ OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Roy D. Lewis

STREET & NUMBER

13246 Old Foothill Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Santa Ana

STATE

California

\_\_ VICINITY OF

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER

630 North Broadway - Room 101

CITY, TOWN

Santa Ana

STATE

California

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Cultural Heritage Evaluation Form No. D-29

DATE

November 18, 1976

\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_ STATE \_\_ COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Santa Ana History Room, Public Library

CITY, TOWN

Santa Ana

STATE  
California

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original structure built in the spring of 1885 as a residence and office for Dr. J.A. Crane and his wife, was a 2 and 1/2 story massive rectangular brick structure. Protruding, symmetrically spaced, segmented arched windows and doors, hipped roof and center pediment contributed to its simple unornamented classical form.

In 1910, George S. Smith acquired the property, and added the colonial revival rotunda, verandas and balconies on the east and north sides, and a pergola on the south. The local press noted the "now beautiful and even stately structure...considered one of the handsomest in Santa Ana." The general style was described as "modified Colonial, the pillars, verandas, balcony and porte cocheres being in pearl white, while the brick walls of the verandas reveals an interesting blend of classical columns and balustrades with Craftsman overtones, particularly in the wooden trellis work of the pergola on the south side.

The exotic landscaping, including the oldest pepper tree in Santa Ana, two stately Himalayan cedar trees, a huge magnolia, and a California native fan palm dating from the 19th century contribute to the original character of the setting, and serve as a backdrop to more recent plantings.

The present day mortuary is situated directly across from Heritage Square, which includes the old county courthouse (State Historical Landmark #837) and the Dr. Howe-Waffle House (Point of Historical Interest in Orange County #Ora-300, and National Register of Historic Places, Feb. 25, 1975), and serves as a stabilizing element in a deteriorating area.

Situated on the grounds of the mortuary, facing north and now used as a garage and for storage, is a white clapboard structure which was originally a coach house. It has been enlarged and altered to accommodate its present use.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) (Dr.'s Office)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Smith-Tuthill-Lamb Mortuary is a Santa Ana local landmark, both architecturally and historically. It represents the oldest continuous business institution in the city, and is associated with a series of prominent Santa Ana citizens. Built as a residence and office for Dr. J.A. Crane and his wife in 1885, Dr. Crane had already acquired considerable town property. Three "Additions" to Santa Ana contain his name. Among these was the Hickey, Andrews, Crane Addition, including lots 1, 2 and 5 which constitute the Smith-Tuthill property.

In 1887, William Blounet Hervey purchased the property. Described as a local capitalist, "Hervey financed a number of then prominent Fourth Street business blocks, notably the brick at the corner of Spurgeon. Stephen W. and George S. Smith, partners in Santa Ana's pioneer undertaking firm, acquired the property on Feb. 11, 1910, and immediately contracted with Chris McNeill, who built the old courthouse and Balboa Pavilion, to remodel the structure as a mortuary. Both Smiths were prominent in local civic affairs; S.W. Smith introduced the sugar beet industry to the Santa Ana Valley in 1889.

The building represents a significant architectural contribution to Santa Ana. It is an outstanding example of the fusion of styles important to several periods of the local community's architectural heritage. Its original simple, unornamented classical form was successfully altered to accommodate neo-classical additions and detailing which have served to make it a Santa Ana landmark for the past 67 years.

Eric Lassen, AIA, Preservation Officer and Chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee, Orange County Chapter AIA, stated in 1976: "The building is an extremely interesting one containing elaborate neo-classical revival detailing... From a strictly historic point of view it seems clear that the mortuary is an important part of the history and culture of Santa Ana."

Its original grounds have been maintained and serve to enhance its local landmark status. Moreover the structure is one of the few architecturally significant buildings remaining in the downtown area of Santa Ana.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .599 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 1	4 1 9 4 2 0 4 9 0	3 7 3 4 5 1 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located on the southwest corner of Broadway and Santa Ana Boulevard, facing Broadway.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Harold Thomas, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION

Environmental Coalition of Orange County, Inc.

DATE

April 20, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

206 West Fourth Street, Suite 316

TELEPHONE

(714) 836-4314

CITY OR TOWN

Santa Ana

STATE

California

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

*Harold Thomas*

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

JUL 25 1977

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

*[Signature]*

DATE

5/19/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Walter Cole*

DATE

5-12-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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