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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME



HISTORIC

Vallejo City Hall and Branch County Building

AND/OR COMMON

Vallejo City Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

734 Marin Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Fourth

CITY, TOWN

Vallejo

VICINITY OF

Solano

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

CODE

095

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

__DISTRICT

X PUBLIC

X OCCUPIED

__AGRICULTURE

__MUSEUM

X BUILDING(S)

__PRIVATE

__UNOCCUPIED

__COMMERCIAL

__PARK

__STRUCTURE

__BOTH

__WORK IN PROGRESS

__EDUCATIONAL

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

__ENTERTAINMENT

__RELIGIOUS

__OBJECT

__IN PROCESS

__YES: RESTRICTED

X GOVERNMENT

__SCIENTIFIC

__BEING CONSIDERED

X YES: UNRESTRICTED

__INDUSTRIAL

__TRANSPORTATION

__NO

__MILITARY

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Vallejo

STREET & NUMBER

734 Marin Street

California

CITY, TOWN

Vallejo

VICINITY OF

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Solano County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

California

CITY, TOWN

Fairfield

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE 3/25/76

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Vallejo City Hall was built in 1926 to serve as a city hall and as an annex or branch for the Vallejo area of the Solano County Courthouse. The dual use continued for almost twenty years with city and county government activities sharing the facilities.

The City of Vallejo became the exclusive occupant in the late 1940's when the county constructed its own building. Little change was made in the interior of the two story, plus full basement building. Nothing was done to the exterior and only a few non-bearing wall partitions were moved.

In 1957 a 45 foot by 16 foot addition of matching stucco finish was added at the rear to serve as space for a drafting room for the engineering division.

Later in 1959 a newly consolidated and remodeled communications center was located in the Police Department which was housed in the basement. This was accomplished with minor renovation. In 1962 the Police Department was moved to a building of its own, and the space vacated was converted to regular office space for the city and for the Civil Defense Headquarters. Remnants of the old cell block remain visible. In 1963 additional internal renovations took place in the old Police Department, converting police activity rooms into regular office and conference rooms.

The two story plus basement building contains office space, a fine, small auditorium used now as a city council chambers, seating approximately one hundred persons, several walk-in fire proof vaults, and an exceptionally fine electrical wiring system brought in for the Police Department and the Civil Defense Headquarters.

None of the renovations substantially changed the building as most of the partitions moved were non-bearing walls. The only exterior changes were addition of a street level door in front and a small addition in the rear, completed to match the rest of the building. The original red tile roof is intact.

Wm. Chan

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1926-1927 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles E. Perry

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Vallejo City Hall is built in the classical Spanish Renaissance style. The city, formerly part of a Spanish land grant given to General Mariano Vallejo, is proud of its Spanish heritage. Because of urban renewal and rapid suburban growth, the present City Hall remains the only building in the city and surrounding area in the Spanish Renaissance style.

The building has remained on its exterior almost exactly as it was when built. It has been maintained in excellent repair. The building is reinforced concrete, faced with stucco. The floors in the halls and the stairs are terrazzo covered. The original imposing staircase remains the dominating feature in the foyer. High ceilings and spacious window openings are in character with the Italianate palace character and proportions of the building. The detailing of the classical design of the entrance of the building remains in excellent condition.

For the first fifty years of its existence, it was a repository for all city and many county documents and the center of city business and related activities. In 1977 it will become the Vallejo Naval and Historic Museum and thus will continue to house much of the history and the records of the development of this area. Its continual use as a public building devoted to cultural and educational activities open to all the people emphasizes its importance. That it remains one of the finest buildings in the community but especially that it retains the flavor of its significant Spanish heritage in the best tradition makes it vitally important to the cultural life and expression of residents of the old Suscol Land Grant.

Mr. Charles E. Perry was the architect of the building. He worked for 35 years in the office of San Francisco architect Willis Polk. During this time, he worked on Filoli, Carolands, and was also sent by Polk to supervise the rebuilding of schools following the 1932 earthquake. Perry also worked with Maybeck on the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Building plans and records at the City Hall
 Micro film records of the Vallejo Newspapers, The Times-Herald
 and the News Chronicle.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY opp .07 Acres

UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Vallejo City Hall is located on the corner of Marin and Capitol Streets in Vallejo. It is on the southeast corner of the intersection of the above streets. Address is 734 Marin Street.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

3/25/76

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Vallejo Naval and Historic Museum

643-1981

734 Marin Street

TELEPHONE

California

CITY OR TOWN

Vallejo

STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XX

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Herbert Prosser

TITLE

S.H.P.O.

DATE

Aug 12 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ACQUIRE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

11/9/76

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11/2/76