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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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California
COUNTY:

San Francisco

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ر	PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropri	iate)		
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An excellent example of the Spanish Mission style of architecture prevalent in Mexico and California during the late 18th century, the Mission Dolores has walls of sun-dried adobe brick, four feet in thickness. The roof beams are of redwood, and the sloping roof is of tiles made by the Mission Indians. The floors are a mixture of clay, burned tile, brick and wood. There are no nails in the building, which is secured by means of wooden pegs and rawhide.

Eaves, some four feet wide, project from the walls. At the facade, four columns support a balcony above the main entrance, which is a low doorway framed in a simple Roman arch. At the second floor level, four half columns or pilasters enclose three belfry windows.

A careful structural renovation was carried out in 1920 under the direction of Willis Polk. This included a general strengthening of the building, especially the roof where steel trusses were inserted, as well as the restoration of certain details.

Immediately adjacent to the Mission and its cemetery are religious structures and administrative offices of the Archdiocese, including the large Spanish Baroque church which adjoins the Mission on the north and which bears the title of Basilica, one of a very few such ever created in the United States. The surrounding area is primarily developed and zoned for multiple-family residences.



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PERIOD (Check One or More as	Appropriate)		
Pre-Columbian	16th Century	🔀 18th Century	20th Century
☐ 15th Century	17th Century	☐ 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicat	le and Known) 1782-17	791	
REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Ch	eck One or More as Appropri	ate)	
Abor iginal	Education	X Political	Urban Planning
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X Architecture	Landscape	Sculpture	
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Communications	☐ Military	☐ Theater	
Conservation	☐ Music	Transportation	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The oldest essentially unaltered building in San Francisco, the Mission Dolores was built from 1782 to 1791 by the Franciscan Fathers and the Mission Indians under their direction, and it has been continuously used as a church since that time. The present Mission stands on or near the site of the original Mission founded in 1776 by Father Francisco Palou under the direction of Father Junipero Serra; the first Mass had been celebrated on June 29 of that eventful year, five days prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence (June 29 remains San Francisco's official birthday).

The Mission's popular name arose from its location near the body of water called by the Spaniards "Laguna de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores" (Lagoon of Our Lady of Sorrows).

Buried under the altar of the Mission church is Don Jose Joaquin Moraga, first Commandante of the Presidio of San Francisco; and in the chapel are buried Capt. William Richardson, founder of the village of Yerba Buena which became San Francisco, and William A. Leidesdorff, the part-Negro, pioneer civic leader. In the cemetery also repose many of the famous of early San Francisco, including the first Governor of California under Mexican rule, Don Luis Antonio Arguello; the Alcalde of San Francisco, Don Francisco de Haro; and numerous others, some of colorful if infamous notoriety in the annals of history.



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