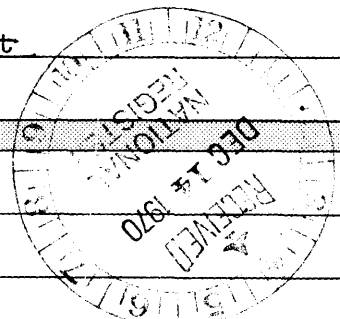


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME  
 COMMON: Will Rogers State Historical <sup>PARK</sup> ~~Monument~~  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Will Rogers Home

2. LOCATION  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 14253 Sunset <sup>Boulevard</sup>  
 CITY OR TOWN: Pacific Palisades  
 STATE: California CODE: 06 COUNTY: Los Angeles CODE: 037

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
 OWNER'S NAME: Department of Parks and Recreation  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 1416 9th Street (Resources Building)  
 CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 320 Temple Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Los Angeles STATE: California CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Feasibility Study - State Park System  
 DATE OF SURVEY: 3/50  Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of Parks and Recreation  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 1416 9th Street (Resources Building)  
 CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California CODE: 06

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7. DESCRIPTION

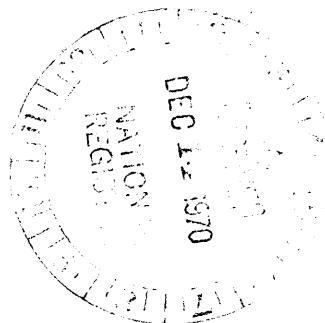
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This home is located in the Will Rogers State Historic Park, about fifteen miles west of Los Angeles Civic Center just off Sunset Boulevard in the Pacific Palisades. Situated on gently sloping ground, the home is a one and two story wood frame building. It has a wood shingle roof and wood exterior siding. This ranch home built in about 1926 is of California rustic style with wide overhanging eaves and simple exterior trim and ornamentation. Exterior doors and windows are of wood with both fixed and operable casements and double hung sash with screens.

Interior walls and ceilings are of either wood panels or lath and plaster. Tile is generously used in kitchen and bathrooms. Many built-in features such as book shelving, cabinetry and storage closets are well executed. Finish floors are of tile, hardwood and covered softwoods. The home is comfortably furnished with historic furniture and hangings of the Will Rogers era. Many trophies, collections and personal effects of Will Rogers are exhibited. The Will Rogers ranch was presented to the State of California for use as a historic park on August 19, 1944.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | <u>Entertainment</u>                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |   | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Home of the noted American humorist and motion picture actor, Will Rogers. Starting as a cowboy, he became a trick rider, rope artist, philanthropist, columnist, movie star, philosopher, writer, humorist, "Ambassador of Good Will", humanitarian, and the best loved human being of a generation. The Will Rogers Ranch was presented to the State on August 19, 1944, and has since then become one of the most popular State parks in California. Will Rogers once said "you must judge a man's greatness by how much he is missed." He would have been embarrassed to know that by his own criterion he was a great man.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Will Rogers State Historic Park Brochure

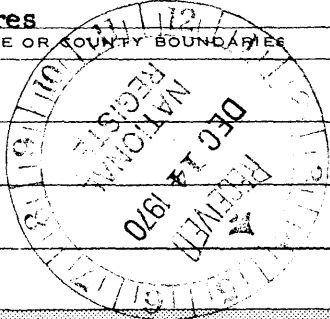
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	34° 03' 44"	118° 31' 03"			
NE	34° 03' 44"	118° 30' 25"			
SE	34° 02' 50"	118° 30' 25"			
SW	34° 02' 50"	118° 31' 03"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **186.50 acres**

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 AND TITLE: **Allen W. Welts, State Park Historian III**

ORGANIZATION: **Department of Parks and Recreation** DATE: **3/23/70**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1416 9th Street (Resources Building)**

CITY OR TOWN: **Sacramento** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name *[Signature]*

Title State Liaison Officer

Date August 3, 1970

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*[Signature]*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**FEB 24 1971**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
 Keeper of The National Register

**FEB 1 1971**

Date \_\_\_\_\_