NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(TYPE all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
   COMMON:
   Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park
   AND/OR HISTORIC:
   Coloma

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER:
   State Route 49 - 9 miles N. of Placerville
   CITY OR TOWN:
   Coloma
   STATE:
   California
   COUNTY:
   El Dorado

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY (Check One)
   District
   Site
   Structure
   Object
   OWNERSHIP
   Public
   Private
   Both
   ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
   Yes:
   Restricted
   Unrestricted
   No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
   OWNER'S NAME:
   State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation
   STREET AND NUMBER:
   1416 9th Street (Resources Agency Building)
   CITY OR TOWN:
   Sacramento
   STATE:
   California
   CODE:
   95814

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
   El Dorado County Courthouse
   STREET AND NUMBER:
   CITY OR TOWN:
   Placerville
   STATE:
   California
   CODE:
   95613

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
   TITLE OF SURVEY:
   Feasibility Study - Acquisition and Development
   DATE OF SURVEY:
   1979
   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
   Department of Parks and Recreation - State of California
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The townsite of Coloma with its few remaining landmarks, deep mining scars half hidden by locust trees, and a few cottages and tangled gardens stands astride of California State Highway No. 49. The south fork of the American River flows northwesterly through the town site.

Several historic buildings are in "ruins" condition, some of stone masonry, others of brick masonry construction. Wood frame buildings exist in various stages of deterioration.

Some buildings have been maintained for residential uses and for interpretive and park use.

New structures include (1) a replica of Sutter's saw mill, (2) a museum of 6,000 square feet, (3) public comfort station and parking lot, (4) residences (two) for park personnel. The area is served by a public electrical utility. Sewage disposal is by means of individual septic tanks. The El Dorado Irrigation District supplies water to the area.
This site marks the location of James Wilson Marshall's discovery of gold on January 24, 1848; the discovery which precipitated the gold rush. It consists of the mill site, the grave of Marshall, the town of Coloma. This area, because of its outstanding significance to California and the world at large, has been named a national historic landmark, and is so registered by the N.P.S.
### 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

#### LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **APPROX 250.**

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

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### 11. FORM PREPARED BY:

**NAME AND TITLE:**

Allen W. Welts, State Park Historian III

**ORGANIZATION:**

Department of Parks and Recreation

Resource Management and Protection Division

**DATE:**

2/30/70

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

1416 9th Street, Resources Agency Building

**CITY OR TOWN:**

Sacramento

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California

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95814

### 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

- National [x]
- State [ ]
- Local [ ]

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Date:**

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

**Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation**

**ATTEST:**

Keeper of The National Register

**Date:**

**Date:**
Reconsideration of Coloma (El Dorado County) is requested to permit registration of expanded boundaries. Requested on the following bases:

1. Historic District inholdings must be acquired to assure preservation of significant values.

2. The historical integrity of the visual scene can only be preserved through expanding boundaries of the District.

3. Additional acreage is required for critical development of access roads and trails.

4. Additional acreage is required for critical development of facilities.