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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 97000809

Date Listed: 7/29/97

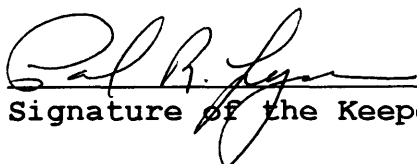
Errea House
Property Name

Kern
County

CA
State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

7/29/97
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

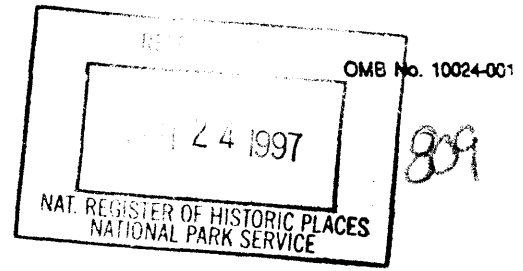
Significance:

The period of significance is revised to add circa 1900. This reflects the date at which the property was moved to its current location as part of the wholesale relocation of the original Tehichipa townsite after the arrival of the Southern Pacific railroad.

This information was confirmed with M. Lortie of the CA SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)



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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 18A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name ERREA HOUSE

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 311 S. GREEN ST.

not for publication

city or town TEHACHAPI

vicinity

state CALIFORNIA code CA county KERN

code 029 zip code 93561

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official/Title

June 17, 1997
Date

California Office of Historic Preservation
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 - See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

7/29/97

ERREA HOUSE

Name of Property

KERN, CA.

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC, SINGLE DWELLING

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

WORK IN PROGRESS

CULTURE: MUSEUM

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

GREEK REVIVAL

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls WOOD (EXTERIOR)

roof SHINGLE, ASPHALT

other PORCH: WOOD

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

SEE ATTACHMENT

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions of property significance.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions of property types.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

Period of Significance

c. 1870

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

Primary location of additional data:

- Documentation criteria: preliminary determination, previously listed, landmark, survey, engineering record.

- Location criteria: State Historic Preservation Office, Other State agency, Federal agency, Local government, University, Other.

Name of repository:

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

ERREA HOUSE
Name of Property

KERN CA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acresage of Property 1/8ACRE. (50' X 110' CITY LOT)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 11 368158 3888146
Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title D. TROY (805/822-6370); M. FARRELL (805/822-5411); J.C. SAMMIS (805/822-6747)

organization TEHACHAPI HERITAGE LEAGUE date 2 /14/97

street & number 310 S. GREEN ST., P.O. BOX 54 telephone 805/822 8152

city or town TEHACHAPI state CA zip code 93561

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Jerry Gassaway, DDS

street & number 4000 Stockdale Hwy telephone 805/324 8055

city or town Bakersfield state CA zip code 93309

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Errea House
Kern County, California

Description:

NARRATIVE:

The name "ERREA HOUSE" is applied to the property because the Errea family owned and occupied the house for about 75 years, up until 1992. The Errea House is a 1134 square foot one story house, with an attic that has one dormer, and a large porch or veranda on the east and north sides. It is located in the downtown area of Tehachapi on South Green Street, one block East of Curry Street (also known as State Route 202), and two blocks south of Tehachapi Blvd. (also known as business route I-58).

According to the Errea family, the house was constructed by a doctor in the first settlement, variously known as Williamsburg or Tehichipa, four miles west of present Tehachapi. (The area of this first settlement is now referred to as "Old Town".) The Erreas further stated that the house was moved from Tehichipa to its present location around the year 1900. The house was moved on log rollers.

The Erreas described the original house as having a kitchen, dining room, living room and two bedrooms. However, one had to go outside onto a covered porch on the west side to move between bedrooms. (This covered porch has since been enclosed.)

In 1952 Tehachapi experienced a 7.7 magnitude earthquake, at which time the long-unused water tank on the west side of the house collapsed and damaged the house. In repairing the damage, the Erreas enclosed the porch on the west side. The enclosed porch now runs from the kitchen to the bedroom at the opposite end of the house, making it possible to go from room to room without going outside. The only other known changes made by the Erreas was to replace the wooden drain board and old sink in the kitchen. This was accomplished in the early 1960's. The bathroom tub was removed, and a stall shower was installed. At some point the front door was moved from the east side to the north side, thereby changing entry into the house from the living room to the dining room.

The Erreas used the original dining room as their living room, and the original living room as a bedroom. It is not known whether this change was made by the Erreas, or by the former owner, Louis Vidaillet. Also, it is not known whether Vidaillet moved the house from old Tehichipa, or purchased it subsequent to its move.

ARCHITECTURAL:

The Errea House is a one-story frame, sitting on a concrete foundation, with a wood tongue and groove floor over a large crawl space. The roof is a combination gable, hip and valley design. Composition roofing material covers wood shingles of undetermined age. The attic includes 2 inch x 5 inch rough-sawn rafters, and one inch x 12 inch sheathing, as well as remnants of knob and tube electric lines, and also an abandoned chimney. Square metal nails were used throughout. The 1355 sq. ft. roof coverage includes a porch with wood floor, turned posts, 2-rail/spindles, and dormer. Exterior doors are panel with surface mount box-like skeleton key locks, ship lap siding, one x six plane on door and window trim. These elements give the house a

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Greek Revival look.

Four rooms, a kitchen, bath and enclosed porch make up the 1134 sq. ft. of interior floor space. Interior walls are high 1/4" mat board nailed on each side of a vertical one x twelve. 1/4 x 3 batting is placed over edge cracks. Interior ceilings utilize wood tongue and groove. All interior walls have four foot high wainscoting. Windows are double hung glazed four-pane type. Windows have pull compression locks on each side stile. Carpentry work over interior doors and cabinetry are of non-professional quality.

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Statement of Significance

The Errea House is historically significant because it is the last remaining structure from the first settlement in the Tehachapi area. This first townsite was surveyed by James E. Williams. James Williams gave his name to the townsite in 1869, "Williamsburg". However, this name was temporary.

By 1872 the town included some houses, a hotel, blacksmith shop, stores and school, and was referred to as "Tehichipa" (see attached reproduction of an 1875 advertisement). The name Tehichipa came from the local Native Americans, who applied a similar name to their nearby community.

By 1873, gold bullion from the Cerro Gordo mine in the Owens Valley was being shipped through Tehichipa to the rail terminus at Tipton (in the San Joaquin Valley). By 1875, shipments went from Tehichipa to Caliente in the foothills of the Mountains. Other freighting activity through Tehichipa utilized 16-mule teams pulling three wagons. This activity helped the town to grow, as did an influx of settlers into the area.

The people of Tehichipa were looking forward to more growth with the coming of the railroad. A rail line was finally being built through the Tehachapis, utilizing the famous Tehachapi Loop to overcome the steep grade. However, when the railroad finally reached the Tehachapi Valley, Tehichipa was bypassed. Instead, the Southern Pacific Company surveyed a new townsite four miles east of Tehichipa. The Southern Pacific constructed a depot and named it "Tehachapi Summit".

Soon, Tehachapi Summit was competing with Tehichipa for the trade of the valley. Tehachapi Summit slowly grew as Tehichipa declined. Finally, businesses and residents literally moved their structures to the new railroad town of Tehachapi Summit. By 1887 the original Tehichipa was referred to as "Old Town", a name still applied to the area of old Tehichipa. There is no longer evidence of the existence of this town except for a Historical Monument in the area. This Monument reads "Old Town The oldest settlement in Tehachapi Valley known as 'Old Town' was established here during the 1860s. It was an important station on the road between Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley. The community began to decline when residents gradually removed to nearby Greenwich, later renamed Tehachapi, after completion of the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1876. Landmark #643 Plaque placed by California State Park Commission in cooperation with Kern County Historical Society El Tejon parlor #239 Native Daughters of the Golden West and Kern County Museum, July 27, 1958 ". The Errea House is the only surviving structure from the Tehichipa period.

It is believed, based upon the architecture and materials of construction, that the Errea House was built between 1870 and 1875. It is unlikely that it would have been built after 1876, since it is believed that there was no new construction in Tehichipa after the coming of the railroad. By June of 1878 there were six empty houses in the town. It is known that a Dr. McClanahan arrived in Tehichipa in October of 1873. By May of 1876 three doctors were ministering to the health needs of residents in the area. There is continuing research in an attempt to confirm that one of these doctors built the Errea House.

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Many visitors to the Tehachapi Museum inquire about the old Tehichipa. Visitors are also interested in the role the Errea House played in both Tehichipa and Tehachapi. The Errea House, located directly across the street from the Museum, is the only link to this period and the only visible evidence of the first town, Tehichipa. The "Historic Downtown Tehachapi Walking Tour", items 1 through 11 (attached herewith), describes the surrounding houses of early Tehachapi.

It is assumed that the house had no electricity or plumbing at the time it was moved. Electricity and city water did not become available until about 1915. The locations of abandoned well and outhouse are visible and have been utilized in the present landscaping.

The yard of the Errea House, most of which is on the north side and faces Green Street, was always well kept. It included a grape vine, peach tree, red bud, holly, flowering quince and lilacs, all of which created an old-fashioned garden appearance. These plants and look are being maintained.

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Kern Co., CA**

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Section 8

Explanation of Criteria Consideration B, Moved Properties

The Errea House meets the requirements of criteria consideration B in that it is the sole surviving property associated with the oldest settlement in the Tehachapi area and the earliest origins of the present town.

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The boundaries of the property are Assessor's Parcel 040-140-08, County of Kern (Town of Tehachapi). These are the boundaries of the property since the move to its present location.

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Kern County, California

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"THE LONG ROAD TO TEHACHAPI" BY JUDY BARRAS. Third Edition published by the Tehachapi Heritage League, Tehachapi, CA 1976. Judy and Bud Barras.

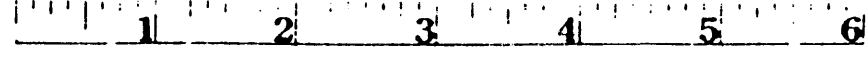
Page 122, L.L. Paulson's Handbook, San Francisco, 1875. (Non-circulating copy available at the Tehachapi Museum.)

In addition to the above books, this application has drawn upon the memories of long-time residents of Tehachapi, including:

Mary Farrell, lifetime Tehachapi resident and neighbor of the Errea family since 1923.

Del Troy, Tehachapi resident since 1958 and close friend of Grace Errea.

Marjorie Marchand Owens, Tehachapi resident since 1930s, whose mother was a close friend of Grace Errea



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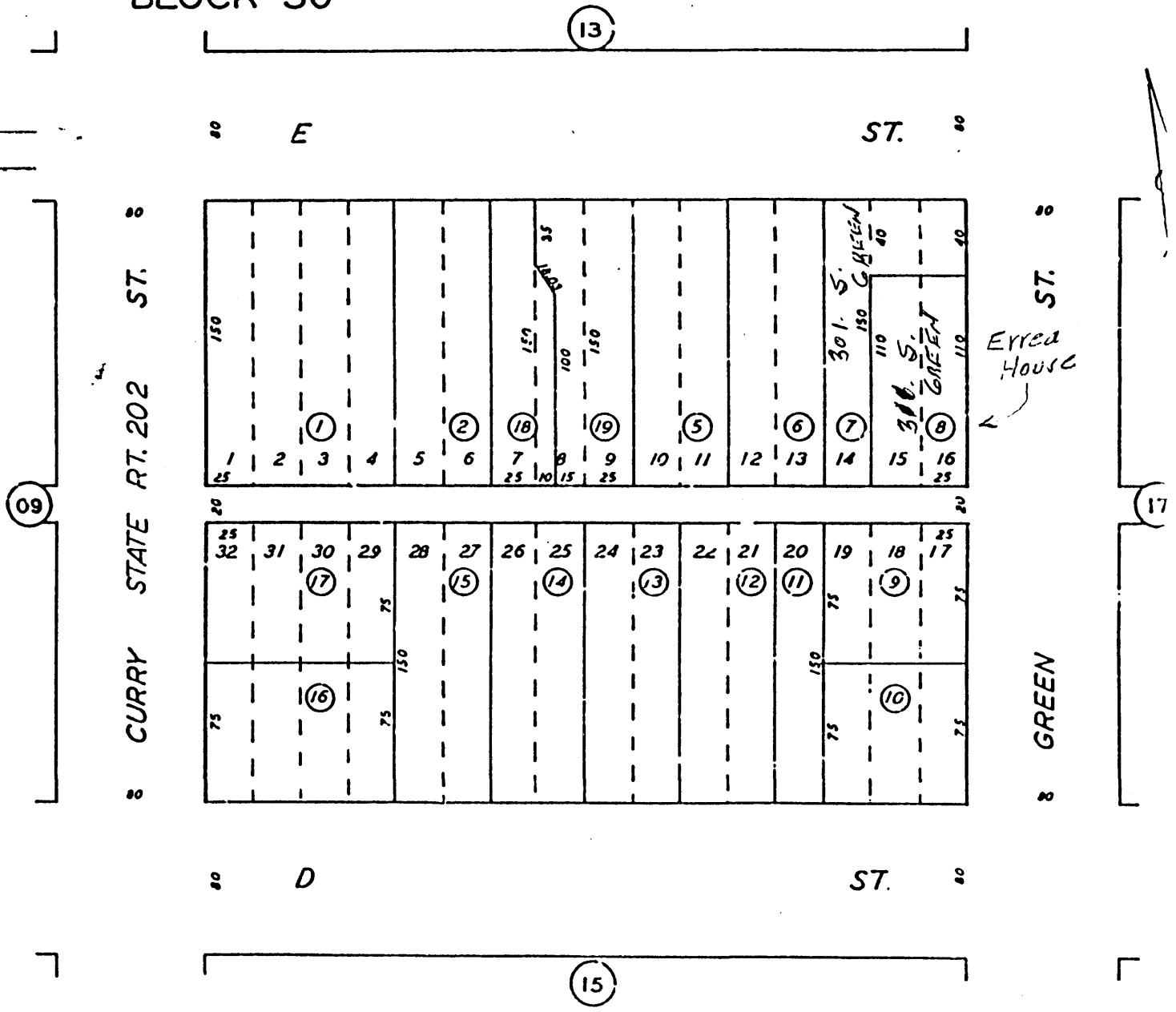
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SCHOOL DIST. 5-4

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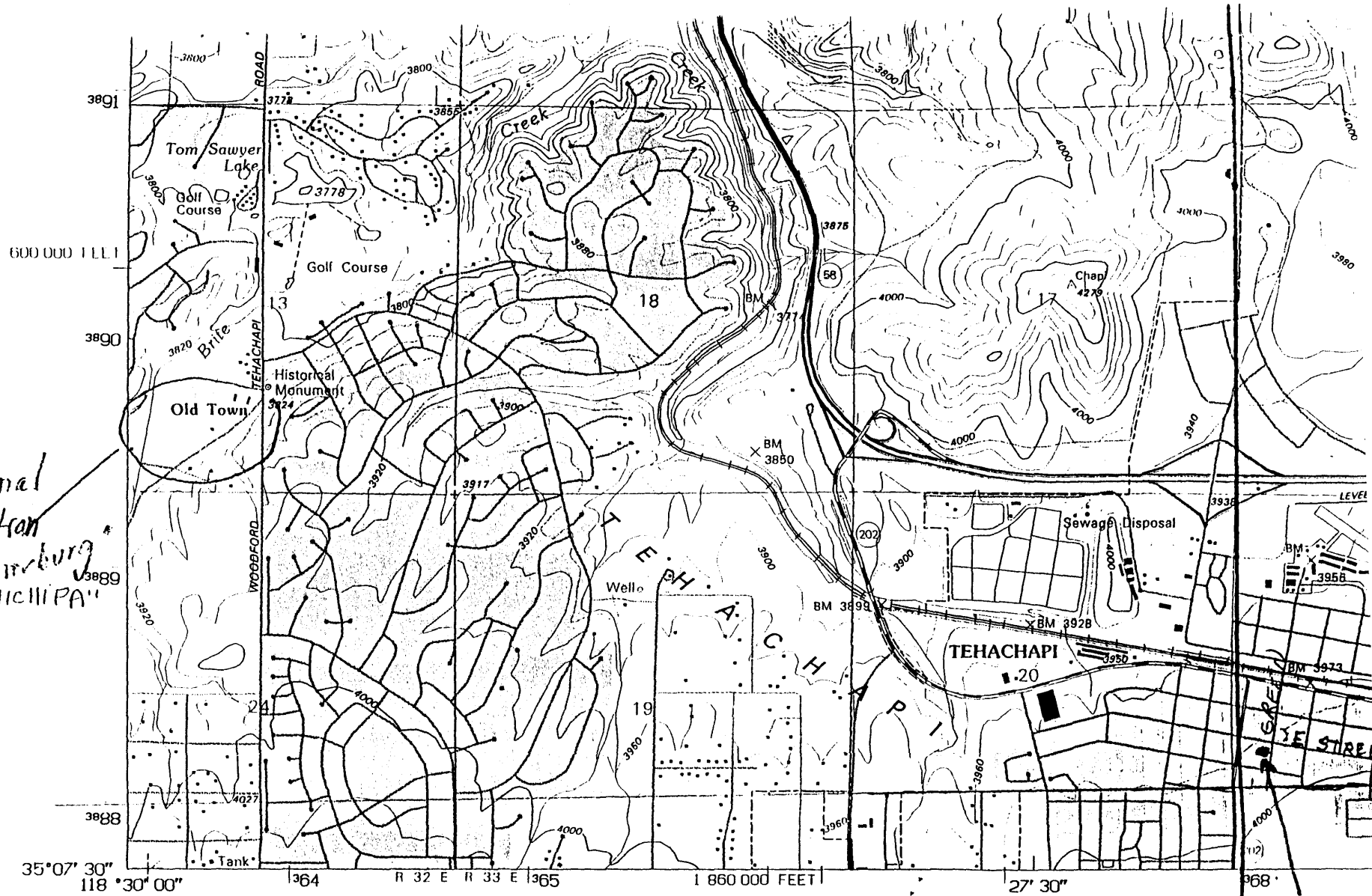
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Errea House
Kern Co. CA





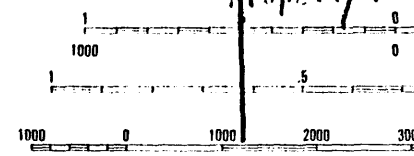
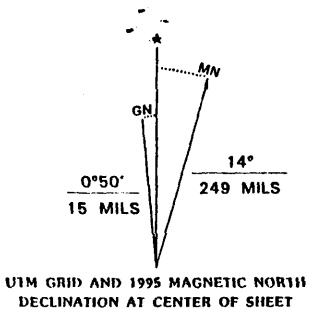
Original Location
"Williamsburg"
OR "TEHICHIPA"

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Map edited 1995. Contours and land elevations have not been revised and may conflict with other content

North American Datum of 1927 (NAD 27). Projection and blue 1000-meter ticks: Universal Transverse Mercator, zone 11
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