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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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1 NAME

HISTORIC ~~Eureka Warehouse~~ - Sperry Union Flour Mill

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AND/OR COMMON

San Joaquin Wholesale Grocers Warehouse

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 445
325 W Weber

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Stockton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

14

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

CODE

06

COUNTY

San Joaquin

CODE

019

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME City of Stockton Redevelopment Agency

STREET & NUMBER City Hall Annex, 6 E Lindsay

CITY, TOWN Stockton

VICINITY OF

STATE California

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. San Joaquin County Recorder

STREET & NUMBER 222 E. Weber Avenue

CITY, TOWN Stockton

STATE California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE #1 HUD Block Grant Historic Building Survey
#2 Historic Building Survey - City of Stockton

DATE #1 June 23, 1976 #2 1977 #2 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY #1 LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS #1 Renewal Division, Community Development Dept. City Hall Annex

CITY, TOWN Stockton

STATE California

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the south side of Stockton Channel between Van Buren and Lincoln Streets in Downtown Stockton and adjacent to the site of Sperry's Union Flour Mill, The Sperry Union Flour Mill Warehouse is a two story rectangular building of brick masonry construction with heavy timber roof and floor framing. The building is 100 feet wide in the north-south direction and 300 feet long in the east-west direction. The building was constructed in three stages: the eastern most 100' x 150' portion in 1891, the first floor of the western 100' x 150' built in stages in c. 1894 and c. 1897.

The first floor is covered by a wood frame canopy on the north side and a steel frame and corrugated iron canopy on the west and south sides. The warehouse was at one time connected by a second story wood frame bridge to the Sperry Union Flour Mill on the east side. A stucco wainscot surrounds the building and the northeast corner of the structure is stuccoed to the second floor.

The brick masonry is simple in detail and reminiscent of the brick masonry in the now demolished Sperry Union Flour Mill for which this building served as a warehouse. The corbelled frieze and brick parapet are similar in appearance to the Sperry Union Flour Mill as are the gently arched doors and windows. The south elevation is comprised of a loading dock and gently arched doors on the ground floor and double hung sash and loading doors on the second floor. Several of the second story loading doors have been partially or completely filled in with brick masonry. The east and west elevations are similar, as is the north elevation.

The building is presently occupied by the City of Stockton Historic Building Survey Headquarters and by a sign manufacturing firm. The building is also included in the City of Stockton West End Redevelopment Area.

The interior and exterior of the building have deteriorated from neglect and weather and are in general need of repair.

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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1891, c. 1894, c. 1897 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Eureka Warehouse is both architecturally and historically significant. Architecturally the building is a fine example of a turn-of-the-century vernacular industrial building. Typical of well-designed brick buildings of this era, a simple dentil course and flat pilasters ornament the otherwise plain and utilitarian facade. As the oldest intact building on the banks of the Stockton Channel, this flour mill warehouse exemplifies the late 19th century industrial building embellished with simple classical detailing. The building retains its sense of time and place in an otherwise changing environment.

Historically this building is closely identified with the economic history of the city, State and nation. The Sperry Flour Company was the largest flour miller in California at the end of the 19th century; its product not only served local needs but was shipped throughout the nation and many parts of the world. The waterway upon which the warehouse sat played an essential role in establishing the city as a major trans-shipment and milling center during the great 19th century California grain trade

Not only was Stockton an important grain terminal but also it was a major warehousing, milling, marketing and trans-shipment center. This building is associated with all of these activities. The oldest portion, the easterly 150', was originally built in 1891 to house the world-famous "Drifted Snow Flour" produced by the Sperry Union Mill, the largest flour mill ever built in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. This mill was directly accessible from the second floor of the warehouse via a corrugated iron sheathed walkway. Its existence is evidenced by an opening covered by a fire door that can still be seen in the east wall of this structure.

When new, the ground floor of the building was used to store grain as was the then single story 150' x 100' building on the west, operated by the Farmer's Union Warehouse. About 1897 a second story was added to the westerly half of the building and was also used to store flour when mill capacity was increased. In the 1890's Stockton flour mills could produce 6,000 barrels every 24 hours.

This warehouse was ideally situated to accommodate the 19th century commerce and transportation of Stockton. It was located in the center of the flour milling district dominated by three large mills operated by the Sperry Flour Company. This firm was one of the largest employers in the city for decades until the mills closed in 1926 and operations transferred to Vallejo.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of San Joaquin County by George H. Tinkham, 1923 p. 326
The Mechanization of Agriculture and the Grain Trade in the Great Central Valley of California by Reynold M. Wik, 1974 p. 22-29
 "Sperry Building Campaign" by Raymond W. Hillman, Pacific Historian, Fall 1968
 Commercial Assurance Co.'s set of Sanborn Maps of Stockton 1883-1894 (in Pioneer Museum and Haggin Galleries Library, Stockton)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .5739

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>110</u>	<u>649</u>	<u>760</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property occupies the entire south bank of the Stockton Channel bounded by W. Weber Ave., Van Buren St., and Tuleberg Levee

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

Stephen Castellanos

August 31, 1978

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

617 S. Central

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CITY OR TOWN

Stockton

STATE

California

95204

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

Knox McEllon

TITLE

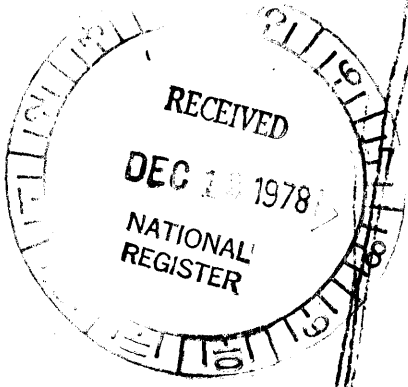
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Charles Adkins*
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
John J. ...
 WEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

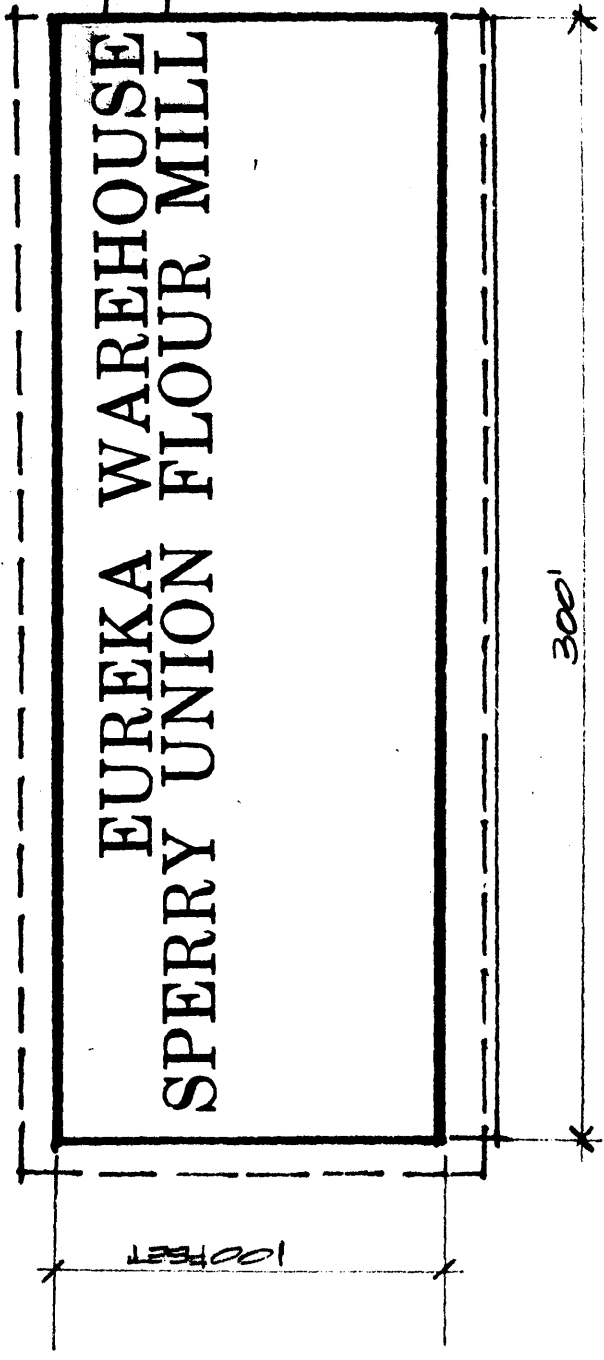
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SOUTH BANK OF STOCKTON CHANNEL

TULEBERG LEVEE

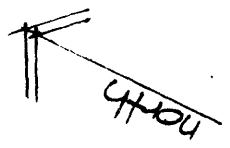
SITE OF COVERED WALK



EUREKA WAREHOUSE
SPERRY UNION FLOUR MILL

300'

100 FEET



WEST WEBER AVENUE

W BUREN



LINCOLN

SKETCH MAP