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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 Calaveras County Bank

and/or common Calaveras Meat Market

## 2. Location

street & number 1239 Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Angels Camp N/A vicinity of congressional district 18th

state California code 06 county Calaveras code 009

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Tad Folendorf and J. Timothy and Carolyn Lane

street & number Box 1

city, town Angels Camp N/A vicinity of state California 95222

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calaveras County Recorder

street & number Government Center

city, town San Andreas state California

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title City of Angels Inventory of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date March, 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records State Office of Historic Preservation, P. O. Box 2390

city, town Sacramento state California 95811

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" 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 _____ N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	(interior)		

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Calaveras County/Central Sierra Bank looks almost exactly the same today as it did when first constructed of native stone on Main Street in Angels Camp in 1900. The two-story, Classical Revival building with three-bayed front has served as a bank for more than forty years of its eighty-four year history. Built of rhyolite tuff quarried locally, it still retains the interior vault, tile floors, Lincrusta Walton wallpaper, marble wainscoting, and room configuration that it had when designed by Depierre and Righetti for use as the first Calaveras County Bank. During the years, 1937-1980, when it was used as the Calaveras Meat Market, a meat hoist and showcases were installed, but they have since been removed and the bank has been restored to its original use and is now the Angels Camp branch of the Central Sierra Bank.

The bank is a two-story Classical Revival stone building with three-bayed front. Across the top of the building is a boxed galvanized iron cornice, bracketed at each corner. There are cut stone pilasters on each side, with a row of molding running beneath the frieze. There are three windows on the second story front, double-hung Mendocino Pine single-pane sash. The central window has a pedimented galvanized iron window head, the flanking windows have plain lintels. The first story is 12'6" high and the second is 11'6" in height. The south wall is shared with the Stickles Building next door, built in 1856 of rhyolite tuff. The roof is tinned and has a central 15' flagpole.

The lower floor has three arched stone openings with keystones, separated by four rusticated pilasters. The central opening is filled with a large picture window into the bank lobby, the left front opening has double doors, veneered oak over sugar pine, panelled and with glass above, which lead into the bank lobby. The stoop has "BANK" spelled in green mosaic tiles on the floor. The doors to the south have two molded panels below with single sash above, are made of sugar pine and redwood, and lead to a stairway to the second-floor offices.

The interior of the bank is furnished with the original vault, hexagonal white tiles with green tiled Greek Key perimeter design on the floors, white marble wainscoting with green marble baseboard, marble-topped banking table, and the original room configuration. The rear conference room looks much the same today as it did when the bank first opened its doors except for cosmetic changes. There is a large rubble-stone fireplace with wooden mantel on the south wall and three windows to the east rear. The original stenciled wallpaper and gilt draperies have been replaced by off-white paper and draperies and the Puget Sound tongue and groove floor has been covered with red carpeting.

When the Calaveras Meat Market moved to the building from its location in the Calaveras Hotel across the street in 1937 a meat rack and meat counters were installed, but the Raggio family who operated it continued to use the marble-topped banking table, the vault, and the rooms as they were. Virtually no other changes were made until the bank was restored in 1981. The tile has now been covered with carpeting and reproduction brass lighting fixtures have been installed, new bank counters built, and a new vault constructed in a rear room. Except for these minor alterations, the building is exactly the same as it was when originally constructed, even to the installation of canvas awnings over the windows.

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According to the original specifications, the second story of the bank building was composed of "four elegant offices for rent". The stairway leading to the upstairs was of Mendocino Pine, the newels were fancy-turned Spanish Cedar. Lincrusta Walton wallpaper wainscoted the stairway and the second story hallway and offices. The trim was oak grained, and the trimmings were shellacked and rubbed with oil. The hardware was brass and the door butts figured iron with acorn tips. The doors were wood with two panels below and a glass panel above. A skylight lit the upstairs hallway and plaster rosettes held the lighting fixtures. The upstairs bathrooms had marble molded sinks with nickle plated faucets. In addition there was a small outdoor bathroom in the rear yard which is no longer in existence.

The original Calaveras County Bank sign which was located immediately beneath the front cornice has been replaced with the Central Sierra Bank sign. The bank building is situated directly on the sidewalk of Main Street/Hwy 49 in Angels Camp and is flanked by stone buildings which directly abut it. Thus it fits in with the remainder of the historic buildings on the street and forms an integral part of the historic fabric of downtown Angels Camp.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input 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** 1900 **Builder/Architect** E. Depierre and Perseo Righetti

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built in 1900, during the hardrock gold mining boom in Angels Camp, the Calaveras County Bank was the first bank to be incorporated in Calaveras County. It was also the first building to be constructed originally as a bank within the County, therefore it is unique in having the original vault, tile floors, banking table and Board of Directors meeting room. Another significant factor was that it was designed by architects from San Francisco, E. Depierre and Perseo Righetti. The architects' specifications were very exact, even to describing the Lincrusta Walton wallpaper, the woods for various trims, wood graining, paint, plaster, hardware, sheet iron, wiring, bathroom fixtures, etc. at a time when most buildings were simple expected to be completed "in a workmanlike manner". In 1930 the Calaveras County Bank merged with the Bank of Italy and moved to a new building across the street. In 1937 the building was leased to the Ernest Raggio family who operated it as the Calaveras Meat Market until 1980. In 1981 the building was restored to its original appearance and again became a bank, the Central Sierra Bank.

The Board of Directors obviously spared no expense in hiring architects to design the most modern and best decorated commercial building in the County for its time. The use of various woods for different trims, veneering, and woodgraining were unusual in buildings constructed at the time in the area. It was meant to be a showplace and the local newspapers did it justice, with weekly articles on the progress of the construction. The design and construction was carried out by men of varied ethnic groups; the architects were French and Italian, while the contractor, A. G. Borbe, was from Germany and the stonemason, G. B. Gazzola, was from Italy.

Little is known of E. Depierre but Perseo Righetti later would design many buildings in San Francisco after the earthquake and fire of 1906. Prior to 1909 Righetti designed commercial and apartment buildings in partnership with H. P. Kuhl. From 1909-1914 he was in partnership with A. Headman in designing various hotels and apartments in San Francisco, as well as the Beaux Arts Native Sons of the Golden West Building on Mason Street. No other building in Calaveras County was designed by so eminent an architect of the time.

The Calaveras County Bank was incorporated on March 16, 1900, the first bank in the County to be incorporated with all local members among the Board of Directors. Nine of the original stockholders were also from the County. These men were local merchants and business and professional men with a stake in Calaveras County and its prosperity. The bank was incorporated with a stock of \$50,000.00 to be a general banking, loan, deposit and exchange business, with the principal place of business to be at Angels Camp.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

CALAVERAS COUNTY RECORDS  
 Architectural Specifications  
 Articles of Incorporation

NEWSPAPERS  
 Calaveras Prospect, June through  
 December, 1900

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property .048 acre

Quadrangle name Angels Camp

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing							

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Building occupies its original 24' x 87' lot.  
 The property is listed by the Calaveras County Assessor's Office as Assessor's Parcel Number 62-004-23. It is a portion of block 4, lot 10 of the original Angels Camp Townsite

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

state N/A code  county N/A code

state N/A code  county N/A code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Judith Cunningham

organization Foothill Resource Associates date August, 1984

street & number 4895 Lyle Court telephone 209-286-1584 or 728-3520

city or town Mokelumne Hill state California 95245

# 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 Kathryn Gueltner

title State Historic Preservation Officer date June 24, 1985

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register  
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date 8-1-85

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date

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During the 1850's the County had been served by local offices of the Adams, Budd, and Wells-Fargo Express companies. With the failure of the Adams Express in 1854 many became fearful of further losses and turned to the local merchants to act as their bankers. Through these practices, the prominent merchants in each community became the owners of vast tracts of land and numerous houses as people were unable to repay their loans or the advances on staples and groceries during hard times. Although the Hibernia Savings and Loan, the Sacramento Bank, and the German Savings and Loan opened and closed local branches during the intervening years, it wasn't until 1900 that a permanent local bank was incorporated. During the 1920's the San Francisco Bank, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Rio Vista, and the Wells-Fargo Bank opened branches and the Central Bank of Calaveras was incorporated in San Andreas. Thus for around twenty years, the Calaveras County Bank was the only bank within the County.

Today the Calaveras County Bank building is the home of the newly organized Central Sierra Bank, which again uses the vault, the marble banking table, and the Board of Directors' Room as they were originally intended. Photographs of the building today are virtually indistinguishable from those of the 1920's with the exception of the different ages of the automobiles along Main Street.

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Architect and Engineer, March 1928 (pg. 106) Perseo Righetti obituary

PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Sally Woodbridge, April 21, 1984 - listing of San Francisco buildings

