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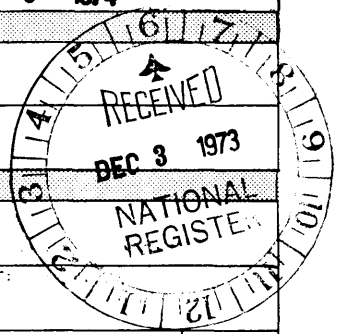
Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	California
COUNTY:	Nevada
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	MAY 3 1974



1. NAME

COMMON:
Mount St. Mary's Academy and Convent

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Orphanage of the Holy Angels

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner of Church and Chapel Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Grass Valley

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
2

STATE: **California** CODE: **06** COUNTY: **Nevada** CODE: **057**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Available to rent; used for various fund raising events	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Sisters of Mercy Provincialate Eighth

STREET AND NUMBER:
1801 South 72nd Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Omaha

STATE:
Nebraska

CODE:
68124

STATE:
California

CODE:
31

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Nevada County Assessor's Office - Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Nevada City

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

DATE OF SURVEY: **September 1970** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
529 E. Broad Street, Nevada City

STREET AND NUMBER:
Duplicate files - Nevada City Library (Historical Section)

CITY OR TOWN:
Nevada City

STATE:
California

CODE:
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ENTRY NUMBER: **MIN 9 514**

DATE:

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

Mount Saint Mary's Academy is an impressive, white, three-storied building measuring 39 feet from graded level to eaves and 120 feet by 40 feet in plan. The first story walls are rough stone and brick set out a few inches from the finished stucco walls of the upper stories.

The design (and setting) is recollective of the good rural architecture of the foothills of northern Italy - simple and free Palladian Renaissance. Proportions are tall; windows and doors have projecting broad, flat architraves and those of the second floor have denticulated head cornices. The slender double hung windows are divided by delicate muntins and the corners of the building are rusticated. The entrance, at second floor level, is reached by a bold, free-standing stairway which juts out about 40 feet into the lovely brick walled garden. Laid out with many boxwood lined walks, the garden contains white statues, a fountain, a sun dial, beautiful conifers, some palms and flowers; including at this writing, a show of magenta colored chrysanthemums.

There is no one big room in the building. Most of the many rooms are well proportioned, well lighted and finished with plaster and good woodwork.

St. Joseph's Chapel is connected to the north end of the academy; its front on the same line. It is a white wood framed building 40 feet by 90 feet in plan. Its design is Gothic vernacular with pointed arch doors, windows buttresses and a very steep roof. Exterior walls faced with rustic siding and shingles. Another dramatic stairway (similar to that of the academy) leads from the garden level to the chapel entrance on second floor level. The interior is an undivided space with a small chancel, two vestry rooms and a balcony (choir loft) over the entrance. The interior completely lined with decorative embossed tin sheets. The chancel is lighted by a creditable stained glass window. There are good light fixtures and an elaborately carved wood confessional, all in Gothic style.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input 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) Begun March 1865; corner stone 2 May, 1865

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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Convent and</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>Orphanage Boarding</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>School</u> |
| <input 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

HISTORICAL

Cornerstone laid and blessed by Bishop O'Connell. The Sisters moved into the building May 20, 1865 which was unfurnished. April 2, 1866 the first orphans were accepted - a family of four children from Sierra County. A few days later another family of four from Shasta County. Within two months, 30 orphans were accepted without remuneration. In June 1866, a benefactor, Edward McLaughlin (later of San Jose) furnished the building. At the time of occupancy the Sisters had a debt of approximately \$9,000. Through solicitation of funds throughout the Mother Lode area and donations and bequests, the Sisters, after many years of struggle, were able to meet their obligation. In 1872 the boys were moved to a building on Pleasant Street; in 1878 the boys were moved to a building on Brighton Street and the girls from the convent were moved to the Pleasant Street building. At that time the name Orphanage of the Holy Angels was changed to Convent of the Holy Angels.

In September 1868, in spite of the Sisters' intentions to serve the sick, poor and needy "without remuneration", financial pressure from creditors forced them to open a "select boarding school". The income from this venture helped support the orphanages on Pleasant and Brighton Streets.

In 1880 the name was changed to Mt. St. Mary's Academy. At that time there were 40 boarding pupils; 60 orphan girls and 40 orphan boys. In 1898, 100 orphan girls and 90 boys. Boarding pupils were housed in Mount St. Mary's to 1927, when the present school was erected and boarders moved there. Classrooms were housed in Mount St. Mary's until 1966 and the Sisters occupied the building until Christmas 1968.

COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL

It is the first orphanage in the Mother Lode and in the interior of California. Its continuation as Convent of the Sacred Heart added education and culture to its social service. The conversion to a select boarding school named Mt. St. Mary's Academy continued its contribution of social service, religious training, educational and cultural.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

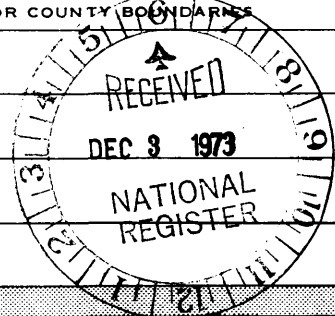
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2.15 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Mrs. Leland S. Lewis, Chairman**

ORGANIZATION: **Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission** DATE: **October 15, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **529 East Broad Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Nevada City** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

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: *[Signature]*

Title: **State Historic Preservation Officer**

Date: **NOV 16 1973**

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/2/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5.2.74