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DATA SHEET

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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

PADDISON RANCH *Buildings*

AND/OR COMMON

PADDISON RANCH

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

11951 Imperial Highway

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Norwalk

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

33

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

Los Angeles

CODE

037 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert Scantlebury

STREET & NUMBER

11951 Imperial Highway

CITY, TOWN

Norwalk

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Los Angeles County Hall of Records

STREET & NUMBER

320 West Temple Street

CITY, TOWN

Los Angeles

STATE

California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

California Historical Resources Inventory

DATE

June 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Office of Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Sacramento

STATE

California

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 central structure on the Paddison Ranch is a two-story, wood-frame ranchhouse (c. 1880) in Victorian styling with Eastlake details. The house is composed of a rectangular section, gabled on both ends, with a one-story and attic section extending from it on the west side. Its ornamental details include decorative stickwork in the gables, dropped pendants, an ornamental porch and railing extending around the facade, and decorative window trim. The interior has high ceilings and redwood panelling. The major alterations to this structure include the addition of the kitchen in the rear and enclosure of part of the front porch in the 1920's, and the lowering of the ceiling in the living room.

To the rear of the house is a horse barn (c. 1900), a typically gabled structure of this type. The barn contains stalls inside, and other than the addition of a painting on its exterior (done several years ago for a commercial), the barn has not been significantly altered.

Additional structures on the property include a garage (c.1955) which somewhat matches the ranchhouse, a blacksmith shop filled with tools, forges, etc., one small cottage, a washhouse/canning house, an outhouse, and several chicken coops.

The ranch is a 3.25 acre parcel located in a residential and commercial area. It is in its natural state somewhat secluded from the street.

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
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Paddison Ranch was originally established by one of Norwalk's earliest pioneers. Born in Wales in 1845, John Paddison came to the United States in 1869 and eventually settled on the present site of the ranch in 1879. A man of limited means, he purchased forty-six acres there and began farming alfalfa and pasturing. In the same year he began the construction of his ranchhouse and outbuildings. Successful in his farming endeavors, his ranch grew to about 276 acres scattered about the Norwalk area. By the turn of the century he had added dairy farming to his interests and had become an important member of the Norwalk area.

Following John's death, the ranch was taken over by his son, Edward, who continued its operation and took exceptional care of the buildings on the original homesite. As the Norwalk area expanded in population in the twentieth century, increasing land values for residential and commercial property in the vicinity forced Edward to sell off most of the ranch except for the original homesite. Upon his death in the early 1970's, the remaining 3.25-acre complex was acquired by Edwards grandson who currently owns it.

Today the Paddison Ranch is a remarkable and well-preserved reminder of the city of Norwalk's early beginnings which has survived a century of growth and development in the community. The buildings are in relatively good condition and contain a mass of tools, agricultural implements, furniture, and other items accumulated by the Paddisons for over one hundred years. Local schools have been touring the ranch for several years, being shown a typical (although compact) ranch of the 1880's in Southern California. The ranch is also a favorite location for filming commercials and movies because of its rustic authenticity.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.25

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 1	4 0 0 5 0 0	3 7 1 5 3 4 0 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A lot of 3.25 acres commencing at the northeast corner of Imperial Highway and Zeus Ave, extending 256' eastward on Imperial Hwy. to Paddison Place, then about 553' northward, then 256' westward, and then about 553' southward along Zeus Avenue to the original point.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Tom Sitton Curatorial Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Natural History Museum

STREET & NUMBER

900 Exposition Blvd.

CITY OR TOWN

Los Angeles

DATE

September 12, 1977

TELEPHONE

746-0410 x241

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

Kenny M. Ellison

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 1/17/78

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

[Signature]

DATE

6-23-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Walter C. Cole

DATE

6-6-78

~~NATIONAL REGISTER~~

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