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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

historic name Shiloh Baptist Church
other names/site number Siloam Baptist Church

2. Location

street & number 3552 7th Avenue (note: property is accessed from 3565 9th Avenue)

n/a	not for publication
n/a	vicinity

city or town Sacramento
state California code CA county Sacramento code 067 zip code 95817

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local

[Signature] State Historic Preservation Officer 17 May 2012
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

California Office of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official Date

Title State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

[Signature] Date of Action 7-3-12
Signature of the Keeper

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box.)

- building(s)
- district
- Site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	2	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Religion/Religious Facility = Church

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Religion/Religious Facility = Church

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Modern Movement: Mid-Century Modernism

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: _____
walls: Concrete/Stucco

roof: Other: Composition shingles

other: _____

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The Shiloh Baptist Church was built beginning in 1958 and completed in 1963. The church, designed by James C. Dodd, FAIA, is an early example of mid-century modern architecture in Sacramento, incorporating a clear yet dramatic geometric form, up-angled roof lines that are reflected in the entryway and sanctuary spaces, horizontal bands of glass, an open interior, and minimal adornment inside and out. The asymmetrical placement of the building on the site emphasizes the geometry of the building and enhances the drama of the angled roof lines.

Narrative Description

The main sanctuary plan is square, but oriented at a 45-degree angle to the street to appear diamond-shaped. The triangular roof rises to one-and-a-half stories on an angle above the sanctuary. This section of roof is placed on a diagonal which, with the clerestory and entrance assembly, distinguishes it from the rest of the building. The roof and portico provide planar lines to an otherwise conventional building. Square in plan, the building has two wings on the northeast and southeast elevations. The roof is covered with composition shingles, and the walls are a uniform stucco finish with redwood fascia and louver accents. Stained glass windows and an elevated cross define the front of the building.

Main Entrance

The entrance assembly includes a portico with a flat roof and steel support posts set into an elevated concrete landing. Iron rails divide the continuous landing, emphasizing the dramatic angular roof line. The entrance is composed of multi-sized divided glass lites with two pair of solid doors on either side. The angled sanctuary roof is set back approximately 18' and is glazed with two multi-lite red and white glazed windows that extend from the portico roof to the sanctuary roof. The steel support posts extend above the portico to support a structural tower that reaches skyward culminating with a lighted cross. An additional steel beam ties the cross the sanctuary roof. This assembly—the angled roof, elevated cross and steel supports—reaches towards the skyward while still remaining grounded and connected to the Church, symbolizing the spiritual purpose of the building.

Left (southeast) elevation

The one-story reception hall, extending from the southeast elevation, is defined by a wooden louver window with a white cross integrated into it on the east elevation. The reception hall is also flanked by two unique patterned custom windows glazed with opaque stained glass. The north-facing side of the reception hall has a group of three one-lite windows topped with transoms, and a solid door. One of the windows has been infilled.

Right (southwest) elevation

The one-story southwest elevation contains one door and several different types of windows. Two pairs of four-light translucent windows are found at the south corner, letting light into the restroom. North of those are seven single-light windows, grouped in four and three. There was once a door between these sets of windows, and two concrete steps are extant. A wood pergola runs across this space, over a concrete area. North of the windows is a recessed exit door system, with a single-light window at the right and a mail slot below. Two transom windows appear to have been filled in. The roof of the sanctuary descends behind this elevation.

Northeast elevation

The northeast elevation is comprised of several one-story boxes housing the kitchen, library and several restrooms. Apart from the geometry of the boxes, this elevation is fairly spare. Several pairs of opaque single-light windows allow light into the kitchen storage room and the library. A solid recessed exit door between the kitchen storage and library discharges onto a concrete pathway. A small addition with a shed roof was added on to the east side of the classroom wing. Five small windows punctuate the addition just below the eave, and several pieces of mechanical equipment can be seen on the roof and both sides. The northwest side of the classroom wing has three sets of three two-light aluminum sliding windows just below the eave. The diamond-shaped sanctuary roof descends to a point above the storage room.

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Northwest elevation

A one-story office wing runs the length of the northwest elevation, punctuated by individual two-light aluminum sliding windows covered with metal security grates. Three solid doors—one facing northeast, and two facing northwest (one at the north end and one at the south)—exit the building. A second-story room, used as a dressing room for baptismal ceremonies, is located at the northwest end of this elevation. The room has a hipped roof and two pairs of aluminum sliding windows facing northwest; a smaller set are located on the northeast elevation.

Interior

The sanctuary is the focal point of the interior. It is a simple diamond-shaped, two-story open space with an angular ceiling that reflects the dramatic roof line, and pendant light fixtures. The painted walls are sheathed with a prefabricated wood panel wainscot. Floor-to-ceiling stained glass windows flank the wood entry doors, carrying a Wrightian influence to the interior. The floor is carpeted, and honey-colored wood pews furnish the space. The pulpit is raised four steps and is surrounded by a wood-paneled wall that matches the pews. The lectern is also wood, placed at the center of the pulpit. The pulpit contains seats for the choir, and is entered through a wood door in the rear. On a balcony above the pulpit is the baptismal. The ritual of baptism is intended to be witnessed by the entire congregation, "a ceremony reserved for adults only, since they alone are capable of comprehending its significance: a symbol of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and of the death and resurrection of the sinner into a new Christian life.¹ The ceremony takes place within a pool on the balcony that is hidden by curtains when not in use.

Secondary spaces are arranged around the perimeter of the diamond-plan sanctuary, primarily on the northeast and northwest sides of the building. The sanctuary is flanked by corridors on these sides of the building, and classrooms, offices, a library and restrooms open off the corridor. At the southeast elevation, the reception hall is entered from the lobby, as does an additional classroom. A kitchen, which appears to retain its original finishes, is located off the reception hall. A nursery and additional restrooms are located on the southwest side. These spaces are simple and have changed little since the construction of the Church. It appears from a comparison of the original drawings and current floor plan that the nursery on the southwest elevation was converted to additional seating circa 1979.

Landscape Features and Garage

The Church is located mid-block and is surrounded by single-family residences. The landscape includes cultivated lawn in the front with the remainder of the lot devoted to parking. According to Church history, a two-bay stucco garage with a shed roof that is adjacent to the driveway on the east side was built in 1978. A larger wood structure with a screened clerestory appears to be an addition to the garage, presumably to house the buses used for the Shiloh Bus Ministry. Several mature trees dot the east side of the parking lot. The original concrete walks, set at an angle, to the portico are intact, as is the slightly curving driveway shown on Dodd's plans. Varied foundation plantings are found at the front of the building. The west driveway is gated with an automatic gate. The parking lot to the west along 9th Avenue is shielded by a planting bed, and an isolated tree is located in the northwest corner of the lot, south of Anderson Hall. The garage is a non-contributor due to its later date of construction, and was not designed by James C. Dodd.

Outbuildings

Anderson Hall, built circa 1971 and located in the northwest corner of the lot, is a one-story concrete block building with a flat roof. It has aluminum sliding windows, and a set of double doors on the east elevation, sheltered by a flat porch roof supported with wood posts. It is a non-contributor due to its later date of construction.

Integrity Assessment

Shiloh Baptist Church retains a very high degree of historic integrity. The building is in its original location and retains almost all of its original features of design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. The Church building has not undergone any significant changes to the exterior or interior since its construction, other than changes in function to auxiliary rooms. The overall setting has changed somewhat due to expansions in parking and the addition of outbuildings; however the overall character of the building and property has not been adversely affected by these changes.

¹Albert Christ-Janner and Mary Mix Foley, *Modern Church Architecture, A Guide to the Form and Spirit of 20th Century Religious Building*. (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1962) p.239.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Ethnic Heritage, Black

Architecture

Period of Significance

1958-1963

Significant Dates

April 13, 1958: Groundbreaking ceremony

October 13, 1963: Official dedication of new church building

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Dodd, James C., Architect

Cooke, Reverend Willie P., Builder

Warner, Joseph, Contractor/Builder

Period of Significance (justification)

The church was built starting in 1958 and completed in 1963. Because the construction of the resource began more than 50 years ago but construction overlaps the fifty year period by less than two years, the period of significance does not require exceptional significance consideration under Criteria Consideration G.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

This church is a religious property meets the requirements of Criteria Consideration A, deriving primary significance from its association with historic events (the relocation of Sacramento's African American community during the redevelopment era) and its architectural distinction (as the first major work of master architect James C. Dodd.)

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SECTION 8

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

Shiloh Baptist Church is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C at the local level of significance for its role in the history of Sacramento's African-American community during Sacramento's redevelopment era, and for its Mid-Century Modern architecture as designed by master architect James C. Dodd. The property's period of significance is from 1958 until 1963, the period from groundbreaking until the completion of its construction. The property meets the requirements of Criteria Consideration A due to deriving primary significance from historical importance other than its religious role, and its architectural distinction.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

Shiloh Baptist Church is historically significant for its association with Sacramento's African-American community during the redevelopment era of the 1950s and 1960s, and the work of James C. Dodd, Sacramento's first African-American licensed architect. It served as the focal point for the African-American community of Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood, and was constructed by the congregation in accordance with Dodd's plans. A vast majority of the construction was completed by Reverend Willie P. Cooke, pastor of Shiloh, with the assistance of congregation members. The Church and its construction by Reverend Cooke and his congregation is a monument to the motivation, dedication and determination of the Shiloh community that continues today.

Under **Criterion A**, Shiloh Baptist Church is significant because of its important association with the patterns of Sacramento's history. As the second-oldest African-American congregation in Sacramento, the Shiloh Baptist Church is a symbol of the determination of the congregation and Sacramento's larger African-American community, and the Church's evolution from a 40-member organization to one of the largest African-American congregations in the region. The formation of Shiloh Baptist Church "was a further symbol of the sense of permanence that blacks were beginning to feel for Sacramento." It was also a symbol of the developing diversity in the growing African-American population in California.ⁱⁱ The Shiloh Congregation has been associated with a number of influential individuals as well, including Reverend Willie Cooke and Netta Sparks, who were recognized for their contributions to many civic organizations and the larger community. In short, Shiloh Baptist Church is a symbol of the enduring African-American community in Sacramento and in California. The relocation of Shiloh Baptist Church and its congregation from downtown Sacramento to the neighborhood of Oak Park during Sacramento's redevelopment era showed the continuing resilience of this community.

Under **Criterion C**, Shiloh Baptist Church is an early but defining example of Mid-Century Modern architecture by Sacramento's first licensed African-American architect, James C. Dodd, FAIA. Dodd's office worked on a wide variety of community project, including schools, military chapels, churches and low-income housing projects. Dodd was an active and well-respected member of the community, as well as the recipient of numerous awards. He was elected an FAIA Fellow in 1981; involved in the NAACP; Methodist Hospital Board of Directors; and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan as a charter member in 1968. He was nominated for Vice President of the AIA in 1982.ⁱⁱⁱ Dodd was also a charter member of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) in 1970.^{iv} Shiloh Baptist Church was Dodd's first major architectural commission, but clearly demonstrates Dodd's architectural skill as an example of Mid-Century religious architecture.

Criterion A: Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church was organized in Sacramento in 1856. Originally called Siloam Baptist Church, it was founded and organized by the Reverend Charles Satchell, who also served as the first pastor. The congregation first met at a Chinese Chapel located on Sixth and H streets, currently the location of the Federal Building. The congregation raised funds

ⁱⁱ Clarence Caesar, *An Historical Overview of the Development of Sacramento's Black Community, 1850-1983* (Thesis, California State University, Sacramento, 1985) pp. 59-61.

ⁱⁱⁱ Central Valley Chapter, the American Institute of Architects, Press Release, April 6, 1981, provided by the Central Valley Chapter of the AIA.

^{iv} Biography provided by the Central Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

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through 1859 and 1860, and used the money to purchase a synagogue located on Fifth Street between N and O Streets, replaced in approximately 1960 by the "Pioneer Tower" superblock apartment complex^v. In 1891, the name of the church was officially changed from Siloam Baptist Church to Shiloh Baptist Church^{vi}.

In 1905, under the pastorate of Reverend J. Gordon McPherson, the Church purchased property on the corner of Sixth and P Street. On June 18, 1905, the cornerstone was laid for a new church. In August 1934, Reverend J.T. Muse became the pastor of Shiloh. Under his pastorate (1934-1947), the membership of Shiloh had increased to approximately 800 and was the largest Black Baptist Church in Sacramento^{vii}.

In 1952, Willie Phillip Cooke joined Shiloh and acknowledged his call to the ministry. Reverend Williams licensed Reverend Cooke on December 16, 1953, and he was ordained by the Church on November 11, 1956.

In 1954, the Church purchased three lots located at Ninth Avenue and 36th Street at a cost of \$7,500.00. The city of Sacramento was undertaking several urban redevelopment programs in the downtown area and the board of Shiloh realized they would eventually have to relocate from Sixth and P Streets. At the time, the neighborhood of Oak Park was unrestricted, allowing African-Americans to purchase property in Oak Park for a new church^{viii}.

After ten years of service, Reverend Williams tendered his resignation as pastor of Shiloh on January 1, 1957. In February, Reverend Cooke became Pastor of Shiloh. As a result of the City's redevelopment activities, the new pastor arranged to have the church moved to the property at 9th Avenue and 36th Street.^{ix}

Construction History

In October 1957, Shiloh purchased additional property adjacent to the 9th Avenue property. With no funds, no plans on hand and a \$12,000.00 annual budget, Rev. Cooke was determined to build for the future. After much haggling with City Hall, a building permit was eventually granted. In collaboration with James C. Dodd, the first licensed African-American architect in Sacramento, the plans for the new church were drawn up. The plans were to construct a 12,000 square foot building with seating capacity for 400, educational facilities and a social hall. The estimated cost of the new building was \$120,000.00^x. In April 1958, the building contract was given to Joseph Warner, a local African-American contractor, to build the Church at a cost of \$152,000.00^{xi}.

The new building was expected to be completed by the fall of 1958. However, the Church was unable to secure a loan to complete the church at the proposed cost. They had to contract with Mr. Warner for the amount realized from the sale of the property at Sixth and P Streets, \$47,500.00. Mr. Warner agreed to use free labor to complete as much of the building as possible^{xii}.

By September 1958, when approximately \$60,000.00 had been spent, the Church was forced to terminate the contract with Mr. Warner due to lack of funds. The building had only been framed and roofed. The Church then voted for Rev. Cooke to complete the Church with the assistance of the congregation^{xiii}.

Much of the construction on the Church was done by Rev. Cooke, an electrician by trade. The congregation was fundamental in constructing the new Church. Members re-mortgaged their homes and others assisted in the construction. The congregation as a whole gave building materials and held fundraisers to help complete the building. On October 12, 1958, the second Sunday, the Shiloh congregation moved into the incomplete building and held the first service at the

^v Clarence Caesar, *An Historical Overview of the Development of Sacramento's Black Community, 1850-1983* (Thesis, California State University, Sacramento, 1985) p. 59.

^{vi} Church history.

^{vii} Ibid.

^{viii} Ibid.

^{ix} Ibid.

^x Ibid.

^{xi} Ibid.

^{xii} Ibid.

^{xiii} Ibid.

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new location. This service and many services during the next five years were held under adverse conditions due to the incomplete construction. The years of hard work by Rev. Cooke and the members of Shiloh resulted in completion of the building in 1963 at a final cost of \$207,000.00.^{xiv}

On October 13, 1963, the official dedication of the new Shiloh Baptist Church was held. Rev. F.D. Haynes, Pastor of Third Baptist Church, San Francisco, California, delivered the dedication sermon. Since Shiloh's dedication, additional properties have been purchased on the east and west sides of the church for parking and additional educational facilities.^{xv}

Shiloh Baptist Church in Oak Park: 1963-present

Reverend Cooke was actively involved in the betterment of the larger community, establishing the Political and Social Action Committee in 1975 because he wanted the Church membership to become more politically active. Several members of the congregation were actively involved in the NAACP, including Eugene Covington, once president of the local chapter, and Netta Sparks, a pioneering member of that organization. In 1971, Shiloh sponsored the government subsidized housing project of Shiloh Arms. This housing development, in which James C. Dodd was also involved, provided reasonably priced housing for persons who were in need of low cost decent housing.^{xvi}

On Sunday, December 23, 1979, a declaration was made of "Netta Sparks Day" in honor of Netta Sparks at the Shiloh Baptist Church. At a special afternoon program, she was honored by the mayor of Sacramento, Shiloh members, her families and many friends, churches and a wide variety of organizations throughout the city. Ms Sparks had been a member of the Shiloh congregation for 62 years and was very influential in the African-American community.^{xvii} She was a pioneering member of the Sacramento Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), serving as the first secretary in the early 1920s, the youth council organizer in the 1930s and the president in the 1940s. Sparks was also a founding member of the Women's Civic Improvement Club, an organization aimed at addressing the lack of housing for African-American women in Sacramento following World War I. The club is still in existence today, providing assistance to residents. It is the oldest African-American center in Sacramento.^{xviii}

In 1981, Rev. Cooke presented Shiloh with his decision to retire as Pastor of Shiloh. Rev. Cooke had the distinction of serving longer than any pastor in Church history. Rev. Cooke received messages from other churches, auxiliaries, community organizations, businesses, friends, individuals from throughout the country who were aware of his great ministry and leadership at Shiloh. Rev. Cooke officially retired on June 11, 1983, after 26 years.^{xix}

In January 1983, Dr. Oscar C. Jones became the Pastor-Elect of Shiloh. Dr. Jones officially appointed Rev. Cooke as Pastor Emeritus of Shiloh. Dr. Jones resigned as pastor of Shiloh in 1985.^{xx}

Since its construction, Shiloh Baptist Church has undergone few changes. The sanctuary was expanded into the nursery area in the 1970s to accommodate the larger congregation, and several outbuildings were added.

Sacramento's African-American Community

Sacramento's African-American community began to establish itself around 1850, after finding some success as miners or servicing the mining industry. Many in the community found employment as laundrymen, cooks, porters, mule drivers and miners, as well as owners of eating houses, coffee houses, boarding houses and blacksmiths. The African-American

^{xiv} Ibid.

^{xv} Ibid.

^{xvi} Ibid.

^{xvii} Ibid.

^{xviii} Netta Sparks Obituary, Art Campos, Sacramento Bee, November 24, 1993, Page B1.

^{xix} Church history.

^{xx} Ibid.

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population in Sacramento in the early 1850s was relatively small, at 191 persons, and had settled primarily on or around Third Street.^{xxi}

Once economically established, the African-American community began to establish social and religious institutions.^{xxii} "The development of black community institutions in Sacramento were in many ways a response to a society that refused to treat blacks as equals. The churches, benevolent societies, schools, and social organizations created during the 1850's were the linchpins of black community life in Sacramento during its earliest years. Of all these institutions, the churches had by far the greatest influence in shaping the character of the black community in its day-to-day struggles. The two major religious institutions of black Sacramento during this period were Saint Andrew's African Methodist Episcopal Church, founded in 1850, and Siloam (later Shiloh) Baptist Church, which was founded in 1856."^{xxiii}

The formation of Siloam Baptist Church on 6th and H Streets "was a further symbol of the sense of permanence that blacks were beginning to feel for Sacramento." It was also a symbol of the developing diversity in the growing African-American population in California. By 1860 the free black population had reached 4,085 in California, up from 962 in 1850. In addition to establishing religious institutions, the African-American community also began to establish cultural and social groups. These groups took on more significance as the struggle for civil rights began to subside in later decades.^{xxiv}

The Oak Park Neighborhood

The initial development of Oak Park—now the area bounded by Stockton Boulevard, Franklin Boulevard, Fourteenth Avenue, and Broadway—began on a 230-acre parcel of farmland owned by William Doyle, just southeast of the city limits. Real estate developer Edwin K Alsip bought Doyle's land in 1887, with the idea to divide the land into small lots that would be affordable to the working class. Sacramento had a large working-class population, including many who worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad Shops in downtown Sacramento.^{xxv}

A streetcar company, Central Street Railway, was formed in 1887 in order to serve Oak Park and the adjoining suburb of Highland Park. This company, owned by real estate developers Edwin K. Alsip and Leonidas Lee Lewis, was intended to carry commuters from downtown Sacramento to their new residential suburbs, Highland Park and Oak Park. Originally planned as a cable car line, Central Street Railway briefly experimented with battery-powered streetcars but abandoned them in favor of horse-drawn streetcars. In 1890, Central Street Railway converted to electric power generated by a steam engine at their car barn at 28th and M Street. In 1891, they purchased control of R. S. Carey's City Street Railway and consolidated both lines, renaming the combined company the Central Electric Railway.^{xxvi}

In 1892, H.P. Livermore and Albert Gallatin applied for their own streetcar franchise under the name "Sacramento Electric Power and Light Company." They purchased the existing Sacramento streetcar lines and expanded them. In 1895, electric power generated at Gallatin and Livermore's new hydroelectric generator 22 miles away in Folsom, CA, was connected to Sacramento. This generator provided enough electricity to power the streetcar system with surplus to sell to residential customers in neighborhoods adjacent to the streetcar lines. By 1895, the streetcar and power company had reorganized as the Sacramento Electric, Gas and Railway Company. In 1906, SEG&R became part of a larger, regional company, called Pacific Gas & Electric, or PG&E. By 1910, the park originally named Oak Park was renamed Joyland, an electric amusement park including the "Giant Racer" rollercoaster.

The newly established community of Oak Park grew rapidly in the first decade of the twentieth century. The first two churches, the Oak Park Baptist Church and the Oak Park Methodist Church, were established by 1901. The interurban railroad company Central California Traction built an interurban passenger, freight and streetcar line from Stockton Boulevard and up 2nd Avenue to Broadway in 1909, providing an additional streetcar link to downtown Sacramento as well

^{xxi} Clarence Caesar, *An Historical Overview of the Development of Sacramento's Black Community, 1850-1983* (Thesis, California State University, Sacramento, 1985) pp. 22-25.

^{xxii} *Ibid*, p. 26.

^{xxiii} *Ibid*, p. 37.

^{xxiv} *Ibid*, p.59-61.

^{xxv} Historic Environment Consultants, "Oak Park Survey, 2005" (Prepared for the City of Sacramento Preservation Office, June 2005) pp.A 1-2.

^{xxvi} Guido, Francis A., "Street Railways of Sacramento", *Western Railroader* Vol. 19 No. 12 (October 1956) p. 3.

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as interurban freight and passenger service to the nearby city of Stockton. This construction coincided with the relocation of the California Agricultural Society's State Fairgrounds to the corner of Stockton and Broadway, immediately east of Oak Park, and accessible by both PG&E streetcars and Central California Traction interurbans.^{xxvii} Oak Park had a thriving business district and several thousand residents in 1911, but had insufficient resources to incorporate as an independent city, and had failed to install all of the promised amenities such as sewer lines. As a result, Oak Park (in addition to other adjacent neighborhoods) was annexed by Sacramento in 1911, the first expansion of the City's boundaries since its layouts in 1848.^{xxviii} Voters in other annexed suburbs (including Highland Park, Homeland and East Sacramento) were generally opposed to annexation, but Oak Park's less affluent but much more populous residents made the difference in the vote for annexation.^{xxix} New industries also located near Oak Park during the early 20th Century, including the Western Pacific Jeffery Shops and the Libby McNeill Libby Cannery, providing access to jobs easily accessible on foot or by streetcar.

Oak Park underwent frequent ethnic change during the first half of the 20th century. Early African American residents of Oak Park included George Dunlap, restaurant owner, whose residence in Oak Park began prior to annexation to the city of Sacramento. The family of labor activist Ernesto Galarza moved to Oak Park briefly after annexation, indicating the presence of Mexican immigrants in the neighborhood in the 1910s.^{xxx} Previous research of city directories indicates that while the neighborhood began with generally northern European origins, it had evolved by the 1920s to a southern European, predominantly Italian, neighborhood. While non-white residents were present in Oak Park since the early 1900s, African-Americans began to move into the neighborhood in large numbers in the 1950s, and became the predominant demographic in the 1960s.^{xxxi} This movement was due in large part to the demolition of the West End, an earlier African-American neighborhood in downtown Sacramento that was demolished in urban renewal projects of that era. Shiloh Baptist Church's previous location and most of its congregants were originally located in Sacramento's West End. As indicated in discussion of church history, Sacramento's African American population was primarily located in downtown Sacramento near Shiloh's original location, and this community saw significant growth during World War II, when Japanese Americans sent to internment camps were removed from the neighborhood and thousands of African Americans moved into the former Japantown seeking employment in Sacramento's waterfront industries. After the war, more African American servicemen came to Sacramento with their families, sometimes settling in the crowded West End but when possible moving to unrestricted neighborhoods in Sacramento's suburbs, including Oak Park. Oak Park thus represented an alternative location for Shiloh's congregants in the face of redevelopment: when the church relocated to Oak Park, the neighborhood followed.^{xxxii}

Criterion C: Architecture

Under Criterion C, Shiloh Baptist Church embodies the distinctive characteristic of a type and period of construction as envisioned by master architect James C. Dodd. Shiloh Baptist Church's design was an early and prominent example of Mid-century Modern architecture in Sacramento. Mid-century Modern buildings tended to emphasize simple, clear forms and lines, open plan interiors, a lot of glass but not much décor. Rooflines were also being explored in mid-century modern architecture, as Shiloh represents with its angled roofline. Shiloh Baptist Church is an example of how this modern movement was carried over to ecclesiastical architecture, with many denominations moving away from the traditional "church" form towards more abstract forms and the use of common surface materials. Under pressure to move, the Shiloh congregation likely seized this opportunity to make a contemporary statement about their faith.

^{xxvii} Historic Environment Consultants, pp. A 5-7 and William Burg, *Sacramento's Streetcars*, (Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2006) p. 89.

^{xxviii} Historic Environment Consultants, pp. A 5-7.

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Shiloh Baptist Church's design was an early and prominent example of Mid-century Modern architecture in Sacramento. Mid-century Modern architecture, "was the result of further development of the International style and Frank Lloyd Wright's principles of organic architecture... and [proved] to be a popular style for civic and commercial buildings."^{xxxiii} Post-World War II technological innovations "resulted in new applications for materials and cost-effective techniques incorporating steel, glass, plastics, aluminum, and reinforced concrete."^{xxxiv}

With the development of the suburbs, "there was conscious effort on the part of most denominations to building a new type of church in which traditional ecclesiastic reference were being replaced with new and more abstract forms, and the use of more common surface materials, such as pre-cast concrete, came into wider use."^{xxxv} Since the Church was under pressure to move due to redevelopment projects, the congregation likely saw this as an opportunity to make a contemporary statement about their faith.

It is possible that Dodd took inspiration from Wright's First Unitarian Society Meeting House (1947), a well-known early example of Modern ecclesiastical architecture. Wright's geometric theme is based on the diamond, and the Meeting House's signature feature is "the prominent blue-green copper roof with an angled glass "prow,"^{xxxvi} which rises out of the hillside toward the sky. Wright also made wide use of horizontally-placed glass on the main elevation. Dodd played with geometric form in his design of Shiloh, pulling the diamond shape apart at the roof to create a dramatic roofline, drawing the eye up towards the cross that explicitly reveals the building's purpose.

The First Baptist Church in Bloomington, Indiana (1956, E.A. Sovik, architect) is another influential Modern ecclesiastical building that Dodd could have drawn inspiration from. The central idea of Baptist faith is that of universality, and therefore "any derivative, historic style in architecture, expressing as it does a restricted version of the Christian religion, is inappropriate. Even an attempt to emphasize unique Baptist characteristics could only defeat its purpose."^{xxxvii} Like many evangelical denominations, the Baptist faith has been preached where space was available: in tents, public meeting halls, and after-hours in stores. As such, little consideration was given to expression of Baptist religious attitudes in architecture until the construction of The First Baptist Church.^{xxxviii} Shiloh's previous church on 6th and P Streets was a traditional church structure, and was indistinguishable from any other Christian denomination. The configuration of Shiloh Baptist is similar to that of The First Baptist, consisting of a predominantly one-story building with a two-story sanctuary and cross atop a tower "boldly proclaiming the Christian position and beckoning all to come..." while appearing "as a symbolic guardian to the low-lying buildings that house the earthly activities of the church."^{xxxix}

In another interesting parallel, during the construction of Wright's Meeting House the congregation hauled stone from the quarry, installed drywall, taped, plastered and painted, and the women of the congregation wove a hand-loomed decorative curtain for the main meeting space.^{xl} During the construction of Shiloh, the congregation was involved in all aspects of the construction, including provision of materials, furnishings and labor.

^{xxxiii} City of Fresno mid-century Modernism Historic Context, 54.

^{xxxiv} City of San Francisco Modern Architecture and Landscape Design 1935-1970, Historic Context Statement, 91.

^{xxxv} First Unitarian Society Meeting House National Historic Landmark Nomination Form, p. 18

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James C. Dodd

James C. Dodd Sr., accepted as Sacramento's first licensed African-American architect, was born on January 17, 1923 in Texarkana, Texas. He served in the Army as a first lieutenant, and then entered the University of California, Berkeley, earning a bachelor's degree in architecture. He arrived in Sacramento in 1952 following graduation, at which time he was employed by the State of California. He also worked for the firm of Barovetto and Thomas (now Carissimi Rohrer McMullen) before starting his own firm.^{xii} Dodd was licensed to practice architecture in California, Nevada, Utah and Mississippi.^{xiii}

According to John Petrucelli, who worked for Dodd's office from 1976-1978, Dodd was involved in a variety of business ventures, including developing a pre-fabricated panelized housing system from recycled materials, and real estate development.^{xiii} His housing system, called the Urfab System, was a factory built house that used a "big plank" system with wall and roof panels ranging in size up to 12' x 16' 6" thick. The Urfab System was approved by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development in 1976. Two prototypes had been constructed by 1980, and over 100 had been ordered for 1981. Dodd also became a licensed contractor, to complete the construction of multi-family housing project in a low-income urban renewal area.^{xiv}

Dodd's office undertook an assortment of projects, including Federal Housing Administration projects in California and Mississippi; schools, as part of the Sacramento Associated School Architects collaborative; the Castle Air Force Base Chapel Center, as a member of the Western Military Architects; the preservation and restoration of Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park; the construction administration for the rehabilitation of Sacramento High School; and a number of projects for religious institutions under the name Dodd Witt Associates, with architect Wesley Witt. Dodd also participated in the construction of Shiloh Arms, the housing development project undertaken by Shiloh Baptist Church, in 1971.^{xiv}

James C. Dodd was an active member of the local chapter of the AIA, serving on the Board of Directors, as director and all the officer positions. He served state-wide as the director of the CCAIA Board of Directors, and at the national level as a Regional Director on the AIA Board. In 1979, he was one of the first two African-American architects directly elected to the Board by members in his Region. Dodd was elected as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1981.^{xv} According to an April 6, 1981, press release, Dodd was also involved in the NAACP, Methodist Hospital Board of Directors, and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan as a charter member in 1968. He was also nominated for Vice President of the AIA for 1982.^{xvii} Dodd was also a charter member of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) in 1970.^{xviii}

Dodd was the recipient of numerous awards for his work and public service, including:

- Masonry Institute Honor Award, Colley & McGhee Building, 1971

^{xii} James C. Dodd Obituary. Yvonne Chiu, Sacramento Bee, February 10, 1999.

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- Certificate of Recognition, CCAIA, 1974
- NOMA, Onyx Award, 1975
- Central Valley Chapter AIA Merit Award, Sacramento High School, 1978
- Certificate of Recognition, CCAIA, 1979
- Certificate of Appreciation, United Crusade, 1966
- Certificate of Appreciation, Sacramento City Unified School District, 1966
- Outstanding Service Award, California Community College Board of Directors, 1973
- NAACP Citizens Award, Outstanding in the Field of Architecture, 1974
- Certificate of Recognition, Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievements (MESA) Program, 1980^{xlix}

James C. Dodd Sr. died on February 3, 1999. Dodd's body of work encompasses both private and public buildings, including several churches:

- Shiloh Baptist Church, 3565 9th Avenue, Sacramento (1958)
- C & A Office Building, 1810 S Street, Sacramento (1965)
- Shiloh Arms, 4009 23rd Avenue, Sacramento (1971)
- Vista Arms, FHA Project Buildings 1-6, location unknown (1972)
- Kyle's Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, 2940 42nd Street, Sacramento (1984)
- Netta Sparks Senior Center, Women's Civic Improvement Club addition, 3555 3rd Avenue, Sacramento (1989)
- The Hill House, 35th and Broadway, Sacramento (1992)
- Dodd Building, 2710 X Street, Sacramento
- Sacramento High School rehabilitation, now known as Saint Hope Academy, 4104 Martin Luther King Blvd., Sacramento
- Capitol City Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6701 Lemon Hill Avenue, Sacramento^l
- The R.A. Herold Wing, Crocker Art Museum (with McCabe, Cox and Liske)^{ll}

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Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This parcel is the original lot containing the building.

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Property Owner:

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Figure 1. Groundbreaking of the new location of Shiloh Baptist Church, Rev. Joseph Williams pictured holding shovel.

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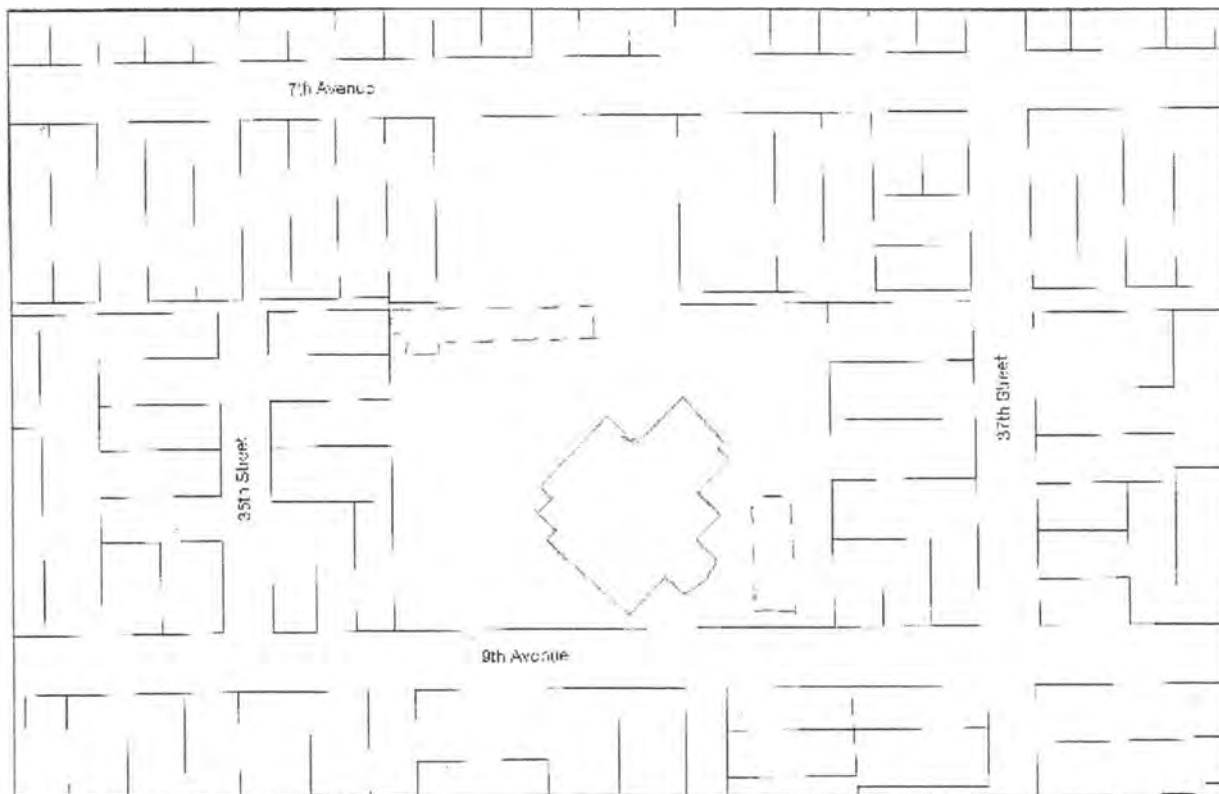
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Sketch Map of Shiloh Baptist Church



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Sketch map of Shiloh Baptist Church with Numbered Photo Key



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A HOMECOMING AT SHILOH BAPTIST - WEST SHARES VOCABULARY OF HOPE

SACRAMENTO BEE Monday, September 26, 1994

Author: *Dan Lindelof Bee Staff Writer*

Cornel West came home Sunday to Shiloh Baptist Church in Oak Park, where as a lanky lad he worshipped and was molded from an early age.

In an emotional welcome in the warm, crowded house of worship on 9th Avenue, the philosopher, scholar and theologian was bear hugged by his elders, applauded for his views on the African American church and introduced with honor by his former pastor.

The Rev. Willie P. Cooke, pastor emeritus at Shiloh and a great influence on West, was serious when he said: "Imagine him condescending to grace our humble podium this morning."

And he was not kidding when he mentioned that to read a book by West can sometimes require a companion volume - the dictionary. The Harvard University professor, author and intellectual is known for his large vocabulary.

An instructor of philosophy, religion and African American studies by vocation, West also has become a widely traveled lecturer and author in recent years and is a regular guest on television interview programs.

Cooke, without the benefit of a dictionary, drew on the largest words he could muster to introduce the Ivy League professor:

"I'm elephant glad and waaah happy" to introduce West, said Cooke. West then embraced the pastor. In the dedication of one book, West said Cooke exemplified "so much of the best of Christian faith and black struggle."

West said that African Americans, whose identities were shattered by slavery, must gain self-love and self-respect - themes that run through his best-selling book, "Race Matters."

"The memories of . . . the auction block," he said, "where families were split apart. When the black family was shattered, the black church was the only community that we had."

What brought African Americans together - despite white supremacy - were the hope and dignity of the family and the church, he said. However, psychic scars remain.

"From the very beginning, black folk have had to hammer out some space to fight off white supremacy such that black self-respect, love and affirmation could take place."

"That is what Shiloh Baptist Church is all about. It creates a space where black folks' humanity can be affirmed in who and what we are."

While West focused on the needs of African Americans, he said America as a whole needs to avoid materialism and remove itself from the legacy of firearms and gunpowder that has its roots in Jesse James and continues in this day in street gangs.

In the foreword to West's 1993 "Prophetic Reflections: Notes on Race and Power in America" his mother, Irene, and father, Clinton, who died in May, wrote that their son always set high standards for himself academically, athletically, socially and spiritually.

West was accepted to Harvard at age 16 after serving as student body president at W.H.C. Wood Jr. High and John F. Kennedy High School. He was president of the Black Student Union, first-chair violinist, a quality two-mile runner and second baseman.

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And all of this was done, said his parents, while serving as an active member of the Shiloh Baptist Church. Their son, they wrote, always had strong convictions about how a Christian community ought to address social ills - influenced not only by Cooke, but by another Baptist minister.

"We recollect," wrote his parents, "when he and his brother, Clifton, were taken to the Memorial Auditorium to hear the late, great Martin Luther King Jr. He was about 5 or 10 years of age. He sat attentively listening to every word, absorbing each like a sponge. He cried when he told his sisters of what that experience had meant to him."

Irene West said in an interview that her son enjoyed Sunday school, the junior choir and usher duties. The importance of church was reinforced at home and by his grandfather, a minister for 42 years.

"It even had a positive impact on his discipline at school - because he had a discipline problem," said Irene West. "Our children were going to church because we were going. It was a given that he would go. We were just happy he got so much out of it."

Shiloh, founded in 1856, is one of the oldest houses of worship in Sacramento. A new Shiloh Baptist Church, with construction set for 1998, is planned on 26 acres at Florin and Elk Grove-Florin roads.

"We want to expand our ministries," said the Rev. Clifford W. Cheatham. "We want nursing care facilities, recreational activities for youth and a Christian school."

The pastor of the 1,500-member Shiloh Baptist Church said that in West's children of the church see a success story and the adults see the fruits of their labor.

"You never know who you are going to influence," said Cheatham. "In the black church we had examples like Cornel West."

Caption: Bee / Bryan Patrick Harvard professor Cornel West speaks to the congregation Sunday at Shiloh Baptist Church, where he worshiped as a child mimicking his musician father, Lamont Wilson Sr., 3-year-old Lamont Jr. uses his crayons as drumsticks during services Sunday at 1,500-member Shiloh Baptist Church in Oak Park.

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Shiloh: Foreclosure, fire among tests in church's 140 years

Locations from page B1
The church, which has a claim to being the oldest African Methodist Episcopal Church in the country, is 140 years old. The church was founded in 1827 and is located at 1214 and H streets.

The church's 140th anniversary is being celebrated with a series of events, including a parade on June 22.

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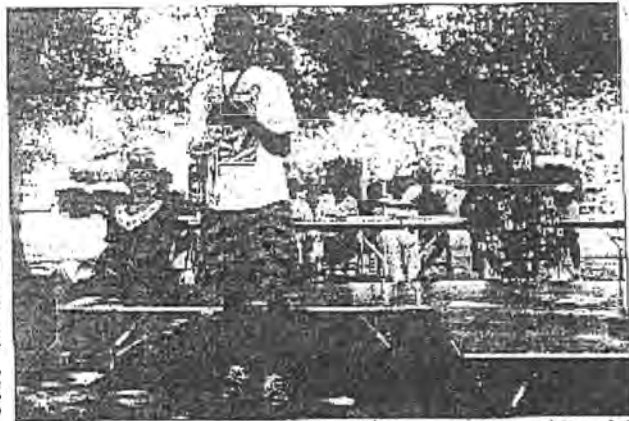
membership declined to 57. After the disaster, members who remained. The church has been closed for two years.

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Local Brown, 17, of Mrs. Lamb High School says she is part of the festivities in Oak Park commemorating Shiloh Baptist Church's 140th year.

During the winter of 1974-75, members sat and suffered through services in the partially walled church.

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There are many churches in the area, but Shiloh is the oldest African Methodist Episcopal church in the country.

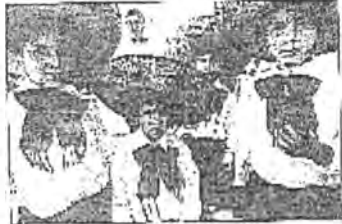
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Cooling their heels

Dressed to dance are, from left, Edy Moralez, 7, Pablo Gomez, 6, and Guadalupe Arango, 7. The boys were among the young emcees on Saturday at the annual Annual Holy Sacraments. The event celebrates the church's 140th anniversary and features a parade on June 22.



Loaves: Police deny sweeps were kept

Locations from page B1
The city of Sacramento police department is denying the Police Department's claim that the church was kept from receiving food for the homeless.

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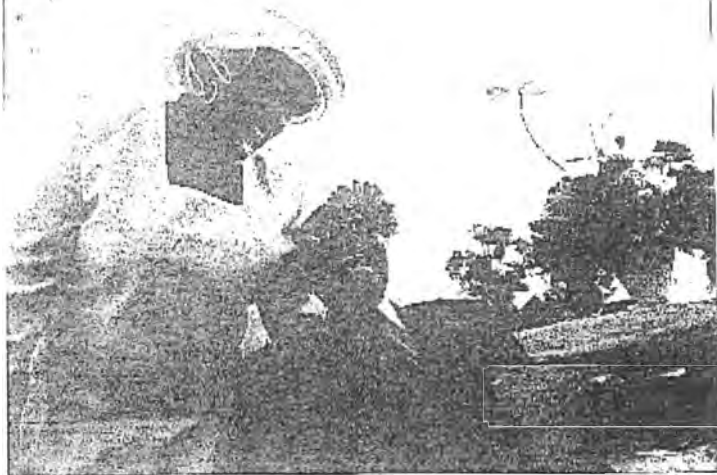
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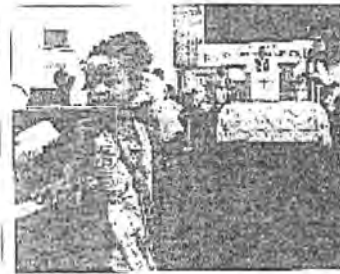


Deacons Henry Williams and Leroy Williams, no relation, share a few laughs Sunday during his 90th birthday celebration at Shiloh Baptist Church. The congregation also gathered to honor more than 50 years of deaconhood moral leadership as a member of the church.

By Jeff Spitzer... Henry Williams... Leroy Williams... Shiloh Baptist Church...

Church salutes spirit of service

Shiloh Baptist celebrates Deacon's 90th birthday, long moral leadership



Three-year-old Jihan Mayo Kizer spent the congregational Saturday evening services at Shiloh Baptist Church in Sacramento.

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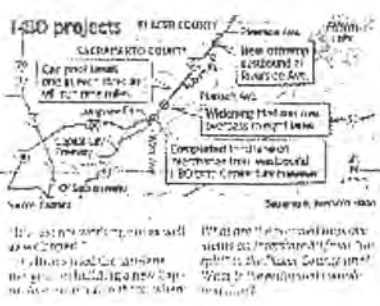
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Church: Members endured many trials

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Shiloh Baptist Church members in prayer during a Sunday service.

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Regional digest

Police discover body of man shot to death

SACRAMENTO—Investigators
found the body of a man shot to death
in a Sacramento neighborhood
last night.

The victim was identified as
James Earl Ray, a well-known
criminal.

Police are currently investigating
the circumstances surrounding the
shooting.

The shooting occurred in the
early morning hours of Sunday.

Chickens: Avian ge- stocks are down 40

GENETICALLY diverse
birds and evolution of the chicken
have led to a molecular biology
of the poultry's evolution.

The loss of genetic diversity
in agriculture and biomedical
science, DeBary said.

Over the past 15 years, 128 avian
genetic stocks were near extinction,
a number that represents 60
percent of the world's avian genetic
stocks, DeBary and Pyle said.

The avian genetic stocks
include chickens, turkeys and
guinea fowls.

The large number of avian genetic
stocks is critical to their value for
research in the wide variations in
genetic diversity.

Chickens are particularly well-
suited for studying a variety of human
conditions, DeBary said.

The study was published in the
journal *Genetics*.

The study was conducted by
DeBary and Pyle.

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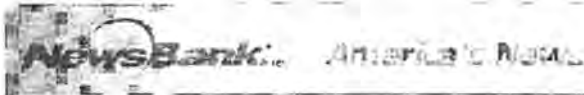
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JAMES C. DODD SR., PIONEERING BLACK ARCHITECT IN CAPITAL

The Sacramento Bee - Wednesday, February 10, 1999

Author: Yvonne Chiu Bee Still Writer

Known as Sacramento's first African American architect, James C. Dodd Sr., who worked on the Sacramento Community Convention Center and the science building at the University of California, Davis, died Feb. 3 at Mercy Methodist Hospital. He was 76.

Mr. Dodd died from pneumonia contracted after he suffered a stroke, according to his daughter, Florence D. Mitchell.

Mr. Dodd ran a successful architectural firm in Sacramento for more than 40 years. During that time, he helped design several city landmarks and many residential buildings.

Mitchell said her father was especially proud of the first project he did on his own - an apartment complex in downtown Sacramento that was one of the first in the city built for families with children.

Mr. Dodd began his career in Sacramento in 1952, when he went to work for the state. He then joined the prominent architectural firm of Barovetto and Thomas. Anxious to start his own firm, he left after about four years to form James C. Dodd and Associates.

"I think Jim listened very well to his clients, and he had excellent attention to detail," said Ronald Carissimi, president of Carissimi Rohrer Associates, formerly Barovetto and Thomas.

He said Mr. Dodd was the first African American licensed architect in Sacramento.

Mr. Dodd's first office was just a room in his house on S Street. Later, he moved to Fruitridge Road and finally to 27th and X streets.

His work includes an addition to the Crocker Art Museum, the St. Hope Academy of Sacramento, the redesign of Sacramento High School, part of the Woman's Civic Improvement Club in Sacramento and several elementary schools throughout Northern California.

Mr. Dodd also designed the Capitol City Seventh-day Adventist Church, which he attended. His daughter said much of his work on that project was donated.

In addition to his church, Mr. Dodd was active in his community. He was a Big Brother and raised money to form a local choir for children. The singing group, called the Inspirational Chorus, even performed nationally.

"These kids were ecstatic because a lot of them never left Sacramento, never got on a bus and when they flew to Washington, D.C., they were overwhelmed," Mitchell said.

Mr. Dodd was born in Texarkana, Texas. After serving in the Army as a first lieutenant, he entered the University of California, Berkeley, and earned a degree in architecture. In 1952, he moved to Sacramento with his wife and two young children.

He was extremely dedicated to his work, his daughter said. "When we went on vacation, he had to call the office. When we left, we had to stop in the office. When we returned, no matter what time it was, we had to stop by the office," she said.

Mr. Dodd also served on many boards. He was a past president of the Central Valley Chapter, American Institute of Architects; a member of the board of directors of the American Institute of Architects, and chairman of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

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But more than his work, Mr. Dodd was dedicated to his family.

"He had his priorities correct. The first thing in his life was his wife," Cerisami said.

When his wife, Connie, suffered a stroke about 16 years ago, Mr. Dodd eased his work schedule and spent more of his time nursing his wife back to health. Although doctors recommended a convalescent hospital, Mr. Dodd hired around-the-clock medical care so his wife could stay at home.

"My mom is very healthy and very alert, and it's all because of his perseverance and his love," Mitchell said.

Besides his wife and daughter, Mr. Dodd is survived by a son, James C. Dodd Jr. of Washington, D.C.; two grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Services are at 11 a.m. today at Capitol City Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6701 Lemon Hill Ave.

Caption: James C. Dodd Sr. Among projects he worked on was the capital's Convention Center.

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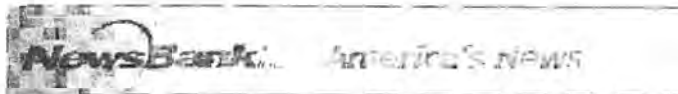
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NAACP PIONEER DIES AT AGE 96 - NETTA SPARKS LED CIVIL RIGHTS BATTLE

SACRAMENTO BEE - Wednesday, November 24, 1983

Author: Art Campus Bee Staff Writer

Netta Sparks, a pioneer of the Sacramento chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has died at the age of 96.

Sparks, who could recall the days of segregated lunch counters in Sacramento, died of natural causes Sunday at the Walnut Convalescent Hospital in Carmichael.

She served as the local chapter's first secretary in the early 1920s, was an organizer of the group's youth council in the 1930s and took over the presidency in the 1940s.

"She made a great contribution to the community," said Nate White, president of the NAACP's Sacramento chapter. "She was the backbone of our branch for many years and was a civil rights player. I hope some of the young people can look back at her life and try to make a contribution like she did."

"Netta was an inspiration. To sit at her feet and listen to the things she had been through in Sacramento were just tremendous. When she spoke, she always had something to say. She imparted wisdom."

William Lee, publisher of the Sacramento Observer, said, "I saw her more as the spirit of the community. She was just a real sweet lady. She was very humble and yet very determined to make changes happen. She never let anything deter her from her goals."

Sparks came to Sacramento in 1917 from Langview, Texas, and worked in jobs that included being a maid in a brothel, an elevator operator at the Capitol, a rooming-house manager and a janitor at McClellan Air Force Base.

She also worked as a domestic for rich white people, sometimes getting paid \$2 a day after working long hours on her knees.

"I remember when you couldn't buy a house unless it was where they (whites) let you," she said in a 1983 Bee interview. "I remember when we (African Americans) had to go to the Japanese hospital downtown because the big hospitals wouldn't take us in."

In addition to helping fight segregation with the local NAACP chapter, Sparks joined a group of seven women to do something about the lack of housing for African American women in Sacramento after World War I.

The seven formed the Women's Civic Improvement Club and raised enough money by the mid-1930s to buy a house to give women a place to stay. The club still provides assistance to residents and is the oldest African American center in Sacramento.

In the 1940s, Sparks came across a startling realization - that the Ku Klux Klan was alive in Sacramento. She was rummaging through an office building and found several sheets that Klan members used as robes.

Sparks, a 75-year member of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Sacramento, was honored by the church in 1980 with a "Netta Sparks Day" for her work in the community.

Sparks was also active with the Order of the Eastern Star; the Ella Mills Chapter, No. 58, Historic of Herichu, California Poppy Court No. 9; Daughters of Elks, Camelia Temple No. 931; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Shiloh Baptist Church, 3585 Ninth Ave., Sacramento.

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Visitation and lodge services will be from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at Thompson's Rose Chapel, 3601 Fifth Ave., Sacramento.

Caption: Nettie Sparks Siro was the first secretary of the NAACP's Sacramento chapter.

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Dec. 31, 1999 DVA century p. 14*

PEOPLE

Netta White Sparks

Sparks was a pioneer in race relations

Netta White Sparks didn't just know the history of African Americans in 20th-century Sacramento, she lived it.

"I remember Sacramento before deed restrictions were outlawed," she said in a 1985 interview. "I remember when you couldn't buy a house unless it was where they (whites) sit you. I remember when we (African Americans) had to go the Japanese hospital downtown because the big hospitals wouldn't take us in. I remember."

But Netta Sparks wasn't just a witness, she was a doer. Born in Longview, Texas, in 1897, Sparks came to Sacramento in 1917. She worked as a maid, a hotel, an elevator operator at the Capitol, a silver polisher at Breuners, dress-trunk store and a domestic helper in the homes of the wealthy.



"I remember working eight hours and getting 50," she said. "Maybe your employer would give you lunch, if you ate. Maybe she'd give you a dime for a streetcar. I worked hard."

Sparks didn't work just for herself, however. Deciding to do something about the shortage of housing for African American women after World War I, Sparks and six other women formed the Negro Women's Civic Improvement Club and raised enough money to buy a house so women had a place to stay. The club is still in existence and still provides assistance of various kinds to the community.

For 26 years, she was an active member of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Oak Park. And she was a driving force in the growth of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In the 1920s, she was the NAACP chapter's first secretary. In the 1930s, she was the lead organizer for the group's youth council. In the 1940s when the African American population of Sacramento grew rapidly as a result of the war, she was the chapter's president.

And she saw the ugly side of racial hatred up close. Once visiting the 440s, Sparks was running through a downtown office building when she discovered she was being used as a toilet by members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Sparks died in 1998 at age 96. The Netta Sparks Senior Center in Oak Park is named in her honor.

"We've been able to move on up," she said in a 1982 story in "The NAACP" has done a lot for Sacramento. In those days, we weren't supposed to have segregation, but we did. And we still have plenty. We have a long way to go."



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The Sacramento Bee * Sunday

IN HISTORY'S SPOTLIGHT *A look at those who made headlines in the past 150 years*



**NETTA
WHITE
SPARKS**

Born: March 31, 1897
Died: Nov. 20, 1993

Known for: An active member of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Oak Park, Sparks was a driving force in the growth of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Background: Born in Longview, Texas, Sparks came to Sacramento in 1917. She worked as a maid in a brothel, an elevator operator at the Capitol, a silver polisher at Breuner's department store and a domestic helper in the homes of the wealthy. Deciding to do something about the shortage of

housing for African American women here after World War I, Sparks and six other women formed the Negro Women's Civic Improvement Club and raised enough money to buy a house so women had a place to stay. In the 1920s, she was the NAACP chapter's first secretary. In the 1930s, she was the lead organizer for the group's youth council. In the 1940s, when the African American population of Sacramento grew rapidly as a result of the war, she was the chapter's president.

A highlight: The Netta Sparks Senior Activity Annex in Oak Park is named in her honor.

Source: Bee archives

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NOW THIS WEEK

The city is using ground-penetrating radar and archaeological investigations to confirm that space is available for additional plots.

Sale of new plots and niches would help establish an endowment fund for maintenance of the cemetery, the report says.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall council chambers, 2729 Prospect Park Drive.

- Cathy Locke

Folsom City Council

The council Tuesday will consider a planned development permit for the 19-unit Folsom Oaks Apartments proposed at 809 Bidwell St.

The council also will consider granting a request for \$200,000 from the city's housing trust fund to help fund the complex, which will serve people with mental illnesses.

Under the proposal, the city would enter into an agreement for release of the money once the applicant, Transitional Living and Community Support Inc., demonstrates that full funding for the project is in place.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall council chambers, 50 Natoma St.

- Cathy Locke

**REGIONAL
DIGEST**

**Fire, police drill today
will be Roseville ruckus**

ROSEVILLE - Roseville residents need not be alarmed if they see police cars and helicopters and hear gunshots, sirens and other noise coming from the city's corporation yard today.

It's just a training exercise being conducted by the police and fire departments at the yard on Hilltop Circle off PFE Road.

The 90-minute exercise will begin at 5 p.m. and role players will serve as suspects and injured people, said Dee Gunther, a police spokeswoman.

Police SWAT and hostage negotiations teams will be involved, as well as emergency medical personnel responding to a simulated mass casualty incident, she said.

Gunther said blank ammunition will be fired during the drill.

The public is not allowed in the area during the training, she said.

- Art Campos

Davis to look at its housing policies

DAVIS - A community workshop is scheduled Thursday to explore what kind of new housing should be made available in the city.

The Housing Element and General Plan update workshop is planned from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Teen Center Basement, 303 Third St.

The city wants the public to express what factors should be used when considering sites for housing. The open house meeting allows the public to raise questions and to comment.

- Bill Lindelof

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SETTING IT STRAIGHT

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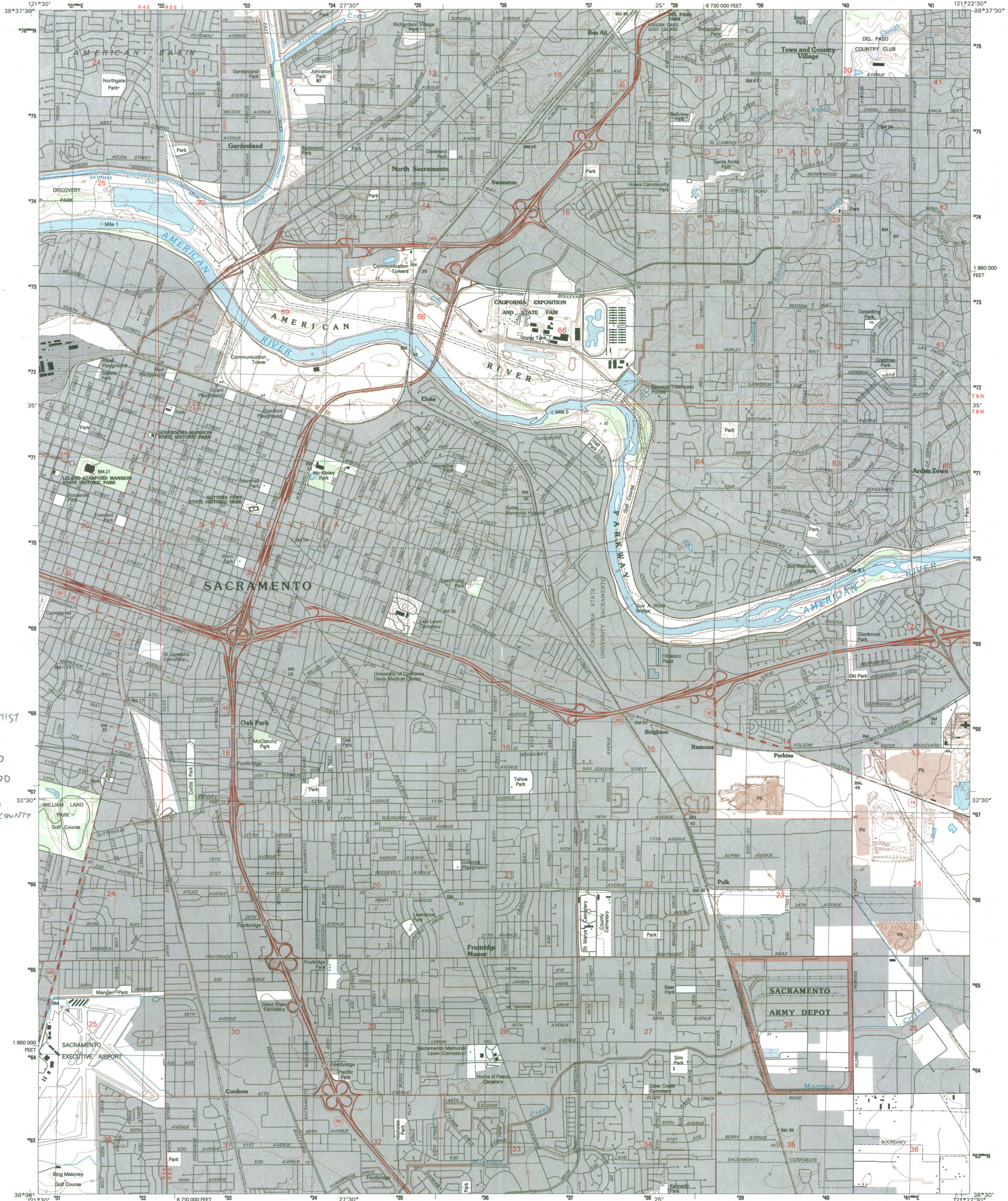






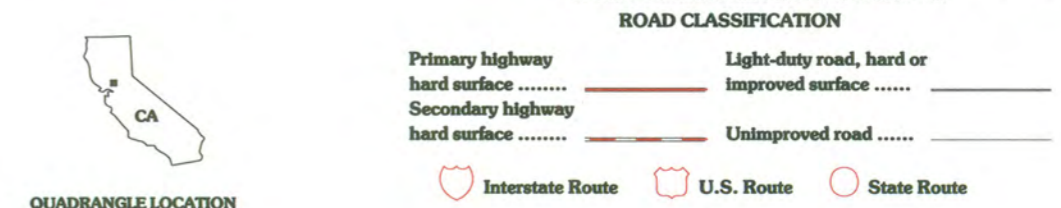
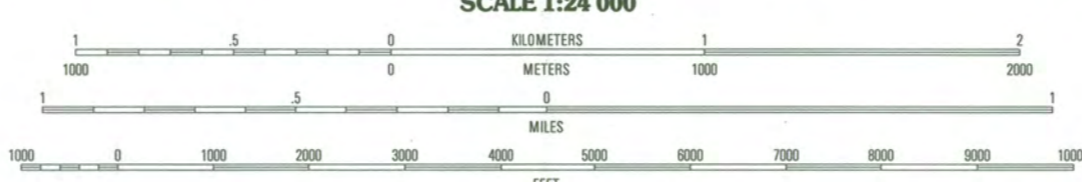
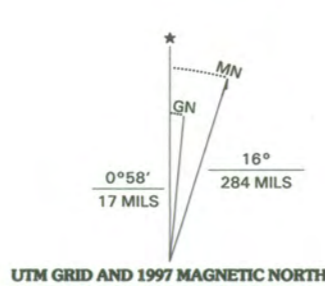
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May 1, 2012

State Historic Preservation Officer and
State Historical Resources Commission
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Nomination of Shiloh Baptist Church, Sacramento to the National Register of Historic Places

Dear Officer and Commissioners,

As Sacramento's primary advocacy organization for historic preservation, the Sacramento Old City Association is proud to support the nomination of the Shiloh Baptist Church, located at 3552 - 7th Avenue in Sacramento, to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This property has important historical and architectural worth, being associated with the relocation of Sacramento's African American community during redevelopment, being the first major work of master architect James C. Dodd, and representing an early example of Mid-century Modern architecture in Sacramento. The property's retains many of its original features of design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. As such, it clearly qualifies to be listed pursuant to two criteria:

- Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; and
- Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, represents the work of a master, and possesses high artistic value.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jon B. Marshack". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Jon B. Marshack
Preservation Chair

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May 17, 2012

Ms. Carol Shull, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service 2280
1201 I (Eye) Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Subject: **Shiloh Baptist Church**
Sacramento, Sacramento County, California
National Register of Historic Places

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the **Shiloh Baptist Church** nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. This property is located in the city of Sacramento, in Sacramento County, California. On May 3, 2012, the State Historical Resources Commission unanimously found the property eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C at the local level of significance.

The property is nominated on behalf of the property owner. One letter of support is included with the nomination.

If you have any questions regarding this nomination, please contact William Burg of my staff at 916-445-7004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milford Wayne Donaldson".

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures

Shiloh Baptist Church
Sacramento, Sacramento County, California
Staff Report

Shiloh Baptist Church is a Mid-Century Modern church constructed between 1958 and 1963, designed by Sacramento's first licensed African American architect, James C. Dodd. The building is home to the Shiloh Baptist Church, a congregation formed as the Siloam Baptist Church in 1856 and a significant element of Sacramento's African American community.

The main sanctuary plan is square, but oriented at a 45 degree angle to the street so the building appears diamond-shaped. The triangular roof rises to one and one-half stories above the sanctuary, placed on a diagonal which distinguishes it from the rest of the building. The wooden frame building has stucco finish with redwood fascia and louver accents, and a composition shingle roof. Stained glass windows and an elevated cross are prominent features of the building front.

The property is eligible under Criterion A for its association with Sacramento's African American community during Sacramento's redevelopment era, relocating from the church's previous location in downtown Sacramento to the neighborhood of Oak Park. The property is also eligible under Criterion C as a skillful example of Mid-Century Modern church design, the first major commission of master architect James Dodd. Due to financial hardships, completion of the church took five years, with much of the work being done by the church's pastor, Reverend Willis P. Cooke.

The church retains a high degree of integrity in all aspects. The period of significance is 1958-1963, the period from the start of construction until completion. The period of significance does not require exceptional significance consideration under Criteria Consideration G due to the completion date. The church is a religious property, but meets the requirements of Criteria Consideration A due to its association with historic events, the relocation of Sacramento's African American community, and architectural merit, as the first major work of a master architect.

The nomination has received one letter of support. The property is nominated on behalf of the property owners.

Staff supports the nomination as written and recommends the State Historical Resources Commission determine that the Shiloh Baptist Church meets National Register Criteria A and C at the local level of significance, meeting the requirements of Criteria Consideration A. Staff recommends that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination for forwarding to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register.

William Burg
Historian I
April 11, 2012