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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 St. Helena Public Library

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AND/OR COMMON St. Helena Library

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1360 Oak Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN St. Helena

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Second

STATE California

CODE 06

COUNTY NAPA

CODE 055

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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" 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 St. Helena

STREET & NUMBER City Hall

CITY, TOWN St. Helena

VICINITY OF

STATE CALIFORNIA

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Napa County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 821 Coombs Street

CITY, TOWN Napa

STATE CALIFORNIA

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Napa County Historic Resources Inventory

DATE Site inventory: July 10, 1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Napa County Conservation-Development and Planning Dept.

CITY, TOWN Napa,

STATE CALIFORNIA

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The St. Helena Public Library remains unaltered in design since its construction in 1907. Situated at the intersection of Adams Street and Oak Avenue, the Library is adjacent to the Main Street commercial district and the early residential district beginning at Oak Avenue and extending southwestward to the hills. Within close proximity of a few blocks radius of the Library are several churches and schools, making this intersection a focal point of the St. Helena community.

Designed by local architect, William Corlett, in the Mission Revival style, the Library with its prominent curvilinear gables, faces Oak Avenue. Essentially rectangular in floor plan, the Library has two stories with a ground level basement. Wall surfaces are stucco with decorative tie-rods. A multi-gabled roof carries dormers with curvilinear gables, also in the Mission style. Rafters are exposed beneath projecting eaves. A semi-circular arch forms the doorway with plain arch-volt trim. Windows carry the characteristic semi-circular arch on the first and second levels; windows on the first level are also rectangular without trim. A plain string course defines the ground-level basement.

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Corlett

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The St. Helena Public Library, designed by local architect William Corlett, was built in 1907 with the assistance of Andrew Carnegie, patron of libraries across the country. It was St. Helena's first library building; in the 19th century the St. Helena Library Association and Free Reading Room occupied a number of sites including, in 1886, the front room of the Oddfellows (I.O.O.F.) Building on Main Street. Carnegie's grant of \$7500.00 was conditional upon the City of St. Helena purchasing an appropriate site and pledging maintenance of the building, which was accomplished by a local bond issue.

William Corlett, locally prominent architect from Napa, responsible for the design of many civic buildings throughout the County, was contracted to execute the design. The Library is the only example in St. Helena of the Mission Revival style in a civic building. The versatility of William Corlett, one of several generations of that family of architects and builders, is seen in a cluster of three St. Helena buildings within a few blocks of each other: the Library in the Mission Revival style, the St. Helena Star Building (1900) in the Romanesque Revival, and the Richie Block (1892) in the Queen Anne style; all executed by Corlett.

The Library Building has served continuously as a Library since 1907. Its location at the intersection of Adams Street and Oak Avenue is central to a district of several blocks containing several churches and schools within close proximity of each other and within walking distance of a major residential neighborhood of the small community. The unique relationship of Library, churches and schools has remained unaltered since the early 1900s. However, need for expansion of the library facilities has led to the construction of a new library building to be completed in 1979 on another site. It is uncertain as to how the present Library building will be used in the future but it is hoped this unique social/educational complex of buildings will be maintained and the St. Helena Library Building turned to other social uses.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

St. Helena Star. 12-21-1906 (3:4); 2-8-1907(3:4); 3-5-1907(3:4); 5-10-1907(3:4);
6-14-1907 (3:4); 8-9-1907(3:4).

Conversation with Clayla Davis, Librarian, July 1978

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5,525 sq.ft. (lot 85' X 65') .127 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME St. Helena Quad.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located on the north-east corner of the intersection of Adams Street and Oak Avenue, the nominated property has a frontage of 85' on Oak Avenue and 65' on Adams Street.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Judith Munns, Coordinator, Napa County Historic Resources Survey

ORGANIZATION

Napa Landmarks, Inc.

DATE

September 15, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1834 First Street (P.O. Box 702)

TELEPHONE

(707)255-1836

CITY OR TOWN

Napa, California 94558

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

Knox Mellon

TITLE

DATE

11-29-78

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

1.19.79

ATTEST:

Janet A. Adams
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

1-18-79

Joseph J. Sommer
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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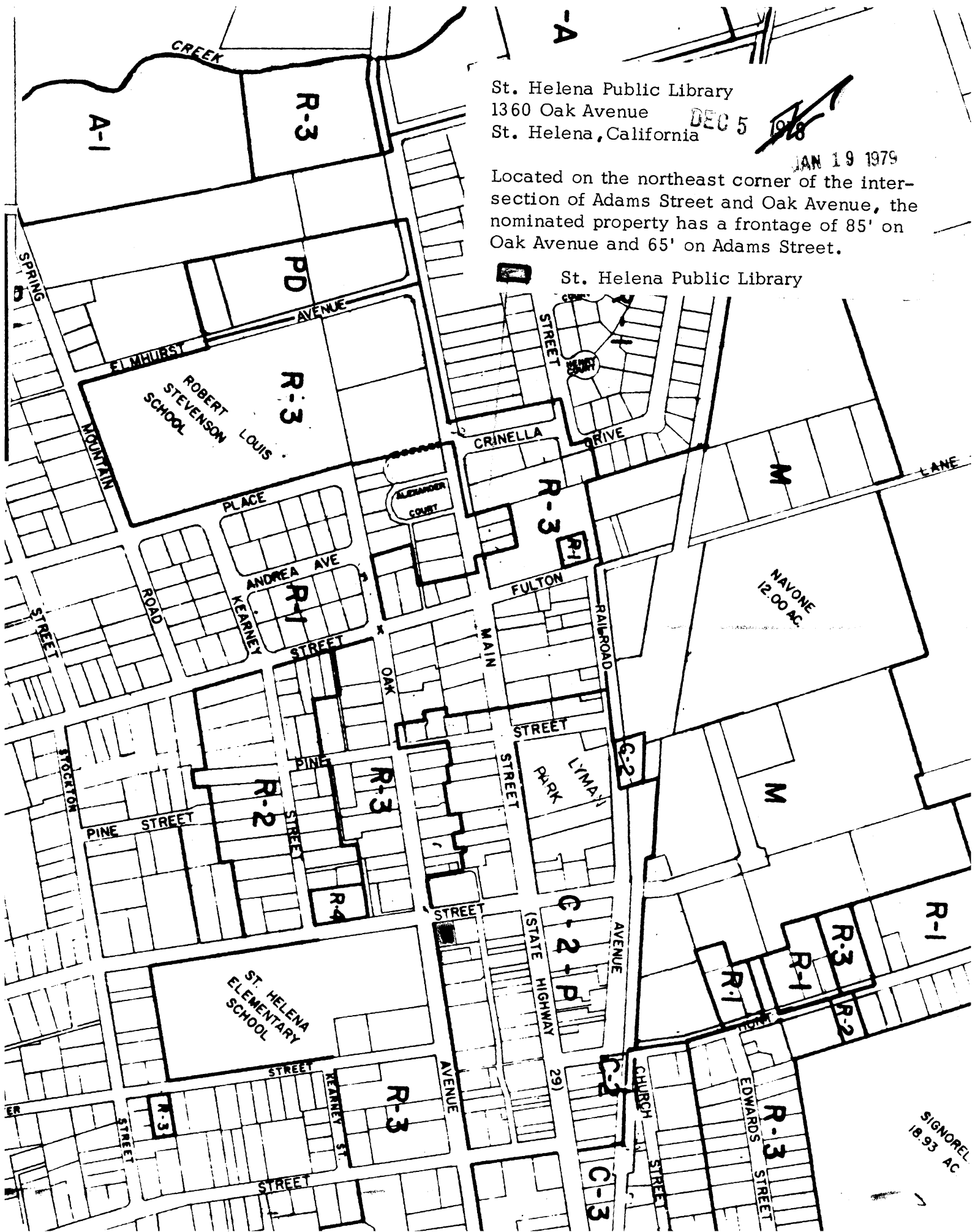
St. Helena Public Library
1360 Oak Avenue
St. Helena, California

DEC 5 1978

JAN 19 1979

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