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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 NIPPON HOSPITAL

AND/OR COMMON BRYANT HOTEL

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 25 South Commerce Street

CITY, TOWN Stockton VICINITY OF San Joaquin 14th

STATE CA CODE 06 COUNTY CODE 077

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input checked="" 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 SAKANDER KHAN

STREET & NUMBER 25 S. Commerce St.

CITY, TOWN Stockton VICINITY OF CA STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ASSESSORS OFFICE

STREET & NUMBER SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MAIN AND SAN JOAQUIN STS.

CITY, TOWN STOCKTON STATE CA

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE HUD BLOCK GRANT HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY

DATE June 23, 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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

CITY, TOWN Stockton, STATE CA

# 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		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The most precise physical description appears in a letter written to Edward Griffith of the Community Development Department of Stockton, on October 21, 1976 by Dr. Knox Mellon, Historic Preservation Coordinator, Office of Historic Preservation, Sacramento. This description is complete and is quoted as follows:

"The Nippon Hospital is a two-story brick structure whose architectural design contains classic revival style elements. A shallow gable crowns the front facade and a brick pillared porch announces the entry. Colored brick is utilized decoratively on the facade to outline pediment, architecture and pilaster design elements. Facade windows are squared, whereas, the windows in the other elevations are arched. The decorative brick delineation of Classic Greek architectural elements on the building is unusual and an interesting feature on the structure."

In addition, it should be mentioned that the building measures 50' x 90' and contains 30 rooms. There is a concrete foundation and an 800 square foot basement. Both the first and second floors contain 4,064 square feet. The floors are wooden, the walls and ceiling are plaster on wood lath. The roof structure is frame.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) ethnic
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES completed in 1919 BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The architectural significance has already been described in item 7. The historical significance is considerable as Stockton had one of the largest Japanese communities in the United States at this time. This population totaled over 2,000. This hospital building, if preserved, will be the only surviving landmark of the early Japanese community. This two-story building was constructed as a result of a proposal by the local Japanese association and financed by Tokutaro Matsumoto, a wealthy local farmer. In 1919, the principal staff members were G. T. Nakagawa of the Nippon Drug Co. and Joseph F. Ogata. It is likely this hospital has state-wide significance as being a pioneering enterprise of this kind and an outstanding example of early efforts of Japanese Californians to enter professional work. In 1922, the facility appears to have been reorganized under the name "Stockton Hospital" and financed by the sale of 400 shares of stock at \$25/share. Similar reorganization took place in 1925. The facility served the surrounding Japanese community until it was beset by financial difficulties in about 1930 at which time the building became a hotel, a purpose it serves to this date. This building has qualities that could be associated with the following criteria of the National Register:

Criteria 800.10a: Due to its association with ethnic history, this building would have significance in American history and culture and does possess integrity of location as well as feeling and association.

Criteria 800.10 #1: The building can be "...associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history."

Criteria 800.10 #3: This building does "...represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction."

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"New Japanese Hospital Here" Stockton Record, April 12, 1919, p.12  
 Stockton City directories 1919-1933  
 "Articles of Incorporation of the 'Stockton Hospital'" 1922 and 1925

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .1722

UTM REFERENCES

A 10 650100 4201640  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property lies in about the center of a block on the west side of Commerce Street. The eastern boundary is Commerce Street, the north lies 300 feet south of Main Street, the west 150 feet from Madison Street, the south 100 feet from Market Street.

Legal description: Lot 16, Block 5, West of Center

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

FOR RICHARD S. YOSHIKAWA, CHAIRMAN

RAYMOND W. HILLMAN, CHAIRMAN  
 ORGANIZATION

San Joaquin Co. Bd. of Supervisors

DATE

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD, CITY OF STOCKTON  
 STREET & NUMBER

11/21/77

CITY HALL

TELEPHONE

462-4116

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

STOCKTON, CA 95202

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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

*Kenny McEllen*

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 3/9/78

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

*R. B. Rettig*

DATE 9/18/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST *William Lebonich*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

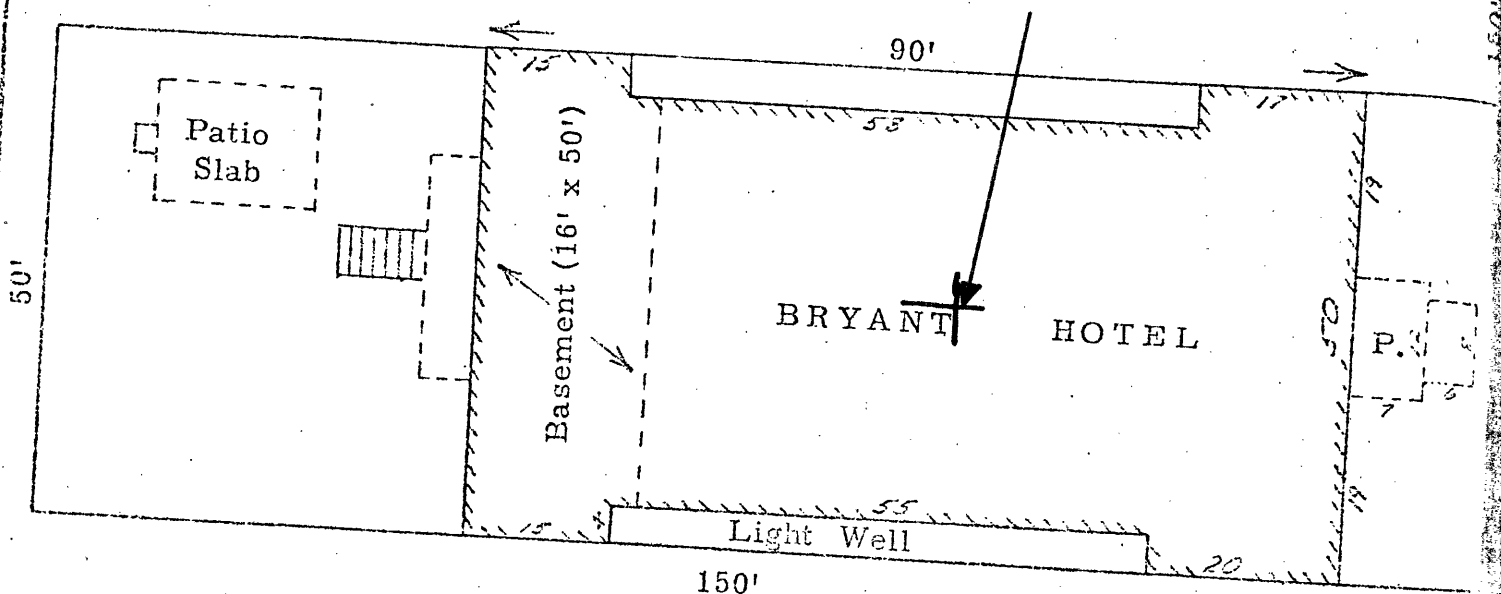
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MAIN ST.

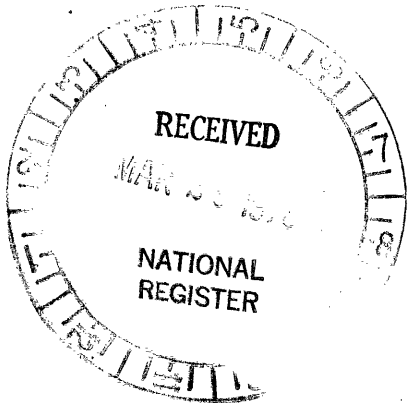
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COMMERCE ST.

100'

MARKET ST.



44.

FAR. 5W-4  
S. KHAN