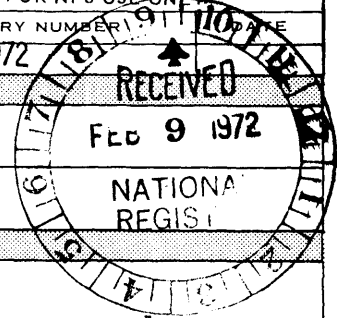


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California  
COUNTY: Solano  
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ENTRY NUMBER: 91110

JUN 13 1972



1. NAME  
COMMON: Hastings Adobe  
AND/OR HISTORIC: Montezuma City or Montezuma Adobe

2. LOCATION  
~~REFERENCE NUMBER:~~  
Fr. of NE 1/4 Sec. 26 T 3 NR 1E M.D.B. & M. (then east 1 1/2 miles on  
CITY OR TOWN: 1/3 mile north Collinsville on Co. Rd. #68, on County Rd. #493  
STATE: California CODE: 06 COUNTY: Solano CODE: 095

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial to be <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Future <input type="checkbox"/> power <input type="checkbox"/> plant area

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
OWNER'S NAME: Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
STREET AND NUMBER: 245 Market St.  
CITY OR TOWN: San Francisco STATE: California CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Recorder's Office in Solano County Courthouse  
STREET AND NUMBER: 600 Texas St.  
CITY OR TOWN: Fairfield STATE: California CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
TITLE OF SURVEY: U.S.G.S. Antioch North Calif. N3800-W12145/7.5  
DATE OF SURVEY: 1953  Federal  State  County  Local  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: U.S.G.S. Federal Center  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: Denver 25 STATE: Colorado CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Originally this adobe erected by Lansford W. Hastings an agent of the Mormon Church, consisted of four rooms and an attic. The sun-dried bricks were made from native clay-adobe and Sacramento river water. The walls were later protected by wooden sheds, which were in time replaced by a complete frame structure over the original adobe. Repairs and additions maintained the occupied ranch dwelling for the next hundred years in good condition (as shown in attached photos), until purchased by the P. G. & E. Co. in 1963. Vandals have since badly harmed the structure, and rain injured an adobe interior wall. It has now a high woven wire fence surrounding the building, with a padlocked gate. If restoration of this historic adobe is to be effected, it should be done at once.

With minor exception the structure retains its basic architectural form. This is expressly noted in the interior. The exterior framework and porch area having been added during recent times.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

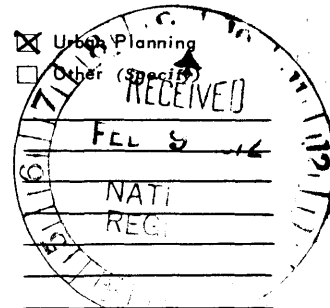
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Prior to July 7 1846, when California was Mexican territory

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric         | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications      | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation        |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE and history:

Dhio lawyer, Lansford W. Hastings reached California by way of Oregon in 1843, and was active in the early settlement of the State. Returning East in 1844 he published an "Emigrant's Guide" to California. (Hasting's Cut-off was followed by the ill-fated Donner party, who attempted the high mountain crossing too late in the year and were snowed in.) Returning West, Hastings was named as Mormon agent to select a strategic site for a Mormon colony in the then Mexican territory of California. This he found at the junction of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers with Suisun Bay, which gave water transportation to the great valleys of California and the Pacific Ocean. Here he planned a city and built an adobe house called Montezuma City, hoping to obtain a large land grant from the Mexican Government. Several colonies of Mormons had already reached California by ship, and the exodus from Illinois "across the plains" had started in February 1846. But on July 7 1846, the American flag was raised in California and the Mormons lost interest in the Montezuma site. Bayard Taylor in his "Eldorado" (1849) makes mention of it, - "City of Montezuma, a solitary house on a sort of headland projecting into Suisun Bay and fronting the three house city "New York of the Pacific" on the Contra Costa side."

Hastings, after about three years, abandoned his adobe, which was occupied early in 1853 by L.P. Marshall and two sons, John and Charles Knox Marshall. They found counterfeit tools in the house. The Marshalls repaired and improved the dwelling. In a few years Hastings demanded payment for the adobe, to which he had only a squatters claim. He was given two mules and six head of cattle (all valued at \$1000.) for the improvements. In time the Marshalls acquired title by pre-emption. A frame structure was placed around the adobe and the Marshall family occupied it until 1908. It was then acquired by the S.O. Stratton family who carefully maintained and further improved the aged dwelling, until sold in 1963 to the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. as site of a future atomic power plant. Vandals damaged the ancient structure until the company surrounded it with a high padlocked fence. For perpetuation as a historic monument restoration is needed at once.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- (1) "Historic Spots in California" ,3rd edition (1966) by Hoover & Rensch and W.N.Abeloe. Page 513
- (2) "History of Solano County" by J.P.Munro Fraser, printed by Wood, Alley & Co. in 1879. Pages 311 and 312.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

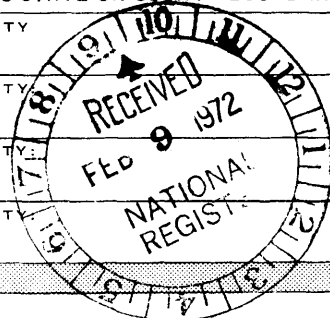
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	See USGS map attached.		
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/10 of an acre.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES **No overlap**

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Wood Young

ORGANIZATION: Solano County Historical Society DATE: Oct.14 '71

STREET AND NUMBER: Rt. 1 Box 22

CITY OR TOWN: Suisun, Ca. 94585 STATE: California CODE: 06

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Title: <u>STATE LIAISON OFFICER</u></p> <p>Date: <u>1/27/72</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <u>6/13/72</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
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