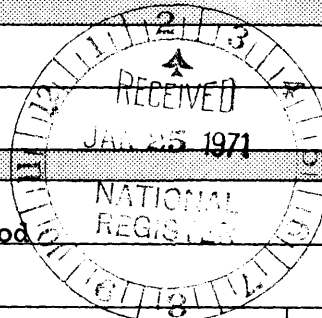


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE: <b>California</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Shasta</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <b>71.7.06.0038</b>	DATE <b>7/14/71</b>



<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: <b>Reading Adobe Site</b>			
AND/OR HISTORIC: <b>Vaquero House</b>			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Adobe Lane. 5 miles from center of Cottonwood</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Cottonwood</b>			
STATE <b>California</b>	CODE <b>06</b>	COUNTY: <b>Shasta</b>	CODE <b>089</b>

<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <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	<b>STATUS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> 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 type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>The site is not in use</b>

<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNER'S NAME: <b>County of Shasta</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>1500 Court Street</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Redding</b>	STATE: <b>California</b>	CODE <b>06</b>	

<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <b>Shasta County Courthouse, Book 493, Page 214 &amp; Book 819, p. 686, Official Records of Shasta Co.</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>1500 Court Street</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Redding</b>	STATE: <b>California</b>	CODE <b>06</b>	

<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY: <b>California Historical Landmarks No. 10</b>			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <b>Department of Parks and Recreation</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>P. O. Box 2390</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Sacramento</b>	STATE: <b>California</b>	CODE <b>06</b>	

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# 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated

☒ Ruins

☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered

☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

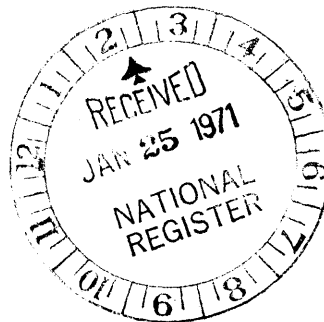
☐ Moved

☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A fenced enclosure of some 150' x 200', containing a shapeless mound of earth and a few trees. Visible improvements, a brick wall curb. Under the mound are brick floors and hearths, and the lower courses of adobe walls. In front is a large bronze California Historical Landmark marker. The adobe is accessible by two-lane paved county road from Cottonwood or Anderson on Interstate 5.

The condition of the adobe at the present time lends itself primarily to a task of historic archeology to aid in any reconstruction of the building. The modern methods of this discipline can reveal details of construction that have been obscured by the melting of the adobe bricks.



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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## 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 Applicable and Known) 1847-68

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

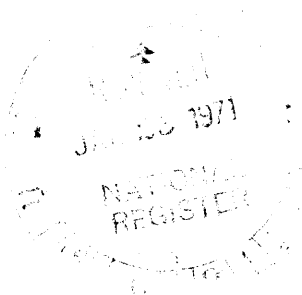
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Pierson Barton Reading, one of California's "superpioneers" (Chiles-Walker party, 1843) received in 1844 from the Mexican government the Rancho Buena Ventura, and in 1847 built as its headquarters the adobe whose remains have been marked as noted above. Major Reading was adjutant of the California Battalion in 1846, the only white inhabitant of Shasta County prior to the Gold Rush, the father of diversified agriculture in this area, the first discoverer of gold in Shasta and Trinity Counties in 1848 and an almost successful candidate for Governor in 1851. He lived at the adobe, or in a larger mansion attached to it, until his death in 1868. He is buried nearby.

The adobe was the legal seat of Shasta County from February 1850 to February 1851. In 1851 it was the site of a treaty between local Indians and U. S. Indian Agent Dr. Wozencraft, one of the notorious "18 Treaties".

Indications at the site suggest that a majority of the structural information of the building is intact and much of the actual foundations, floors, and subsurface data are still obtainable.



# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Frisbie, Mabel, The Rancho Buena Ventura, The Covered Wagon, 1966, Shasta Historical Society.

"Pierson B. Reading, Journal", Society of California Pioneers Quarterly, VII No. 3, September 1930.

Steger, Gertrude, A Chronology of the life of Pierson B. Reading, California Historical Society Quarterly, XXII, December 1943.

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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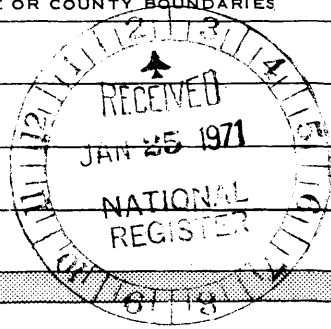
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7/10th acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <b>Norman A. Wagoner, Chairman</b>	
ORGANIZATION: <b>Shasta County Board of Supervisors</b>	DATE: <b>July 6, 1970</b>
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>P. O. Box 880</b>	
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Redding</b>	STATE: <b>California</b> CODE: <b>06</b>

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Title

Date

*[Signature]*  
**State Liaison Officer**  
**January 22, 1971**

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

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

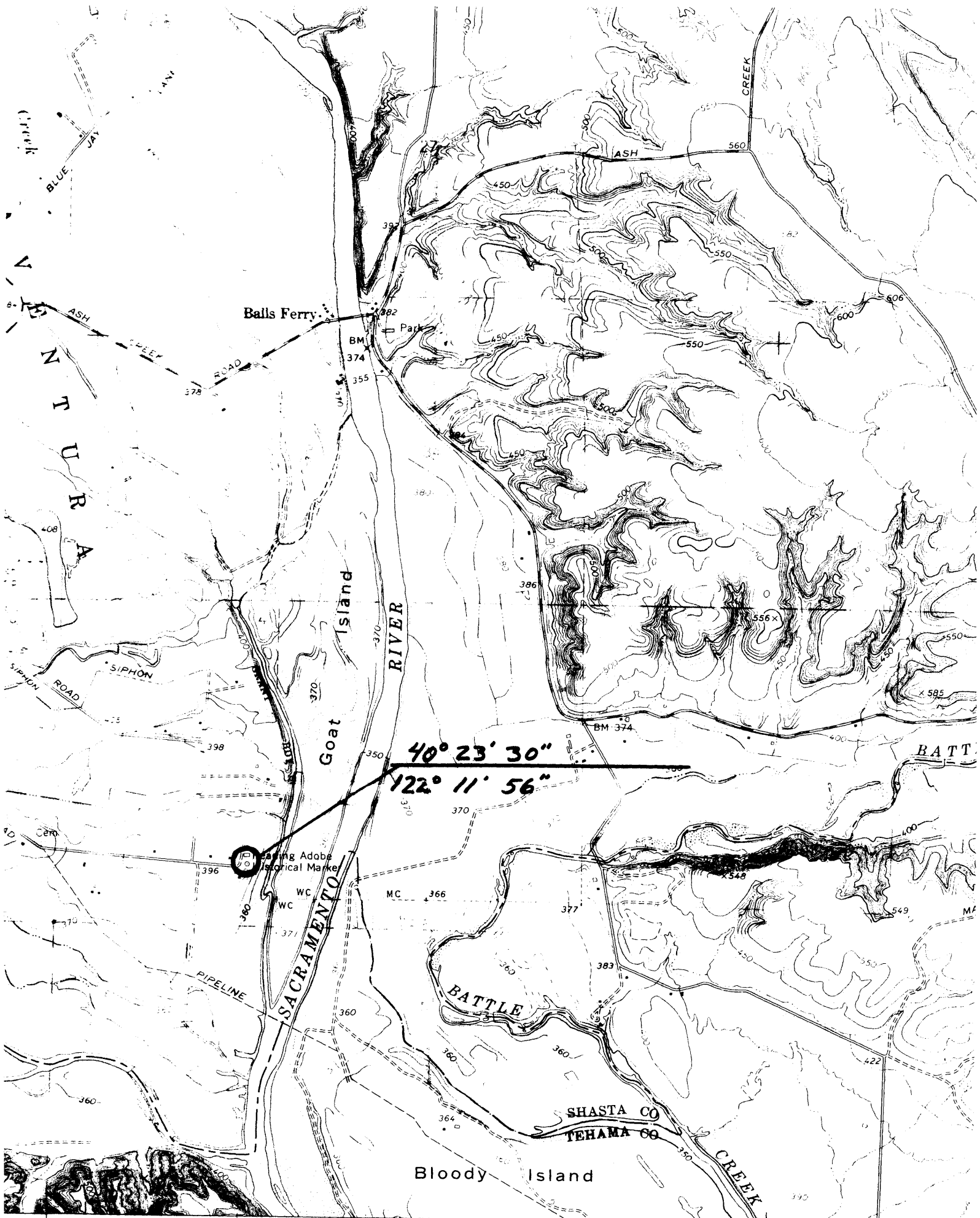
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ATTEST:

Date

**JUL 14 1971**

*[Signature]*  
Keeper of The National Register  
**APR 30 1971**



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