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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

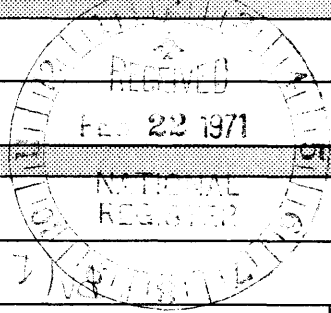
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California	
COUNTY: San Diego	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.06.0013	DATE 5/6/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Santa Margarita Ranch House

AND/OR HISTORIC:



2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Camp Pendleton, California

CITY OR TOWN:
Camp Pendleton

STATE: **California** CODE: **06** COUNTY: **San Diego** CODE: **073**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
United States Government

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of the Navy

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington, D.C.** STATE: CODE: **11**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
San Diego County Recorder

STREET AND NUMBER:
1600 Pacific Highway

CITY OR TOWN: **San Diego** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Rancho Santa Margarita, San Diego County, California

DATE OF SURVEY: **9/19/39** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Office of County Recorder (R.S.794 Filed 1/17/40)

STREET AND NUMBER:
1600 Pacific Highway

CITY OR TOWN: **San Diego** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

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SIGNATURE

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

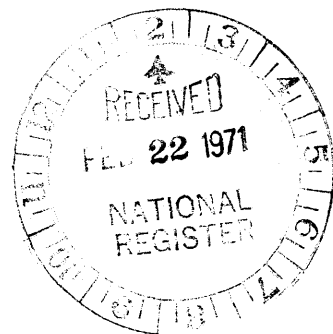
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<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input checked="" 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 original part of the ~~adobe~~ structure, five to seven feet thick at its base and tapering to three feet at the top, was built during the prosperous years of the San Luis Rey Mission, probably in the early 1800's. Like other mission structures throughout California, it was built with Indian labor, their expertise learned from mission padres. Rough-hewn sycamore logs were placed across the tops of the walls to support the heavy roof tiles. Originally, the house may have had only two rooms. It served as an *estacion* of the mission, possibly as a dormitory for Indian farm workers. An inventory drawn up in 1835 when the mission holdings were secularized, reported "a dwelling house covered with tile, 16 yards long and 13 yards wide with a door", and valued at 300 pesos (about \$300). A winery was said to be in evidence in the vicinity as early as 1810.

The present Ranch House is the result of numerous repair and enlargement projects. The house itself is a 23-room edifice, single-story in appearance, but with a partial basement. Its architecture is Mexican adobe with white stucco exterior, red tile roof and a center patio. The old winery has been converted to an attractive chapel where regular religious services are conducted. An old cowboy bunkhouse on the site has been converted to a museum. The buildings occupy a beautifully landscaped grounds area of nearly ten acres. The Ranch House serves as residential quarters for the Commanding General of the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton.

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6. 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Santa Margarita Ranch House (site) was established originally by padres of the San Luis Rey Mission, probably as an agricultural center. Its first private owners were Andrés Pico and his brother, Pio Pico, who was the last Mexican Governor of Alta California. The Pico Brothers used the house as headquarters while amassing a huge land empire extending from San Luis Rey to San Gabriel. Later, during the Mexican War, Pio used it as a hiding place in his flight to Mexico from the "Americanos." In 1864, Don Juan Forster, brother-in-law of the Picos, paid off their debts and thereby acquired Rancho Santa Margarita. Under Forster's ownership the Ranch House became famous for its lavish and long-lasting parties. It was also well known for its hospitality and as a refuge even for complete strangers. In 1882 the ranch was purchased by Richard O'Neill and James L. Flood of the Comstock Lode. Under these gentlemen and their heirs, the Ranch House served as headquarters for a mammoth cattle ranching operation until 1942, when the property was acquired by the Federal Government for use as a Marine Corps training station. When President Franklin D. Roosevelt visited the Ranch House in September, 1942, he is said to have requested that one of the bedrooms be reserved for his use after his retirement. This room still is known as the President's Room. Since 1947 the house has served as quarters for Camp Pendleton's Commanding Generals. It still is known for its hospitality, having seen many thousands of visitors in its present role.

A booklet entitled "The Ranch House, Santa Margarita y Las Flores, United States Marine Corps Base, Camp Joseph H. Pendleton" is included with the enclosures.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

John Kelly, *Life on a San Diego County Ranch*
 Benjamin Hayes, *Notes on 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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **9.0 ACRES ±**

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:
W. D. TAYLOR, Realty Specialist

ORGANIZATION: **Natural Resources Office** DATE: **4/23/1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Building 2482

CITY OR TOWN: **Camp Pendleton** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

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: *[Signature]*

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: October 16, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

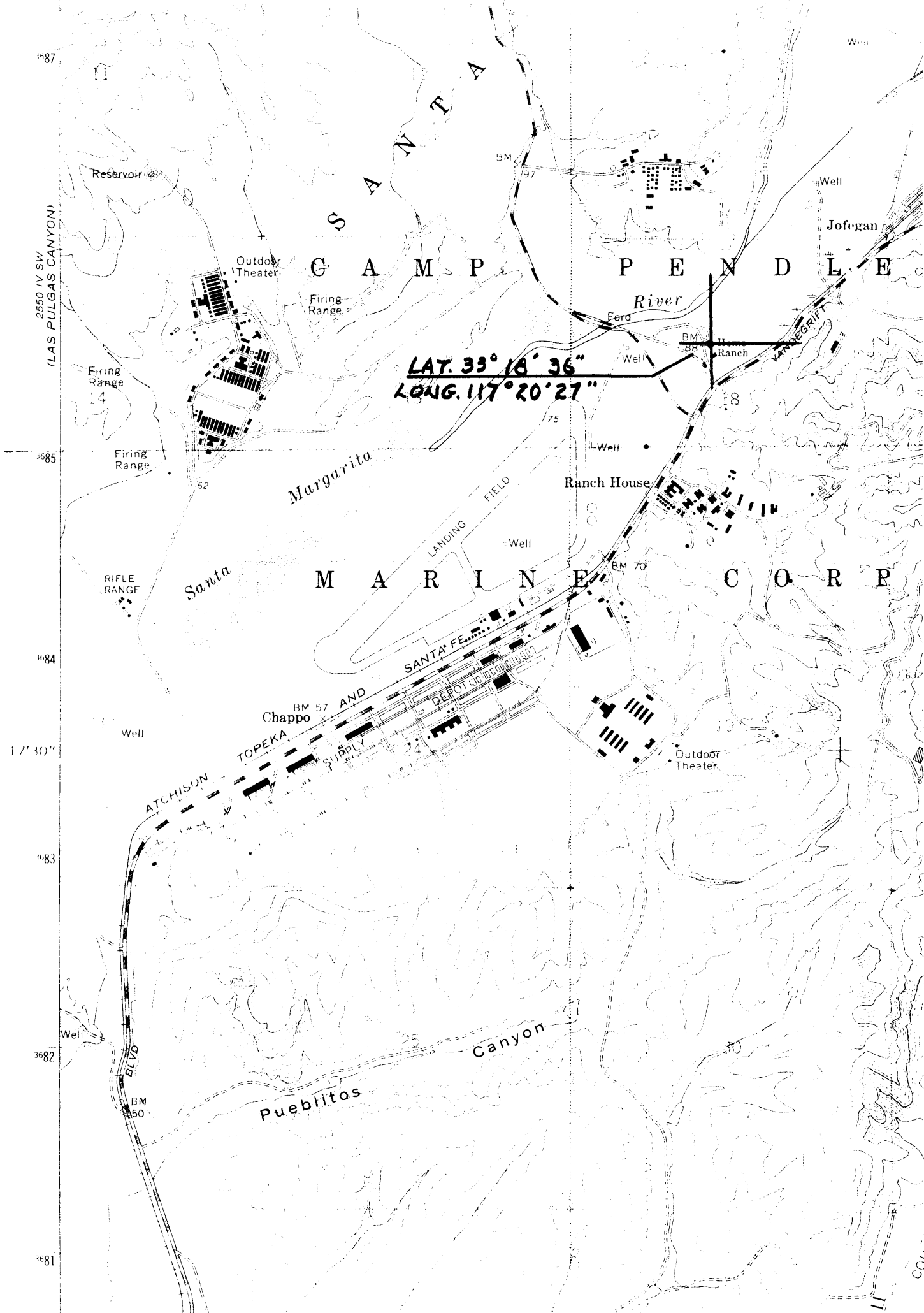
[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **MAY 6 1971**

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: **APR 19 1971**



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2550 IV SW
(LAS PULGAS CANYON)
85
84
17' 30"
83
82
81

LAT. 33° 18' 36"
LONG. 117° 20' 27"

SANTA MARGARITA CAMP PENDLETON

Santa Margarita Marine Corps

ATCHISON TOPEKA AND SANTA FE
CHAPPA SUPPLY DEPOT

Pueblitos Canyon

Reservoir

Outdoor Theater

Firing Range

Firing Range

Firing Range

RIFLE RANGE

BM 97

BM 88

Well

Well

Well

Ranch House

BM 70

Well

Outdoor Theater

Well

BM 50

BM 25

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