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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: CALIFORNIA	
COUNTY: ALAMEDA	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71.7.06.0046	DATE 7/14/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
MISSION SAN JOSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Mission Boulevard at the head of Washington Boulevard

CITY OR TOWN:
Fremont (Mission San José District)

STATE California	CODE 06	COUNTY: Alameda	CODE 001
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, a corporation sole
(Most Rev. Floyd L. Begin incumbent)

STREET AND NUMBER:
2900 Lakeshore Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Oakland

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Alameda County Recorder's Office, Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
1225 Fallon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Oakland

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
California State Registered Landmark No. 334 and HABS: CAL-1132

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
California Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER:
1416 9th Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Sacramento

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

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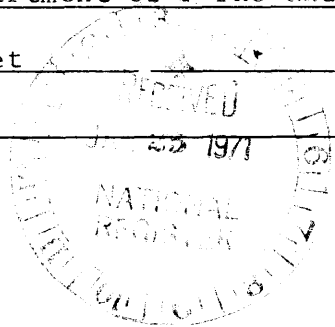
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7. DESCRIPTION

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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

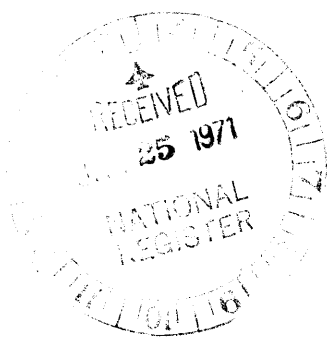
Of Mission San José only a part of the living quarters remains today, a long one-story building of sun-dried brick made from native soil, which dates from about 1810. In 1916, the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West began work to preserve and restore this building, and a roof was put over the whole structure in order to prevent the winter rains from washing away the adobe walls. Further restoration was accomplished in 1950, and the building is now a museum. The adobe mission church was destroyed by the earthquake of 1868, and a steepled wooden church, which still stands, was erected soon thereafter on the old site. The present pastor, Rev. John Williams, who is very interested in history, has tentative plans to remove the wooden church to another location and reconstruct the adobe church according to old photographs and plans, under the guidance of Harry Downie, the eminent mission-restoration expert. Ultimately the entire complex would be reconstructed around the existing restored original building.

(Some thought might be given to the entire community of Mission San José, including the mission proper, as a historic district or complex. The settlement was an important way-station during the early American period, and a number of buildings remain from the second half of the nineteenth century.)

(Incidentally, the correct title of the mission is Mission San José, not Mission San José de Guadalupe. "De Guadalupe" refers to the Pueblo San José de Guadalupe, now the city of San José, a considerable distance to the south.)

The present dimensions of the building is about 7,968 square feet which is but a small fraction of the original.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

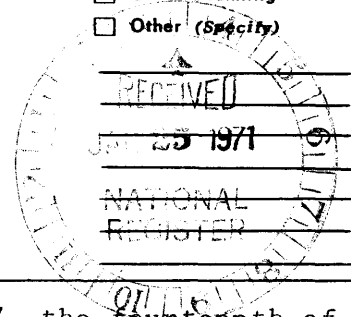
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" 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) 1797 c. 1809-1810

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input checked="" 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

Mission San José was founded on June 11, 1797, the fourteenth of California's twenty-one coastal missions and the only one to be founded in the East Bay. The founder was Fermín Francisco de Lasuén, permanent seccessor to Junipero Serra as Father-President of the Franciscan California missions.

Five days after the founding, temporary buildings constructed of native timbers and thatched with grass were begun, and on June 28 Fathers Isidoro Barcenilla and Agustín Merino arrived to take charge of the new mission. Of the various fathers who served Mission San José, Narciso Durán, a native of Catalonia, who came to California from Mexico in 1806, was the most prominent. He went at once to Mission San José and began his long ministry there, which continued until 1833.

Mission San José grew and prospered throughout the years of its service, before the inevitable decadence following the secularization at last set in about 1841. There were 1,806 people at the mission in 1824, when it was excelled only by Mission San Luis Rey in population, and in the number of baptisms San José greatly exceeded any other mission. It also stood fourth on the list in regard to the number of cattle and sheep raised, as well as in the average production of grain crops.

The highest population attained at Mission San José was 1,877 people in 1831; the number fell to 1,400 in 1834, and to 580 in 1840. However, this mission for the entire decade of the 1830's maintained a remarkable record and was probably the most properous of all the California missions both before and after secularization, which was effected between 1826 and 1837. Crops were good, and the livestock increased steadily. Englehardt gives the last available official report (1832) as 12,000 cattle, 13,000 sheep, and 13,000 horses.

On April 22, 1809, Padre Presidente Estévan Tápís came to hold the vigil of St. Joseph and to bless the adobe church just completed at the mission, the one destroyed by earthquake in 1868.

San José was the last mission but one to be secularized. In November 1836, the property was turned over to José de Jesus Vallejo, comisionado. Most of the mission lands finally fell into the hands of strangers, but the property immediately surrounding the church was ultimately returned to the Catholic Church.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Englehardt, Charles Anthony (Zephyrin). The Missions and Missionaries of California. 4 vols. San Francisco, 1908-15

Any other standard work on the California missions.

McCarthy, Francis Florence. The History of Mission San Jose, California, 1797-1835, ed. Raymond F. Wood. Fresno, California: Academy Library Guild, 1958.

Hoover, Rensch, Abeloe, Historic Spots in California, 3d edn., 1966.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.185 acres + -

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Charles E. Matzen

ORGANIZATION: Alameda County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

DATE: 7/6/70

STREET AND NUMBER:
1221 Oak Street

CITY OR TOWN: Oakland, STATE: California CODE: 06

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: [Signature]

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: January 22, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: JUL 14 1971

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: MAY 4 1971

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