

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 I.O.O.F. Hall (Independent Order of Odd Fellows)

and/or common the same

2. Location

street & number Main St., corner of Mokelumne St. not for publication

city, town Woodbridge vicinity of congressional district 14

state California code 06 county San Joaquin code 077

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: not in use

4. Owner of Property

name Richard A. Neal and Frances K. Neal (wife)

street & number 1132 Green Oaks Way

city, town Lodi vicinity of state Calif. 95240

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. San Joaquin County Courthouse, Recorder's Office

street & number Hunter St., between Main and Weber Sts.

city, town Stockton vicinity of state Calif.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title State Registered Landmark #358 has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Oct. 9, 1939 federal state county local

depository for survey records California State Department of Parks and Recreation

city, town Sacramento vicinity of 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 Woodbridge I.O.O.F. Hall is a free-standing, two-story, rectangular brick block on a corner lot. Behind the parapet that terminates the facade, the structure has a nearly flat roof. (At some time in the 20th century a higher pitched, gabled roof was put on the building as shown in the photos dating from c1920 and c1935, but this roof has been removed.) Except for the date, 1874, set in the central panel of the parapet, and the letters, I.O.O.F., spaced over the four, second story windows, the facade has been stripped of its exterior detail. Shadow marks in the brickwork indicate the location of the detail, probably of wood, which consisted of: an upper cornice for which the projecting supports remain, window heads, and a belt course between the two floors. Variations in the ground floor brickwork reveal the form and location of three round-arched openings that are now bricked up.

Evidence of the character of the exterior detail, cornice moldings, and straight, molded window heads on curved brackets, exists in two photos, one from the 1920s and one from the mid-1930s. Because of this documentation, the loss of the detail is remedial. In addition, there is a neighboring building of the same period and character that retains its detail and may be used for reference.

Side elevations are quite plain and have three windows on each floor with double-hung wooden sash. The rear elevation has a two-story, shed-roofed wooden addition on the south half of the building and a one-story, shed-roofed wooden addition on the north half. At the rear of the building's north side there is a steel stairway ascending to a second-story door. In the history of the building's use it appears that there was a second-story entrance to the meeting hall that preceded the interior stair. However, the interior stair was put in by the Odd Fellows and probably dates from early in their use of the building. The present exterior stair is not original and was installed in July, 1962. The shed-roofed wooden additions were also added by the Odd Fellows, but no date has been found for their construction.

At the rear of the property there is a small wooden shed that was built at some time during the Odd Fellows ownership of the building. There is no known date for its construction. The building houses the well, pressure system, and mens and womens restrooms. It has no architectural or historical significance.

A 20x40 ft. building of cement block was built by the I.O.O.F. in 1967 on the front of the lot beside the hall as a restaurant and barber shop. It is judged to be non-contributing.

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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 1861-1874 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The I.O.O.F. Hall is one of the significant buildings in the town of Woodbridge, a State Registered Landmark since 1939. Originally the Lavinsky Store, a one-story brick building erected in 1861, the structure was remodeled in 1874 to house the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The remodelling consisted of a second-story addition to accommodate a meeting hall. The town is historically significant as an early transportation cross-roads and as the site of an important ferry over the Mokelumne River. Architecturally, the hall is representative of a type of brick building erected throughout the state (and the west) which had commercial space on the ground floor and meeting space above. These buildings were typically built by fraternal orders which played an important role in the early settlement period. Among them, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was one of the most important. In general, structures of this type were adorned with simplified Classical detail on the facade. The Woodbridge I.O.O.F. Hall is one of three architecturally significant buildings remaining in the town.

The Woodbridge Hall was occupied by the Jefferson Lodge #98, formed in August of 1860. The Lodge purchased the Lavinsky store in 1870. The I.O.O.F. originated in Manchester, England, in the early 19th century. Before mid-century the Order had spread to this country with a founding lodge in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1851, the Odd Fellows came to California. Their peak period of activity was during the Gold Rush and its aftermath when the Order spread throughout the state performing many charitable services for the hundreds of homeless people who became ill and/or died in California. "To visit the sick, bury the dead, educate the orphan and provide homes for the aged of both sexes" was the I.O.O.F.'s mission.

As a 19th century, vernacular building type associated with an institution of importance to the history of the settlement of California, the Woodbridge I.O.O.F. Hall is significant under Categories A and C.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Carey, Naomi, Footprints in Time, Woodbridge History in the Main Lodi Library Pamphlet files in the Lodi Public Library and the San Joaquin Historical Society archive, Tinkham, George H., History of San Joaquin County, Historical Records Co. LA, Micke Grove Park, The Half Century of American Odd Fellowships, 1906 1923.
~~Letter from A. L. Vetter, Secy, Jefferson Lodge #98, Jan. 31, 1982.~~

10. Geographical Data

 provides information from the Lodge records.

Acreege of nominated property less than 1
Quadrangle name Lodi North Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
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Verbal boundary description and justification Lot 12, 50'x100' in Block 10 of Woodbridge according to the official map thereof filed in 01.2 of Maps, p.74, San Joaquin County Records.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sally B. Woodbridge, Architectural Historian

organization _____ date Feb. 15, 1982 (amended version)

street & number 2273 Vine St. telephone (415) 848-4356

city or town Berkeley state Calif. 94709

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature K. M. Egan

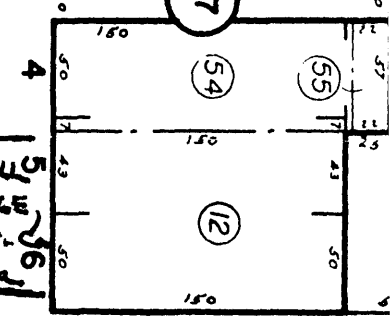
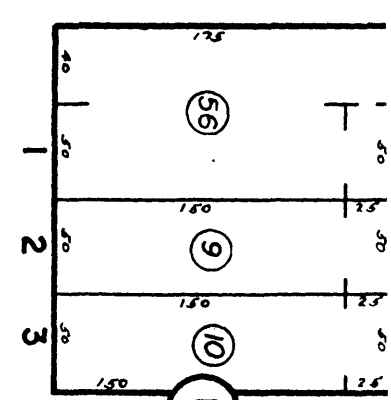
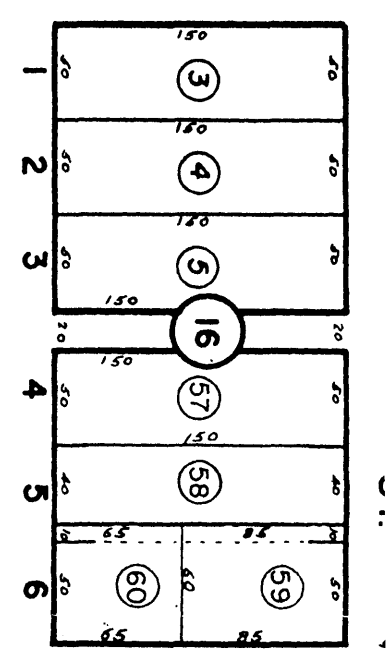
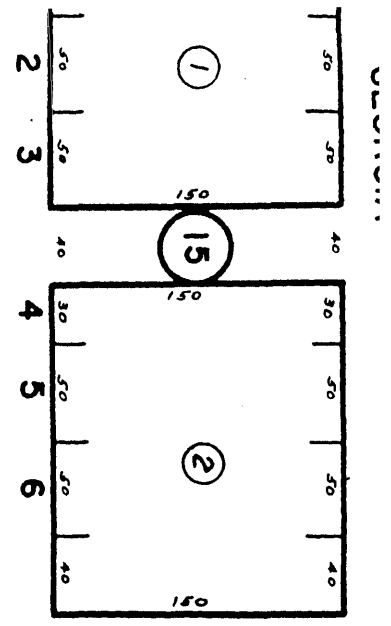
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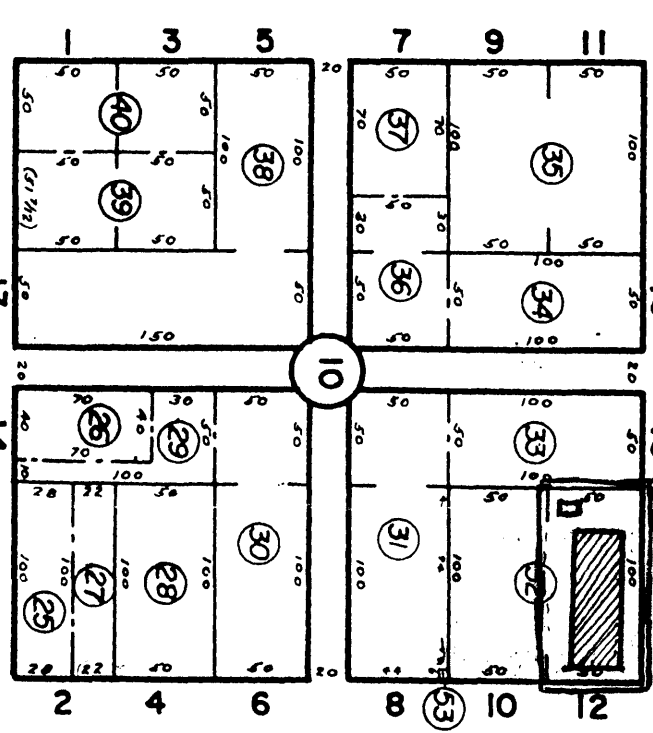
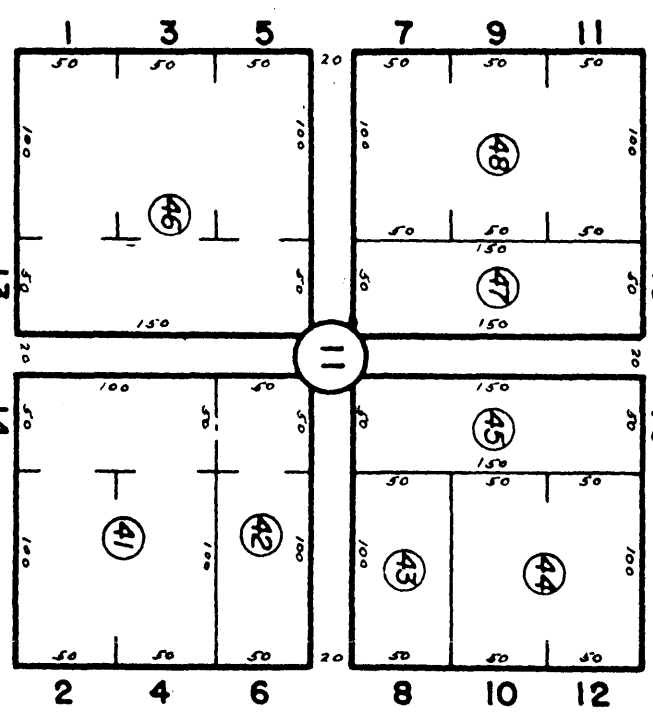
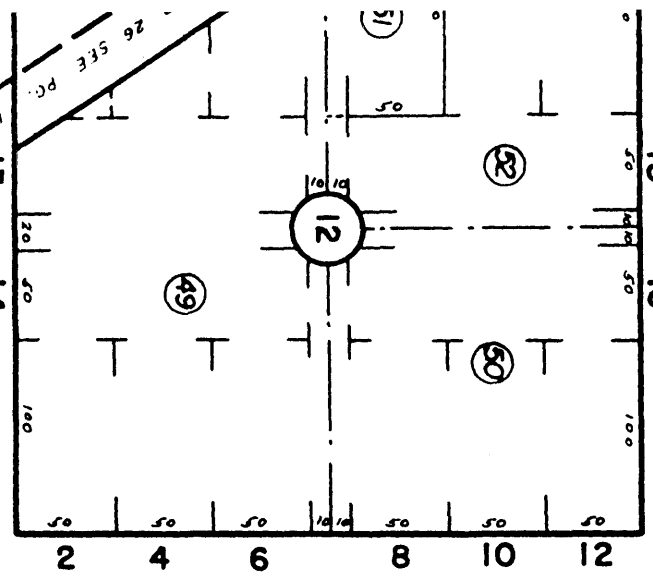
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

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Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____
Chief of Registration



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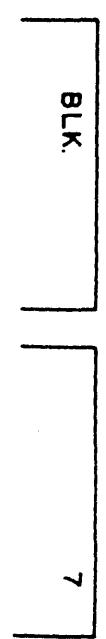
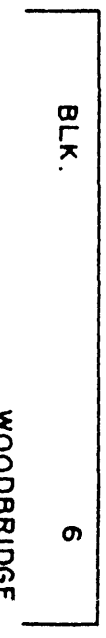
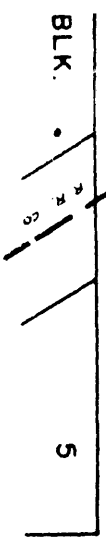


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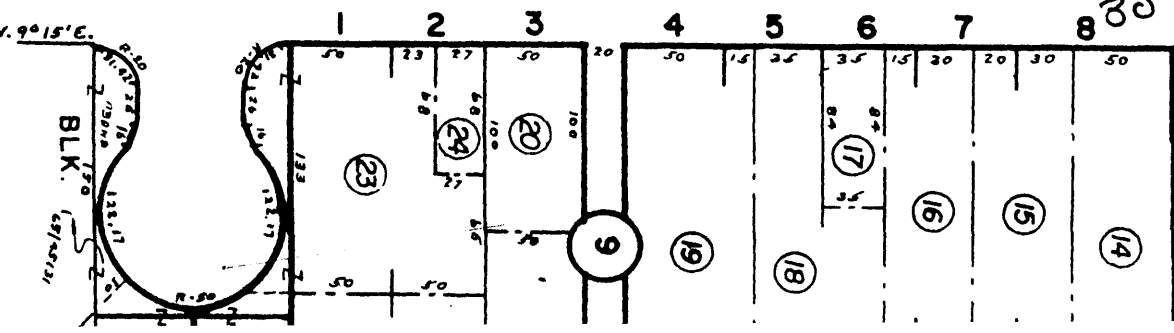
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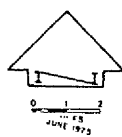
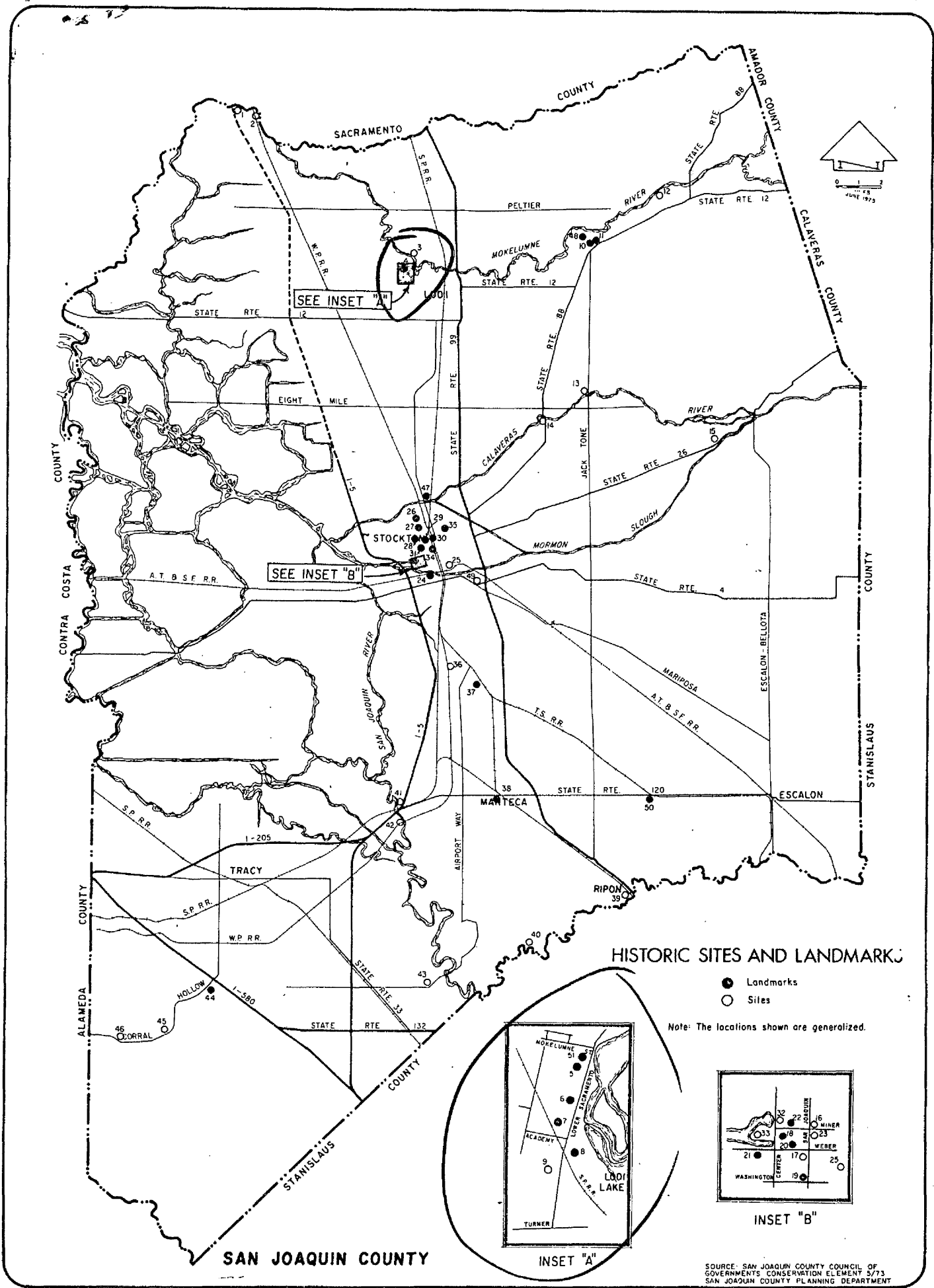
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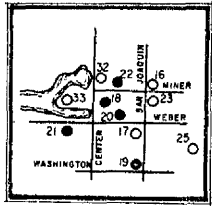
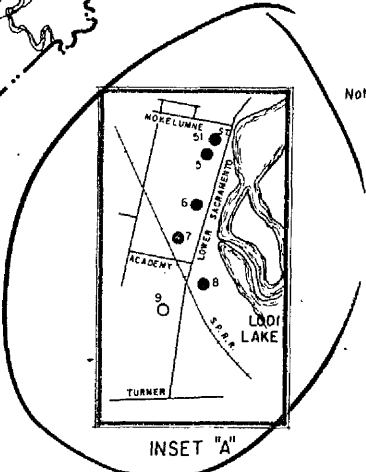
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HISTORIC SITES AND LANDMARKS

- Landmarks
- Sites

Note: The locations shown are generalized.



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SOURCE: SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONSERVATION ELEMENT 5/73
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT