

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California	
COUNTY: San Joaquin	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	16 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Weber School

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Weber Primary School

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
55 West Flora St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Stockton

STATE: **California** 95202 CODE: **06** COUNTY: **San Joaquin** CODE: **077**

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"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input 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 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 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 (Specify) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments The site is currently surplus property

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Stockton Unified School District

STREET AND NUMBER:
701 North Madison Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Stockton** 95202 STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Department of Public Works, City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
Civic Center

CITY OR TOWN: **Stockton** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Stockton Historical Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: **1971** Federal State County Local

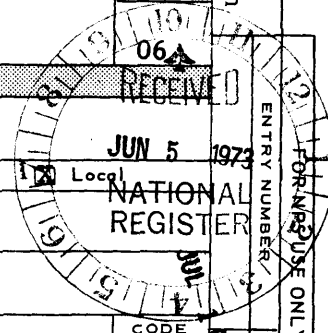
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Planning, City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
Civic Center

CITY OR TOWN: **Stockton** 95202 STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

The Weber Primary School built in the early 1870's is a two-story brick structure with some rather unique characteristics. The building has a wood frame front entrance porch with an arched front window that is reminiscent of church architecture. Tall and narrow fixed glass flanks each side of the main entrance doors. The typical double hung windows of the building are very high for their width. Below each window is a cast iron ventilator that ventilates directly to the exterior.

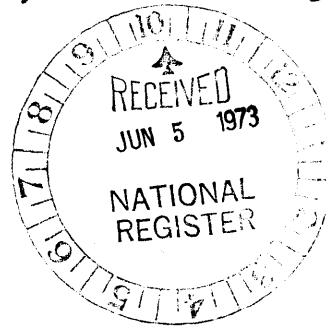
Except for the removal of the top portion of the bell tower, the building is in its original form. The lower remaining arched portion of the tower somewhat reflects the design of the front exterior porch. The interior has had several changes in floor plan but all original partitions remain and all new partitions are not bearing partitions. These partitions are mainly in the hallways of each floor, in one of the second floor classrooms and the stairwell. Part of an original partition was removed on the second story.

This two-story red brick building has a finished basement and measures approximately 63' x 50'. Each story contains two high ceilinged classrooms and a teacher's office.

Originally the basement was not finished but in more recent years was converted into a dining area and additional classroom space.

One of the two rear exits on the main floor has been closed with brick.

In short the building is remarkably close to its original appearance.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1873**

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 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <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

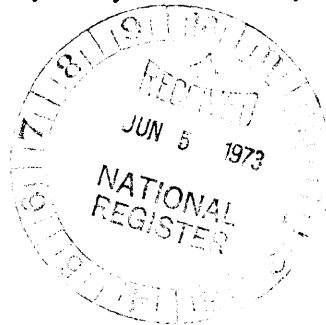
Old Weber School, one of Stockton's most historic buildings, was named after Captain Charles M. Weber, founder of Stockton, who donated land for many early schools. May 12, 1873 was dedication day. Aside from a few houses, the Weber School is the only building Capt. Weber would recognize if he were to see Stockton today.

The architectural significance of the structure is its representation of the early public buildings built in the area. It is the sole remaining structure of this type in its original form in Stockton. The local regionalism is related in the use of the soft red brick throughout. The brick is in very good condition considering the age of the structure.

The red brick architecture is representative of the type of buildings once prevalent throughout the city inspiring Stockton's long forgotten nickname, 'The Brick City'. This structure is the oldest brick building in the city retaining its original appearance. The building is more than locally significant; it is believed to be the oldest brick urban school with the longest period of use in the State of California. It is also a well preserved example of American public building architecture of the 1870's, few examples of which are to be found in California.

A testimonial of the building's functional design is the fact the school was still in use in 1970 as a day care center by the Stockton Unified School District.

In July, 1972 an historical plaque was erected in front of the building by the City of Stockton designating it as a Stockton Historical Landmark. By action of the City Council, such buildings are protected from demolition for a period of up to five months by city ordinance.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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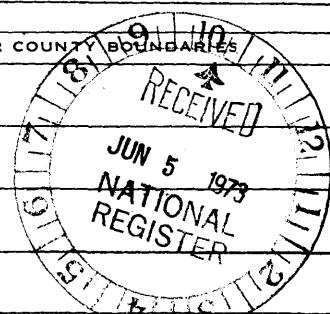
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE													
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NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	37	°	57	'	38	"	121	°	17	'	35	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"												
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"												
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"												

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1/4 acre**

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:
Raymond W. Hillman, Curator of History

ORGANIZATION: **Pioneer Museum and Haggin Galleries** DATE: **Jan. 18, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1201 N. Pershing Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: **Stockton** 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]
 State Historic Preservation Officer
 Title _____

Date **MAY 16 1973**

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

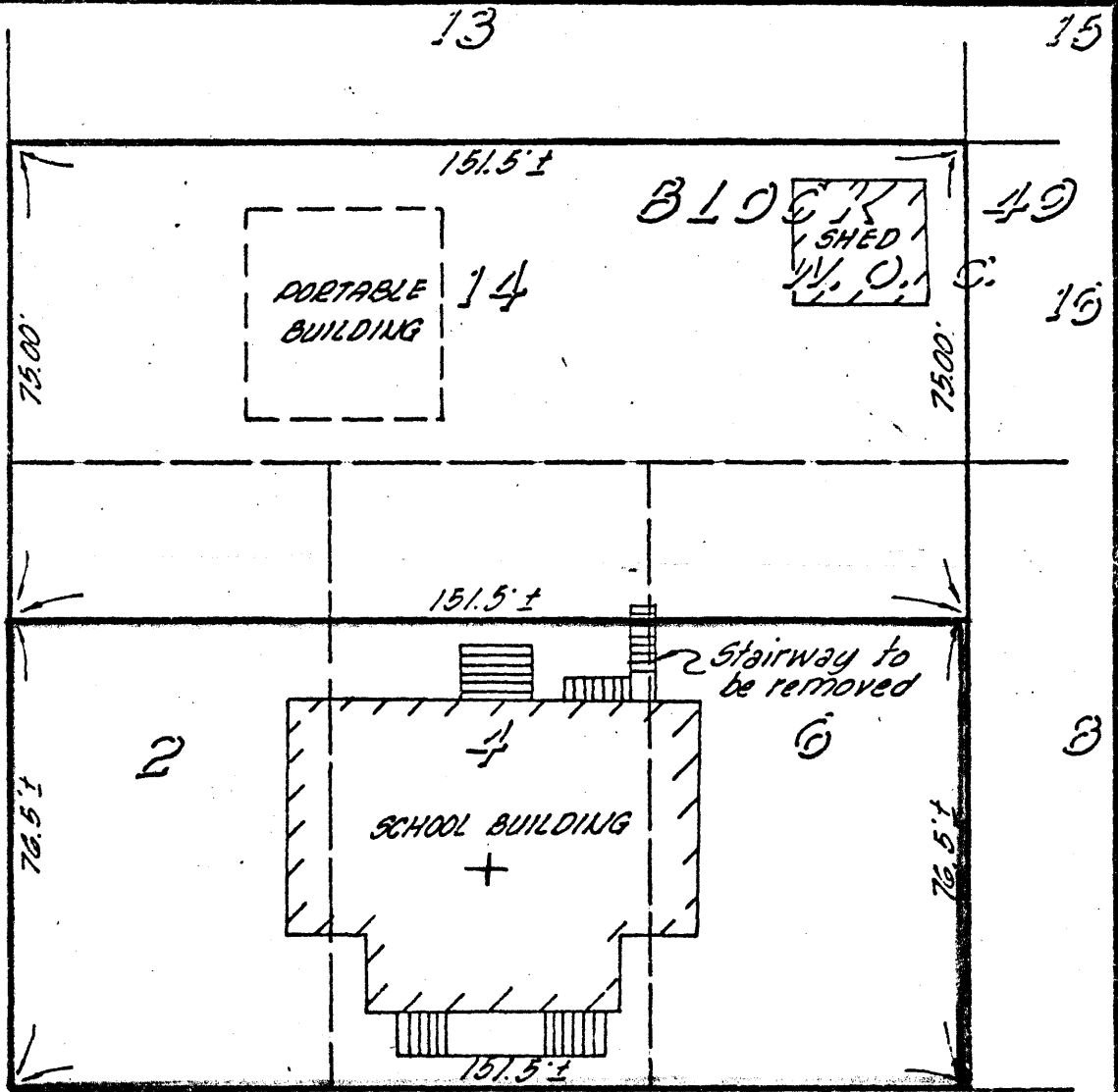
[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/16/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 7 16 73

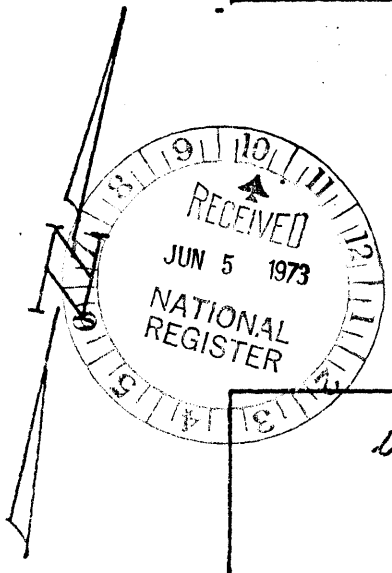
COMMERCE STREET



Old Weber School

FLORA STREET

$37^{\circ} 57' 38''$
 $121^{\circ} 17' 35''$



Note: Original lots are laid out according to City of Stockton Standard Measurement. Dimensions shown are U.S. Standard Measurements. Red indicates present boundaries of Weber Primary School Property.

No.	Revised	By	LOT SPLIT LOTS 2, 4, 6 AND 14 BLOCK 49, W. O. C. CITY OF STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	Approved by
Drawn by <i>GAE</i>				Director of Public Works
Checked by			CITY OF STOCKTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	Date <i>1972</i>
Scale <i>1"=50'</i>				Drawing No.