

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>California</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Orange</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Richard M. Nixon Birthplace**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**18061 Yorba Linda Boulevard**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Yorba Linda**

STATE <b>California</b>	CODE	COUNTY: <b>Orange</b>	CODE
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3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:  
**Yorba Linda School District (Dr. Sterling Fox, Supt.)**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**18011 Yorba Linda Boulevard**

CITY OR TOWN: <b>Yorba Linda</b>	STATE: <b>California</b>	CODE
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Orange County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: <b>Santa Ana</b>	STATE: <b>California</b>	CODE
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **3.0 + acres**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Feasibility Study - Department of Parks and Recreation**

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Department of Parks and Recreation**

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

CITY OR TOWN: <b>Sacramento</b>	STATE: <b>California</b>	CODE
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**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

**The Nixon Birthplace stands at the top of a hill above Yorba Linda Boulevard in the shelter of a modest grove of trees. About 30 yards west is the Yorba Linda elementary school, recently renamed after the President.**

**The main section of the frame bungalow is one-and-one-half stories in height with a shed dormer in evidence on the north side. The roof over the main section is gabled with a low pitch and covered with asphalt shingles. The rear of the house is one story in height with a flat roof and probably was created by enclosing a porch. The house has overhanging eaves and a shallow gabled vestibule in front. The clapboard siding is white, while window trim is in green.**

**Apparently the exterior of the house has not changed significantly in the past few decades. Maintenance appears to be at an acceptable standard. The present occupants are employees of the Yorba Linda School District.**

**The house is not open to the general public.**

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Richard Nixon was born in Yorba Linda, California, on January 9, 1913, in a modest one-and-one-half-story frame house built by his father, Frank Nixon, who earned his living by fruit farming. The future President lived in the house until 1922, when the Nixon family moved to Whittier. Especially important during these formative years was the example of his Irish Quaker parents. Remembering the lessons learned from them in Yorba Linda, the President recently remarked,

their patience, courage and determination not to break down, whatever the physical and emotional strain, has been one of the finest things I have ever known. And it has certainly held me together at times when I have been under pressure. And it always will.

The little-altered house at 18061 Yorba Linda Boulevard is owned by Yorba Linda School District and is not open to the public.

Richard Nixon was born in Yorba Linda, California, on January 9, 1913, in a one-and-one-half-story frame house built by his father, Frank Nixon, who earned his living by raising citrus fruits.

The Nixons were active in the civic and religious life of the community and imparted their social consciousness to their five sons. Mrs. Nixon was a charter member of the Yorba Linda Women's Club, and she and her husband helped to organize the Yorba Linda Friends Church, where Richard attended Sunday school.

Nixon began public school in Yorba Linda and finished the third grade before the family moved to Whittier. His second grade teacher recalled that he "was a nice little boy who was serious about his studies," and that "he was well liked by other students, loved sports, was the center of everything and always willing to help other students."

These were the formative years in the life of the President-to-be. Remembering the early lessons he learned from his parents in Yorba Linda, Nixon recently remarked:

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Earl Maze and Stephen Hess, Nixon: A Political Portrait (N.Y., 1968); Bela Kornitzer, The Real Nixon: An Intimate Biography (N.Y., 1966); William Costello, The Facts About Nixon: An Unauthorized Biography (N.Y., 1960); Ralph de Toledano, Nixon, rev. ed. (N.Y., 1960); The Washington Post, December 8, 1968; Yorba Linda, Land of Gracious Living (Yorba Linda, 1969)

**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 ONE ACRE							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	33°	53'	21"	117°	46'	33"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"						

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

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

NAME AND TITLE:  
**John D. McDermott, Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service**      DATE: **6/30/69**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**801-19th St., N.W.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington**      STATE: **D.C.**      CODE:     

**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       State       Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

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*Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**8. Significance**

I do not have my parents' passivity, and I do not go along entirely with that philosophy, but the sight of their patience, courage and determination not to break down, whatever the physical and emotional strain, has been one of the finest things I have ever known. And it has certainly held me together at times when I have been under pressure. And it always will.

The Nixons left Yorba Linda for Whittier in 1922, when farming proved unprofitable. In the years that followed, the house passed through the hands of several owners. After World War II, Yorba Linda School District purchased the home to provide space for future expansion. Although threatened by destruction a number of times, the house continued to survive intact, and on January 9, 1959, the school board and the citizens of Yorba officially designated the home a historic site.