

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

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Newcastle Portuguese Hall

and/or common Portuguese Hall

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2. Location

street & number Taylor Road not for publication

city, town Newcastle, Me. vicinity of congressional district 1st

state CA code 06 county Placer code 061

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Meeting Hall

4. Owner of Property

name Portuguese Hall Association (See names & Addresses of trustees
1/2 Mrs. Aileen Gage, Secretary on continuation sheet)

street & number 175 Buena Vista St.

city, town Auburn, vicinity of state Ca. 95603

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Placer County Administration Center

street & number 175 Fulweiler Ave.

city, town Auburn, state CA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title State Point of Historical Interest has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date November 14, 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Office of Historic Preservation

city, town P.O. Box 2390, Sacramento, state CA 95811

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date 1930
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Newcastle Portuguese Hall is a 36' x 68' one story recessed store front building of standard wood frame construction. It has a concrete foundation, wood floors and walls and an aluminum gabled roof. It consists of a large meeting room with a small kitchen 7'x 12' on one side of the recessed entrance and a storeroom the same size on the opposite side. Restrooms, 6' x 16' are on the right rear of the building. It has five windows on each side and two in front, with a double door entrance.

It was built 1917-18 by donations raised by the Portuguese families in the area. The head carpenter was Tony Perry. The restrooms were added on the back of the building in 1922, and electricity was also installed then. It is situated in a rural setting, formerly a fruit orchard.

In 1930, when Highway #40 was widened, the Hall was moved back on the original lot about twelve feet and raised about eight feet but retained its original orientation to the road. Because the highway department built a new multiple wall concrete foundation with extensive cross bracing, this move served to preserve the structural integrity of the hall. Today the building is straight and true. The floors are flat and level.

The Hall is in need of extensive rehabilitation. It needs painting inside and out. An outside wall needs repair. The restrooms need repairs and /or rebuilding. The floors need refinishing. We have already painted the front of the building and hung a new sign. We will continue restoration work as funds become available.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) cultural tradition

Specific dates 1918 **Builder/Architect** Tony Perry, Head Carpenter

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Newcastle Portuguese Hall was built by Portuguese families in 1918, on land donated by Manuel Perry and his sister, Mary Z. Perry, Portuguese-Americans. The 60' by 108' lot was donated to the three Portuguese Societies of Newcastle for a meeting hall. These fraternal societies enriched the lives of the individuals with their meetings and social activities. The hall served as a social center to remind their children of their Portuguese heritage and customs. The familiar "Chamarrita" or folk dance kept their old culture alive. It has been in constant use over 60 years for meetings and many other activities. The Portuguese-Americans started immigrating to this county in the mid 1800's. They came to the gold fields, worked on the railroads, became dairymen and successful fruit orchardists. We feel this hall should be registered in the National Register of Historic Places program in honor of the early day Portuguese-American pioneers.

The three lodges, "Irmandade do Divino Espirito Santo" -- IDES -- Brotherhood of the Divine Holy Spirit, "Uniao Portuguesa do Estado da California" -- UPEC -- Portuguese Union of the State of California, "Sociedade Portuguesa Rainha Santa Isabel" -- SPRSI -- Saint Isabel Portuguese Women's Society, are all devoted to preserving Portuguese culture and tradition, most notably the Holy Spirit Festas held annually each May and June throughout California. The membership of these three lodges has over the years been comprised principally, if not exclusively of Portuguese-Americans, Portuguese speaking citizens of Placer County and their descendants.

Since 1918 these three Portuguese-American lodges have:

- held their regular meetings and celebrated their anniversary meeting in this Hall.
- held "Chamarrita" or folk dances featuring fado music and Portuguese musicians in this Hall.
- held fund raisers, card parties and seasonal celebrations such as Christmas and New Year's parties in this Hall.
- held bridal and baby showers and christening parties in this Hall.

Recently, the Placer County Chapter of the Sacramento Portuguese-American Historical Committee has been meeting in the Hall. We feel the preservation and restoration of this building is of the utmost importance. We will begin restoration work as funds become available.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(See continuation sheet)

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.15 acre

Quadrangle name Rocklin

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

Boundaries selected are the historic limits of property. Building occupies a 60' x 108' lot designated as assesor's Parcel No. 031 - 240 - 28 - 00. (See Plat map attached.)

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

state n/c code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Aileen Gage, Director

organization Sacramento Portuguese-American Historical Committee- date Nov. 5, 1981

street & number P.O. Box 161990 telephone (916) 885-9113

city or town Sacramento, state CA 95816

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 [Signature]

title date 2-9-82

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

Entered in the National Register

date 3/25/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Names & addresses of Trustees of Lodges:

Mrs. Mary Henriques - Trustee of I.D.E.S. Lodge
10181 Mt. Vernon Road
Auburn, CA 95603

Mrs. Katherine Serpa - Trustee of S.P.R.S.I.
140 Dorer Dr.
Auburn, CA 95603

Mr. Joe Serpa - Trustee of U.P.E.C.
3400 Shady Lane
Sacramento, CA 95821

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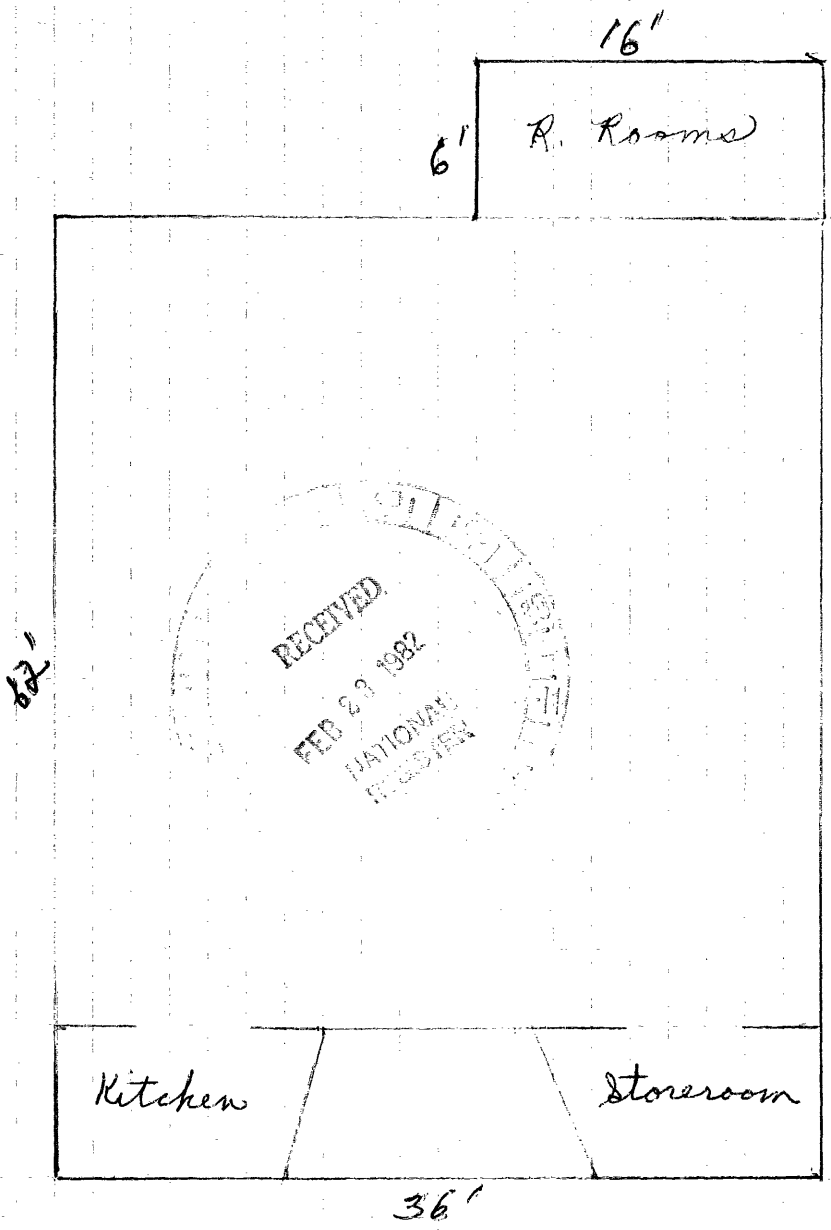
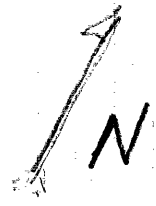
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5. Charter of I.D.E.S. Council 42 Lodge, dated March 31, 1901
6. Charter of S.P.R.S.I. Council 26 Lodge, dated April 25, 1901
7. Bridal Shower Invitation copy - dated Aug. 12, 1956
8. U.P.E. C. Bulletin page, dated Feb. 11, 1960 - Meeting, Dinner & "Chamarrita"
9. S.P.R.S.I. Minutes of April 5, 1951 & May 26, 1976 Anniversary Meetings.
10. Telephone Interview with Tony Facha on Sept. 3, 1981
11. Portion of State Highway Survey Plan dated June 13, 1930
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Newcastle Portuguese Hall

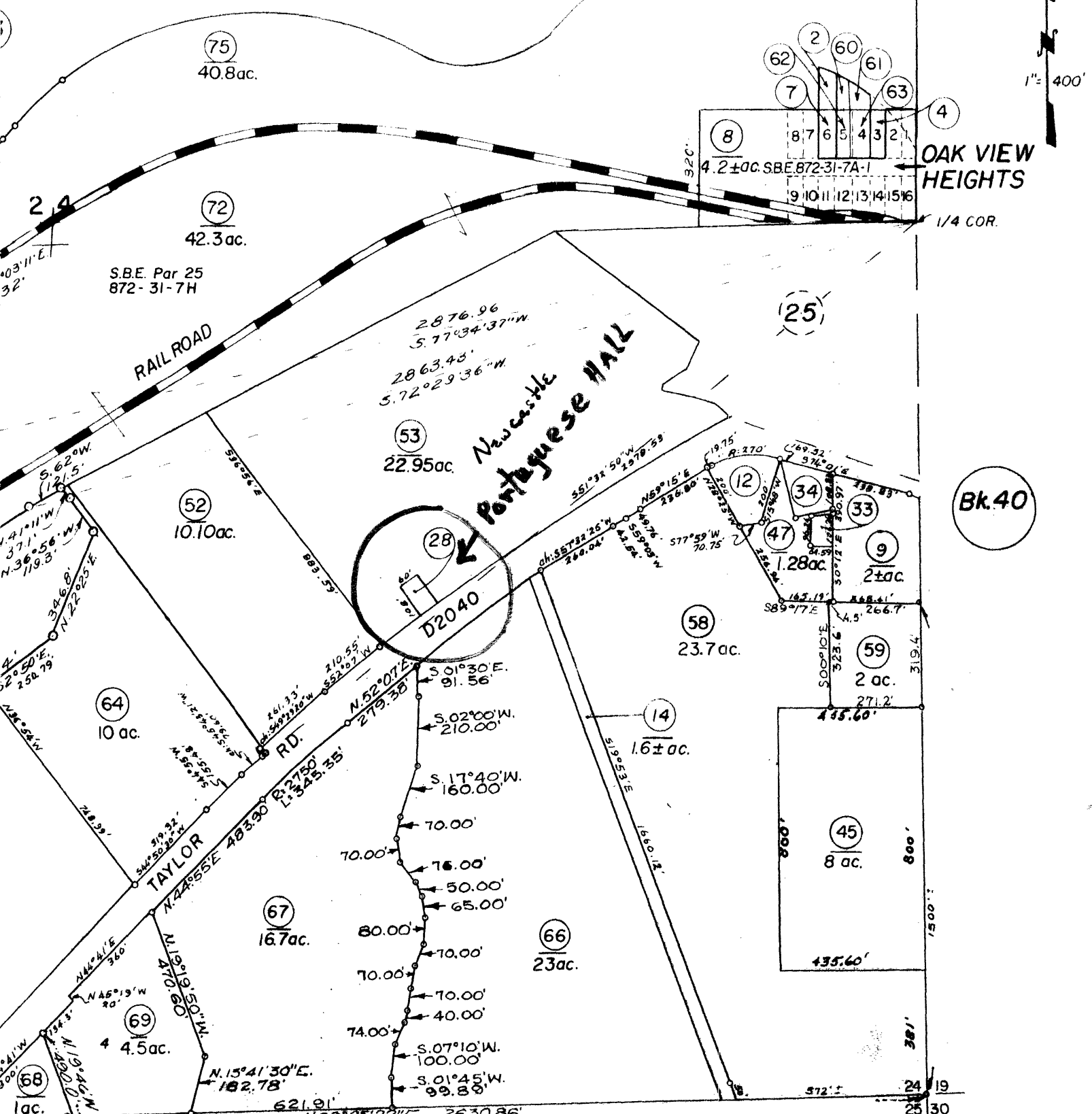


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County of Placer, Calif.

NOTE - ASSESSOR'S BLOCK
& LOT NUMBERS
SHOWN IN CIRCLES