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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

NAME

HISTORIC ELIZABETH BARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
ALSO OR COMMON Bard Hospital

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 121 N. Fir Street
CITY/TOWN Ventura

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 19th

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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Inventor's Workshop International
STREET & NUMBER 121 N. Fir Street
CITY/TOWN Ventura

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE REGISTER OF DEEDS, ETC. Ventura County Recorder's Office
STREET & NUMBER 2387 E. Main Street
CITY/TOWN Ventura

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE San Buenaventura Historic Preservation Commission
DATE Landmark No. 19
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS City Clerk's Office - City of Ventura
CITY/TOWN P. O. Box 99 Ventura, Ca. 93001

DESCRIPTION

CON: EXCELLENT
GOOD
FAIR

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FORMS

LOCAL
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 FEDERAL
 NATIONAL

MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCHOLARSHIP
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIPTION

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bard Hospital is a two-story pseudo-Spanish Mission-style building, with 9,636 square feet of space. The basement contains 1,425 square feet, the first floor contains 3,544 square feet, the second floor contains 3,332 square feet and the lobby and halls account for 1,335 square feet.

The structure, located on a hill, can be seen from many points in the City and has always been considered a landmark in Ventura. The Ventura Free Press described the structure on March 22, 1901 as "... the greatest and most magnificent improvement the town has ever had ...". Only July 12 of that year the same paper said of the hospital that it will be "... a structure to which the town will ever point with pride and a grand monument to its founder." On April 25, 1902, the Ventura Free Press described the building: "The hospital is a landmark for miles, even in this mountainous country with its red tiled roof and a facade that seems to be taken from some time-dimmed picture of the hills in Granada."

Prominent features of the building include a bell tower on the east wing. A veranada from the second floor fronts the ocean and a porch 52 feet long runs the width of the building. The materials are stucco over lathe and plaster. The foundation is of river rocks. *

There were 14 private rooms and two wards that could accommodate six beds. The men's ward was on the first floor and the women's ward was on the second. Both floors had operating rooms. Six of the private rooms were in the basement and were described as commodious and sunny as they opened onto the floor.

Another unique feature about the interior of the building is that there is an absence of corners. This design was apparently a precautionary measure against dirt and dust. Other health features include antiseptic tiling for the floor and wainscoting, sterilizing basins throughout and the location of the plumbing and sanitary fixtures separate from the patients, on the north side of the building.

Although the interior is of no significance today, pictures in the Ventura Free Press on April 25, 1902, showed the furnishings of the superintendent's room, hall and stairway, dining room, patient's private ward, surgery and reception room. Another picture shows the City as seen from the veranada of the hospital.

* A retaining wall approximately 4-1/2' in height constructed of Sespe Brown Stone runs along two sides of the property. A circular driveway that enters and exits on Fir Street goes completely around the building.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD
 PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHAEOLOGY/ETHNOLOGY
 ARCHITECTURE
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

SPECIFIC DATES 1902

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW
PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING
1400-1499	CONSERVATION
1500-1599	ECONOMICS
1600-1699	EDUCATION
1700-1799	ENGINEERING
1800-1899	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
1900	INDUSTRY
	INVENTION
	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
	LAW
	LITERATURE
	MILITARY
	MUSIC
	PHILOSOPHY
	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
	RELIGION
	SCIENCE
	SCULPTURE
	SOFT PALEONTOLOGY
	THEATER
	TRANSPORTATION
	UNUSUAL/OTHER (SPECIFY)
	health

SPECIFIC DATES 1902 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
 The Bard Hospital is one of Ventura's most significant visual landmarks and
 is associated with a famous early resident of the City.

Dr. Cephas Little Bard was Ventura County's first doctor. He moved here in
 1868 from Pennsylvania. He came from a family of doctors and served in the Civil
 War, was elected County Coroner and President of the Ventura County Medical Society.
 He was also a member of the Ventura County Pioneer Society. He was later appointed
 to the California Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Bard is also known for his re-
 search of anthrax a range disease that killed cattle and sheep. In 1894 he pub-
 lished a pamphlet called, "The Ravages of the Bacillus Anthracis in California".

The Bard Hospital was opened on January 1, 1902, by Doctor Bard in memory of
 his mother, Elizabeth Bard. The hospital was financed by Dr. Bard's brother,
 Senator Thomas R. Bard, who was Ventura's only U.S. Senator. Dr. Bard was the
 hospital's first patient and died there at the age of 59, on April 20, 1902. He
 will that his remains be cremated and returned to the hospital where they remained
 until early 1976, when they were removed to the Ventura County Historical Museum.

The obituary in the Ventura Free Press, on April 25, 1902, attests to his im-
 mense popularity in the County. The report states that approximately 200 children
 marched in his funeral parade and 5,000 people were at the railroad depot as his
 body was being shipped to Los Angeles for cremation.

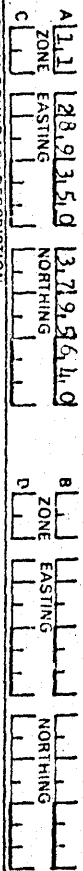
The Bard Hospital embodies architectural significance as an example of
 Californian Mission Revival architecture. This style evolved in the
 1890's as Californians grew interested in restoring the old Spanish Missions which
 had been largely ignored since American occupation. Mission Revival was the logi-
 cal result of the desire of many Californians for a simpler, indigenous architec-
 ture. By the late 1890's, Mission attributes such as gables and arches with neo-
 Moorish towers could be found in railroad stations, schools, libraries, commer-
 cial buildings, and houses. Southern California, in particular, was influenced
 by the new style. On both ends of the state, however, Mission Revival paved the
 way for the more urbane and elaborate Spanish Colonial Revival of the 1920's.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ventura Free Press, March 22, 1901, July 12, 1901 and April 25, 1902
 Ventura County Historical Society; "Dr. Bard and Anthrax", Vol. III, No. 3,
 May, 1968, P. 1

TOPOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .781 acres
 UTM REFERENCES



VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located on .781 acres and commands a panoramic view of the City. The property is bounded by Poli Street on the south, Fir Street to the east, Buena Vista Street to the north, and extends 200 feet to the west from Fir Street. The lot dimensions are 200' x 170'

Legal Description attached

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
 Miriam Mack - Staff/Historical Preservation Commission
 ORGANIZATION
 City of San Buenaventura
 STREET & NUMBER
 101 Poli Street P. O. Box 99
 CITY OR TOWN
 Ventura California 93001
 DATE
 December 3, 1976
 TELEPHONE
 805-648-7881, extension 212
 STATE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATES
 NATIONAL STATE LOCAL XX

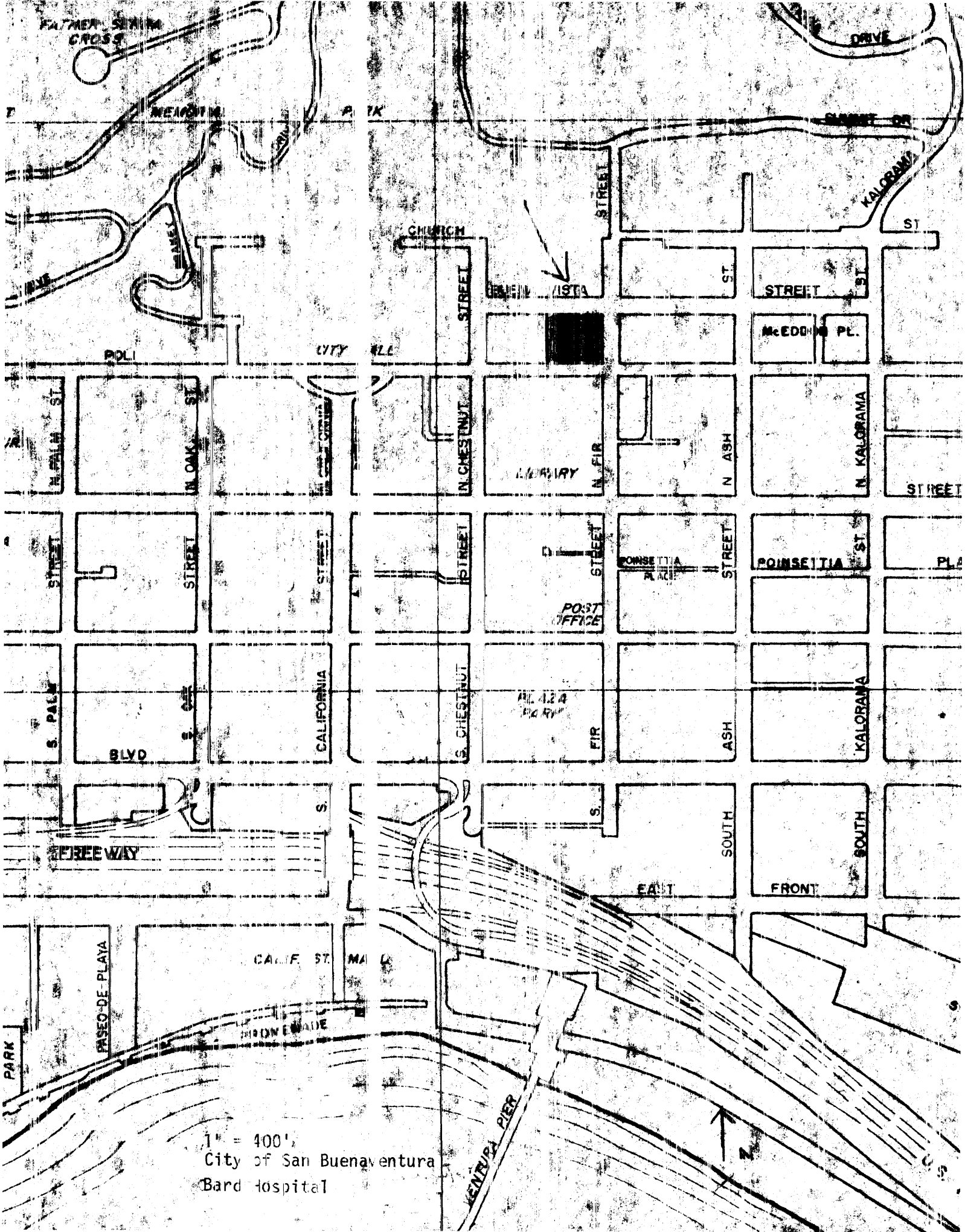
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-663), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE *Helen Thomas* MAR 23 1977

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11/1/77
 DATE OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER LISTING 11/1/77
 ATTEST: *Charles A. ...*



1" = 400'
 City of San Buenaventura
 Bard Hospital