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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: California	
COUNTY: Napa	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JAN 21 1974	

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Goodman Library

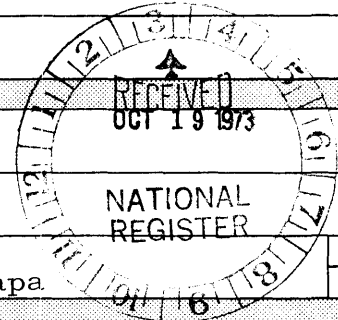
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1219 First Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Napa

STATE: California CODE: 06 COUNTY: Napa CODE: 055



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Library</u>
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:  
City of Napa

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2nd and School Streets (P.O. Box 660)

CITY OR TOWN: Napa STATE: California CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Napa County Courthouse: Recorder's Office; Assessor's Office; County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Brown Street

CITY OR TOWN: Napa STATE: California CODE: 06

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: State of California, point of historical interest nominated by Napa County Historical Society #NA 009

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
California Department of Parks and Recreation

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P. O. Box 2390

CITY OR TOWN: Sacramento STATE: California CODE: 95811

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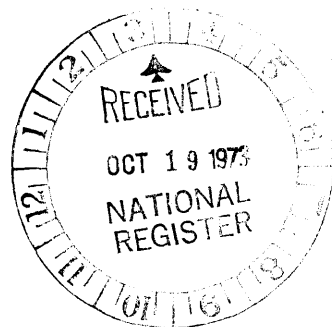
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" 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

Public, two (2) story stone masonry building located mid-block near the center of the city of Napa, California. Total floor space measures approximately 4,800 square feet. Based on comparison of original drawings and early photographs the building appears to be unchanged since its initial construction. The corner stone date is 1901. A photograph of the building entitled "Public Library" and a listing "Goodman Free Library" appear in the Napa City and County Portfolio and Directory published and engraved by H. A. Darms, Napa, California 1908.



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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)

Built in 1901

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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

The name Goodman has been associated with Napa from its earliest years. George E. Goodman came to Napa City in September 1855 at the age of 32. The first structure was built in Napa City in approximately 1848.(1)

George E. Goodman and his brother James H. Goodman purchased the land for "\$1,500 Gold Coin of the United States of America", where the Goodman Library was eventually built, May 29, 1877(2). Upon the death of his brother James, George Goodman inherited the property on December 23, 1889.(3) The County Recorders Book 72 of Deeds Page 48 shows that on February 28, 1902 George G. Goodman and his wife Carrie A. Goodman gave the land to the City of Napa. A portion of the deed reads as follows: "To have and to hold all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together, with the appurtenances, unto the party of the second part, (the City of Napa) its Successors and assigns, upon the following Conditions to be kept, observed and performed by the said second party, its successors and assigns, to wit:

The granted premises and the buildings thereon are to be forever used and devoted to the use of a Free Public Library, and none other, under such rules, regulations and restrictions with respect to the use of such library as the governing authorities thereof shall from time to time prescribe or enact; but this condition is not to be construed as preventing the use of certain rooms in the building for the purposes of amusements for the patrons of the Library."

From the Napa Register (local daily newspaper) Thursday, March 6, 1952. "John T. York gave the main address at the cornerstone laying May 2, 1901. In the cornerstone were placed a picture of George E. Goodman; copies of daily and weekly local papers; the first printed catalogue of library books published in 1886; a city directory; a board of trade folder; names of State, County, and Municipal officers; history of library since 1885, a silk American flag, and a bible.

The building was formally opened on Thursday, March 6, 1902. 'Goodman Library Tea and Rest Room' was still in use as of March 6, 1952."

The original cost of the building was \$15,000 (4)

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

See attached sheet

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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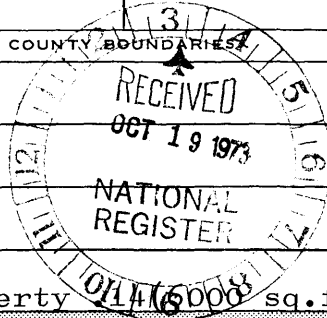
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

Approximate acreage of nominated property 10.14 (6008 sq.ft.)



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Richard A. Oliver, Executive Director**

ORGANIZATION: **Napa Community Redevelopment Agency**      DATE: **July 1, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1559 First Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Napa**      STATE: **California 94558**      CODE: **06**

**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 *[Signature]*  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date **SEP 11 1973**

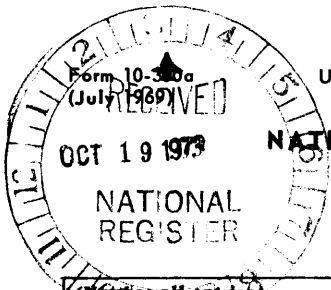
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*[Signature]*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/21/74

ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 1/18/74



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Statement of Significance (cont.)

The Architectural Significance of the Goodman Library

The architectural significance of the Goodman Library is really three fold:

- 1) Its architectural style for the community of Napa and California in general.
- 2) Its architect.
- 3) Its virtual completeness as the building was originally designed in 1901 - Its integrity.

Concerning the first point: this building displays the best characteristics of Richardson Romanesque: round-arched window, rusticated stone facing, weight and massiveness which is reinforced by the depth of the window and door openings, and the general largeness in scale and simplicity in form. This is combined as one would expect by 1901, even for a small rural community of California, with neo-classical Beaux Arts elements. These elements specifically are the balustraded cornice hiding the roof and the finished stone arch over the entrance door; although the cornice element is incorporated into the overall style by the use of heavy stone members.

This building is particularly important to Napa as it is a fine example of the late 19th century move away from Victorian decoration to a simpler more homogeneous effect of a building. This example for Napa is important as Napa is blessed with many fine Victorian homes and the library's potential educational benefits, as a demonstration of architectural and social philosophies of different eras, are great.

Its architect, a very significant man locally, was Luther M. Turton who practiced from 1887-1920 (approx. end date) in Napa. Mr. Turton did many of the fine Victorian-Queen Anne style homes in the Napa vicinity. This is an important building for him representing a turn away from his earlier ideas.

Secondly its virtual completeness right down to the original door hardware is remarkable. Both the interior and exterior are complete; the only major intrusion are new lighting fixtures on the interior. But this is minor compared to what remains - many of the original shelves, the fine pressed tin ceilings, the original stairway, the original woodwork, and the original desks, to name a few areas, and much more is totally intact. This gives both the interior and exterior the same spacial and emotional effects today that were sought after originally. Surely this feeling is a remarkable experience for most 20th century men and women.

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Office of Napa County Superintendent of Schools.
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  3. Napa County Recorders Office, Book 45 of Deeds page 445.
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  5. American Architecture Since 1780 Marcus Whiffen  
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