

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE California	
COUNTY: EL DORADO Marin County	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

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** CODE: **95613** COUNTY: **El Dorado** CODE: **95613**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Nat. Hist.</u> <u>Landmark</u>
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted No: <input type="checkbox"/> 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:
Placerville

CITY OR TOWN: **Placerville** STATE: **California** CODE: **95613**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Feasibility Study - Acquisition and Development

DATE OF SURVEY: **1929** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Parks and Recreation - State of California

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) January 24, 1848

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry		<u>Gold Rush</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rensch - Historic Spots in California

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38° 48' 15"	120° 53' 40"	0			
NE	38° 48' 15"	120° 53' 10"				
SE	38° 47' 51"	120° 53' 20"				
SW	38° 47' 51"	120° 53' 40"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: APPROX 260.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Allen W. Welts, State Park Historian III

ORGANIZATION: Department of Parks and Recreation DATE: 2/30/70
Resource Management and Protection Division

STREET AND NUMBER: 1416 9th Street, Resources Agency Building

CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California CODE: 95814

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

National State Local

Name *Allen W. Welts*

Title _____

Date _____

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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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.