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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California
COUNTY: Mariposa
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ENTRY DATE DEC 12 1973

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Yosemite Valley Chapel

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Yosemite Valley off Calif. 140

CITY OR TOWN:
Yosemite National Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second

STATE: California CODE 06 COUNTY: Mariposa CODE 043

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. AGENCY

National Park Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Yosemite National Park

STATE:
California

CODE
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Box 577

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Buildings Inventory, NPS

DATE OF SURVEY: 1961 Federal State County

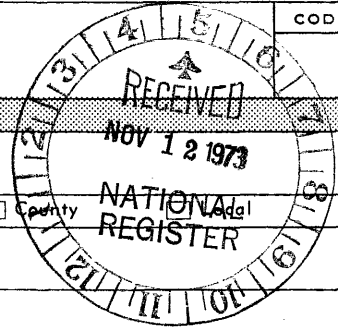
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Yosemite National Park

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Yosemite Valley Chapel (No. 580)

This board and batten, steep roofed building was erected in 1879 as a chapel. It was a simple structure, small in size and with a steeple. Since its building, the chapel has been enlarged with the addition of rear rooms. It is now L-shaped. It was moved from its original site at the beginning of the Four Mile Trail in 1901 to its present location, and at that time it was apparently placed on a stone foundation. Around 1965 this foundation was raised about 3 feet to its present height. The building contains 1,470 square feet.

The chapel, which seats 250, was sponsored by the California State Sunday School Association and built at a cost of three to four thousand dollars. Funds were raised by voluntary donation from children and prominent members of the Association.

Mr. Charles Geddes, a leading architect of San Francisco, made and presented the plans. The building was erected by Mr. E. Thompson of San Francisco in the summer of 1879.

The organ was donated in memory of Miss Florence Hutchings, the first white child born in Yosemite, who died September 22, 1881.

The chapel was established for the free use of persons of every faith and has been in continuous use since its dedication.

Boundary:

Begin at Benchmark 3965 (500' SW of Sentinel Bridge) travel 200° for 400', then 302° for 100', then 32° for 100', then 32° for 100', then 122° for 100' then 212° for 100'.

Significance: 2nd Order

Acreage: 1.0 acre

Recommended treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimate for above: When accomplished, the Historic Resource Study for Yosemite National Park may indicate the need for a Historic Structure Preservation Guide for the Yosemite Valley Chapel.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <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

2nd Order

This chapel, now the oldest building in Yosemite, was erected in 1879 as a chapel and has been used as such since that time. It is still used for church services on Sunday.

The simple architectural design of the structure represents a particularly fine example of the early chapels constructed in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and is well preserved.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Alfred Glass, "Brief History of the Village Chapel," Yosemite Nature Notes, V. XXIV, No. 12 (Dec. 1945)
2. In the Heart of the Sierras, J. M. Hutchings, 1886

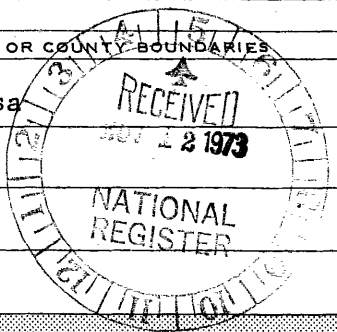
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		LATITUDE			LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	37°	44'	28"	119°	35'	28"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: (Class VI)

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
California	06	Mariposa	043
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: F. Ross Holland, Jr., Historian		DATE: October 1971
BUSINESS ADDRESS: HHA- WSC, NPS		
STREET AND NUMBER: 450 Golden Gate Avenue		PHONE:
CITY OR TOWN: San Francisco, Ca	STATE: California	CODE: 06

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

[Signature]
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local.

[Signature] 12/5/73
 Federal Representative Signature Date

[Signature]
 Regional Director, Western Region
 Title
 Regional Director, Western Region

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
 Associate Director, Professional Services
 Date **DEC 12 1973**

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date **12-11-73**

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