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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 D.J. Murphy House

AND/OR COMMON
Same

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 291 McLeod Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Livermore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
9th

STATE
California

CODE
06

COUNTY
Alameda

CODE
001

CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: condemned |

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Gleera Brewer

STREET & NUMBER
173 E. Caminito Drive

CITY, TOWN
Livermore,

VICINITY OF

STATE
California 94550

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Alameda County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER
Alameda County Court House

CITY, TOWN
Oakland

STATE
California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Livermore Heritage Guild Historic Resources Survey

DATE
October 1976
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Heritage Preservation Commission, c/o City Planning Department

CITY, TOWN
Livermore

STATE
CA 94550

7-DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | DATE <u>May, 1891</u> |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This single-story structure is one of 25 Italianate-style cottages remaining within the city limits of Livermore, now a town of about 13,000 houses. Originally the building consisted of approximately 1120 square feet with an essentially square front section and an addition rearward in the original architectural style. The style was altered by the addition of a California Bungalow style porch on the front and right side, and by an addition to the rear portion which is in a non-descript and unidentifiable style. It appears from available information and from the architectural style that the porches were added about the time of World War I.

The house originally stood on a 100' x 150' lot: 478 of the frontage was sold in the early 1920's to accommodate a house moved to the sold-off portion.

The grounds were originally surrounded by a picket fence behind which climber roses were planted. There were several varieties of fruit trees in the rear yard along with a large pepper tree which shaded a chicken lot. None of these trees remain. Informants do not recall any structures other than the existing corrugated metal garage and wooden shed presently at the rear of the property, both of which appear to be approximately 50 years old.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES unknown (prior to 1891) BUILDER/ARCHITECT E.D. Murphy

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building was the residence from 1891 until his death in 1921 of Daniel J. Murphy, prominent Livermore businessman and local government official, and Alameda County Supervisor from 1911 until 1921. Mr. Murphy's primary contributions to Alameda County history were his untiring efforts toward the improvement of the existing network of roads and highways and in his interest in health care. He was largely responsible for the establishment of the Arroyo Sanitarium, a county tuberculosis hospital and an institution equal to any in the nation in the treatment of the disease, which operated in the hills outh of Livermore from 1919 until the early 1960's.

Daniel J. Murphy's business and civic career encompassed a wide variety of interests. Following his retirement from a business career which included Postmaster of Livermore, Superintendent of the Livermore Water and Power Company, and membership on the advisory board of the Livermore branch, Bank of Italy, he served as Justice of the Peace for Murray Township, Alameda County, giving up this office in 1911 following his appointment by Gov. Hiram Johnson as Supervisor, First District, Alameda County, an office which he held until his death in October, 1921.

Mr. Murphy was also chairman of the committee to organize and establish the local Carnegie Library in 1910. He was President of the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association in 1918-1919, an affair which is still held annually in Livermore.

The D.J. Murphy house is architecturally significant to Livermore because it is one of the few remaining links with a well-known Victorian building style, the Italianate. There are only five others in the community whose architectural elements have not been almost completely defaced with removal of the brackets and window hoods which distinguish this style, or with the addition of non-original sheathing such as asbestos shingle or stucco.

The house was originally erected in the city's Northern Addition and moved to the present site in May, 1891. It was occupied as a residence until July, 1976 when it was condemned for future occupancy by the Livermore City Building Department. The house is now threatened by destruction and vandalism. Its recognition will help preserve a structure whose removal will have an adverse effect on the present neighborhood which is in transition from residential to commercial. It will also delay the loss of a valuable and historical architectural asset which represents one of the last remaining links with an earlier era.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Livermore Echo, May 7, 1891
The Livermore Herald, October 22, 1921

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .1825 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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| ZONE | | | EASTING | | | | NORTHING | | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Property is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of McLeod and Third Streets, Livermore, CA. The frontage of 53 feet on McLeod Street extends 150 feet back along Third Street. It is identified on the County Assessor's Records as Book 97/page 109/lot 5.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|------------|------|---------|------|
| California | | Alameda | |
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

G.B. Drummond; Member, Board of Directors

ORGANIZATION

Livermore Heritage Guild

DATE

December 30, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

567 South L Street

TELEPHONE

(415) 447-5475

CITY OR TOWN

Livermore

STATE

California 94550

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 Mellon

TITLE

DATE

10/4/77

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

Walter
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *Walter*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE *4/4/78*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 4-4-78

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Staff Report -- D.J. Murphy House

The staff of the Office Of Historic Preservation recently obtained clarification of several points in the Murphy House application. These are discussed below, based upon information provided by Mr. Herbert Street, Building Official, City of Livermore.

1. Exactly how many buildings of this type and period remain?

A total of 25 Italianate cottages remain in Livermore--of this number only six retain any design integrity. All others have experienced desecration of the original design to the point that their architectural value is negated. The Murphy House is one of the six remaining Italianate cottages which has retained the basic integrity of the original design and which could be easily restored to its former appearance.

2. Is this the best surviving example of its type and period?

This building does not appear to be significantly better or worse than the other five as an example of its type and period, but probably has the greatest potential for preservation of the six remaining structures. It is a typical example which does have all of its original component parts, including millwork, intact.

3. Is this property proposed for registration because it is the only building of its type available?

It is being proposed for registration because it is a building which has been identified as significant in a local survey, and which will be lost unless action is taken immediately to preserve the building. The building was condemned last year and is presently vacant. The Building Official for the City of Livermore reports that the original building is intact and solid, but the additions have deteriorated to the point where they must be removed to allow the building to be returned to residential use. The owner is an elderly widow in limited financial means who derives a small amount of rental income from the property. The Livermore Heritage Guild has offered to work with the owner to restore the building to its original appearance and bring it up to code. The building is not for sale, and will not be acquired by the Heritage Guild for museum purposes. It will remain the property of the present owner, and will be returned to residential use. Regis-

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tration is viewed as an important step in building community support for the project, and for allowing the building to be preserved through rehabilitation incentives resulting from registration. The city has allowed the Heritage Guild a period of one year to accomplish the preservation of the property.

After reviewing the documentation on the Murphy House again, and after discussing the situation with the official of the City of Livermore, it would appear that the Murphy House is a property which is significant to the local community and which has the greatest potential for preservation of those of its type and period which still retain design integrity. The intruding elements are easily reversible and will be removed in the restoration, which will be undertaken by the Heritage Guild.

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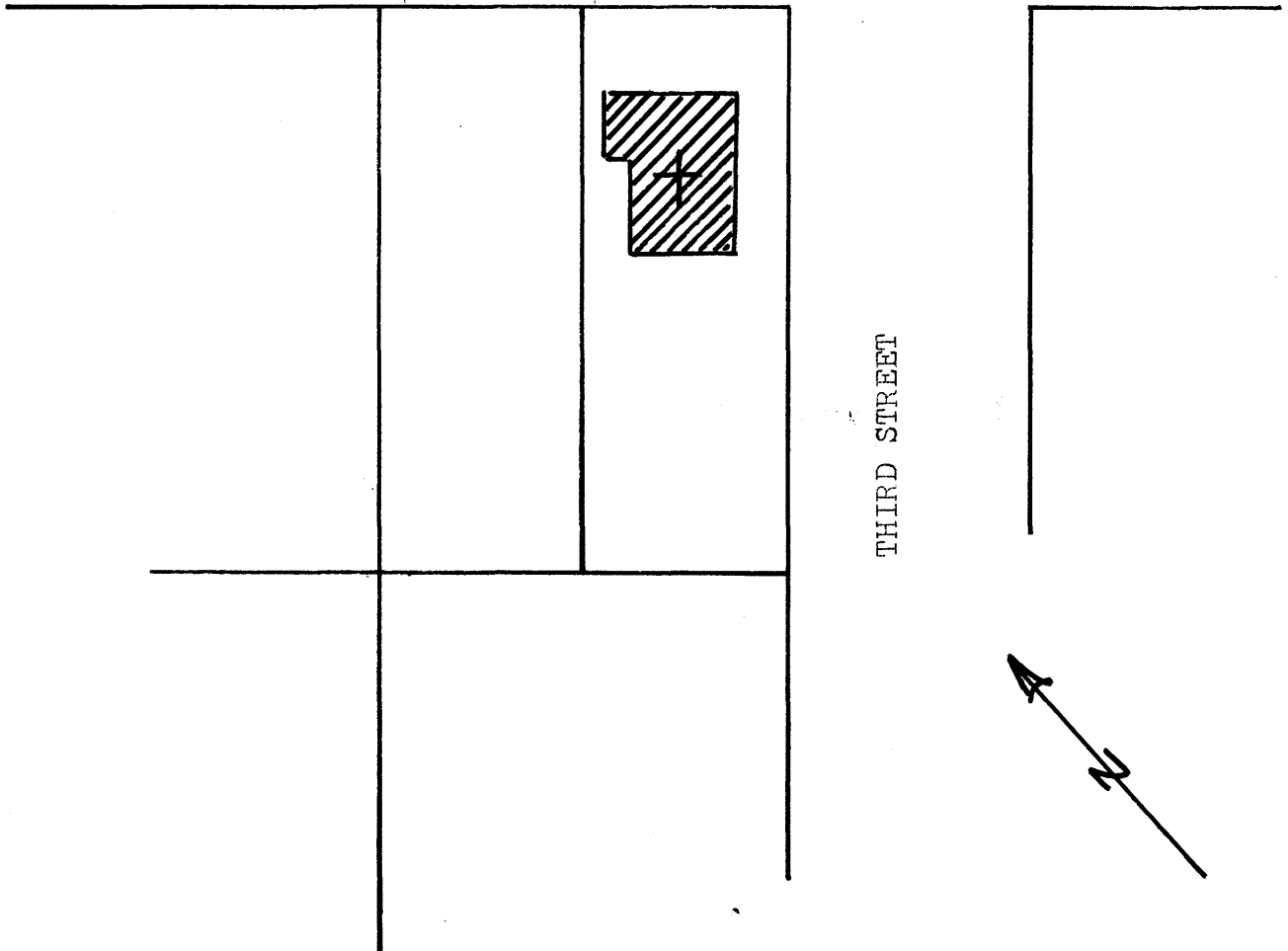
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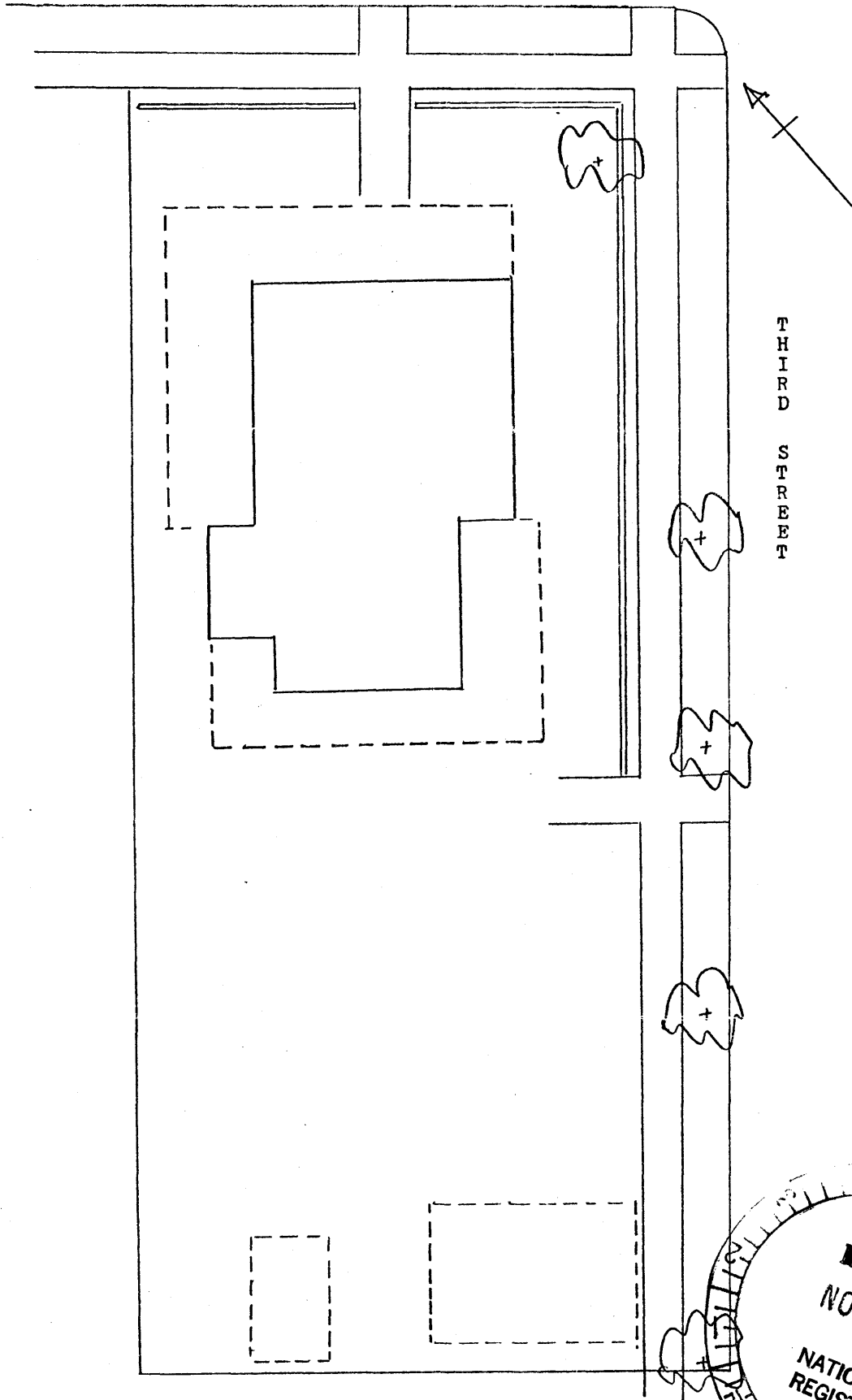
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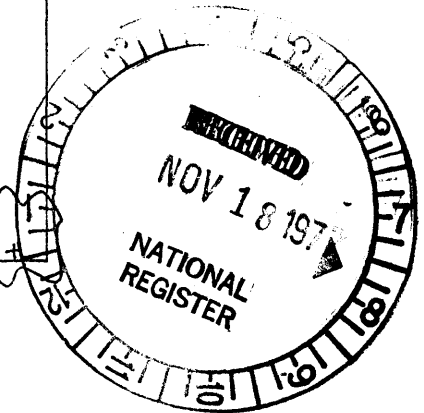


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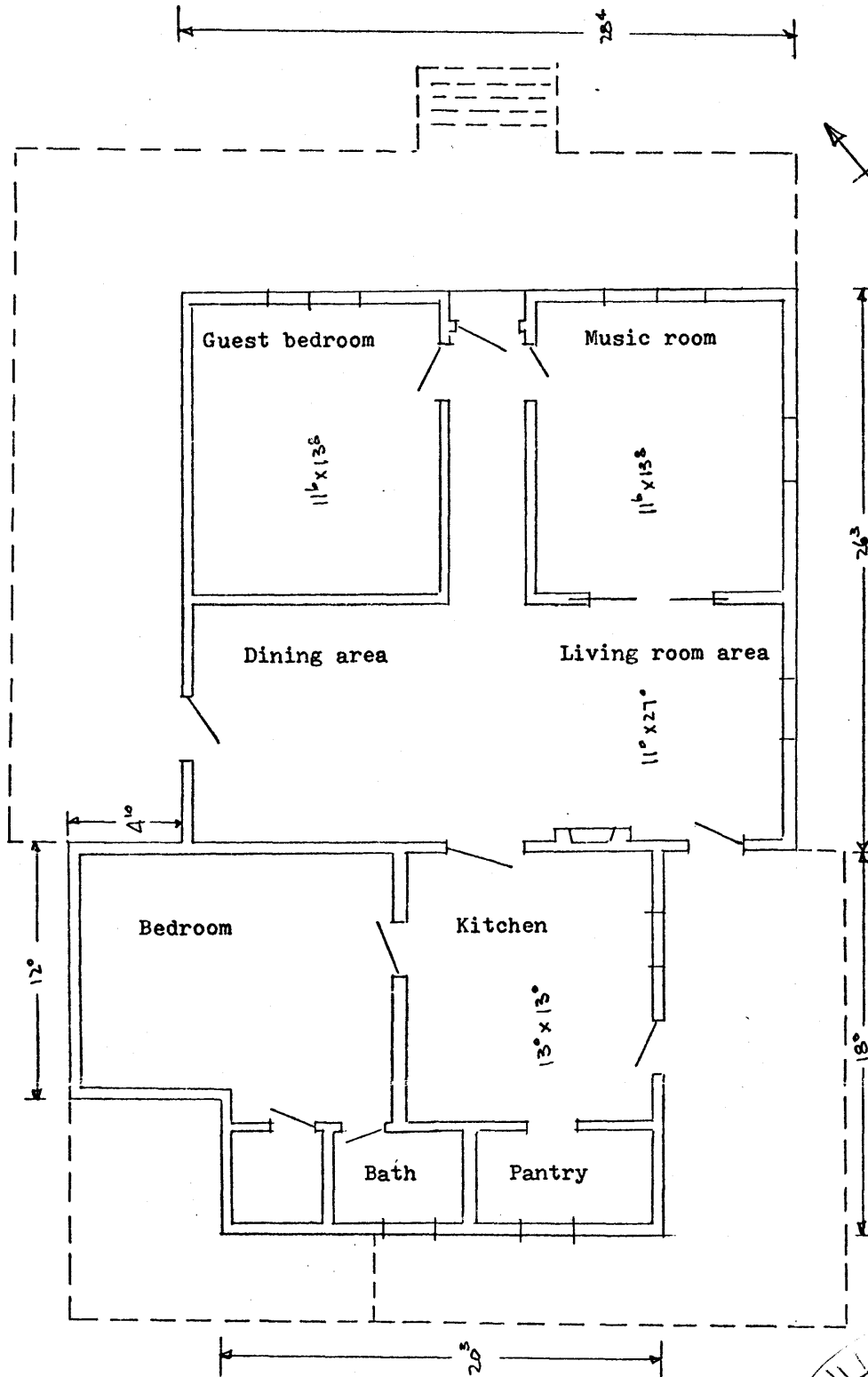
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Dashed lines indicate non-original additions.

SITE PLAN
D.J. MURPHY HOUSE
291 McLEOD STREET
LIVERMORE, CA.



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 291 McLEOD STREET
 LIVERMORE, CA

