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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Southern Pacific Depot

AND/OR COMMON Southern Pacific Depot

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 21 E. Millbrae Avenue, Millbrae, California
(Corner of Millbrae Ave. & California Drive

___NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Millbrae VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11

STATE California CODE 06 COUNTY San Mateo CODE 081 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
___DISTRICT	___PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	___AGRICULTURE ___MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	___UNOCCUPIED	___COMMERCIAL ___PARK
___STRUCTURE	___BOTH	___WORK IN PROGRESS	___EDUCATIONAL ___PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	___ENTERTAINMENT ___RELIGIOUS
___OBJECT	___IN PROCESS	___YES: RESTRICTED	___GOVERNMENT ___SCIENTIFIC
	___BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	___INDUSTRIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		___NO	___MILITARY ___OTHER: Depot

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Southern Pacific Transportation Co.

STREET & NUMBER 41 Market Street

CITY, TOWN San Francisco VICINITY OF STATE California

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. San Mateo County Courthouse - County Clerk/Recorder

STREET & NUMBER Hall of Justice, Marshall Street

CITY, TOWN Redwood City STATE California 94063

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historical Resources Inventory

DATE 1977 ___FEDERAL STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS The Resources Agency, State of California Dept. of Parks and Recreation

CITY, TOWN Sacramento STATE California

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Millbrae Southern Pacific Depot building is a 2-story, wood frame structure with hipped roof of wood shingle materials. The upper floor was designed for living quarters. The depot is typical of those built in the early 1900's with the Colonial Revival look. The east side of the building is a covered portico for the benefit of passengers. Approximate size is 65 feet by 50 feet.

The site is bounded on the north by Millbrae Avenue, on the west by California Drive, on the south by commuter parking, and on the east by 3 sets of tracks beyond which is Oshman's Sporting Goods.

Still in use as a depot-ticket dispensing facility, the building is on the original site where the first two buildings (depots) had previously burned. The location is adjacent to Millbrae's busiest thoroughfare, Millbrae Avenue, which carries traffic from Highway #101 (Bayshore Freeway) to El Camino Real, the City of Millbrae, and beyond to Highway #280 (Junipero Serra Freeway).

The structure is currently in need of re-painting. It is to be moved 200 feet south to allow widening of Millbrae Avenue.

This detached, generally rectangular building contains 10 double hung sash windows and eleven doors.

The lower floor consists of a Waiting Room with two sets of chair-benches hooked together to form two solid rows on two sides of the room, an Office with two oak desks and a large, visible Southern Pacific safe, and a Baggage Room. There is also a ticket window on the wall which separates the Office and Waiting Room.

There is obvious need for either roof repairs or re-roofing.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Place Names of San Mateo County" (p. 55), Dr. Alan K. Brown
 "History of Millbrae", Audrey E. Harris
 "Here Today", Junior League of San Francisco
 San Mateo Leader, Dec. 26, 1906; Redwood City Demo, 12/27/06; 10/3/07;
 Referring to original depot fire: 7/26/90 and 11/22/90.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 62 feet by 94 feet

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundaries of Southern Pacific Depot, Millbrae, California, are shown on the accompanying map entitled "S.P.T.C. Railway Station Relocation Millbrae, Calif." The nominated property is roughly 62' x 94' as shown on map entitled "Possible Historic Site S.P.T.C. Millbrae Station". The building and site are bounded on the north by Millbrae Avenue, on the east by 3 sets of tracks, on the south by a Com-muter Parking Lot and on the west by California Drive.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Frances Baxter, Historian

ORGANIZATION Millbrae Historical Society

DATE December 2, 1977

STREET & NUMBER 18 Corte Princesa

TELEPHONE 415-692-3720

CITY OR TOWN Millbrae,

STATE California

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Kenoy Mellon

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 3/9/78

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *[Signature]*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 9.1.78
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 1.20.78

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Railroad Depot	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Original 1864
Present 1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first train depot in Millbrae was completed by San Francisco-San Jose Railroad Co. in 1864 at the same location as the existing depot. Land and right-of-way were deeded by Darius Ogden Mills, of banking fame, in 1863. San Francisco & San Jose Railroad became part of the Southern Pacific Transcontinental System March 30, 1868.

In 1866 Millbrae's first post office located in the depot.

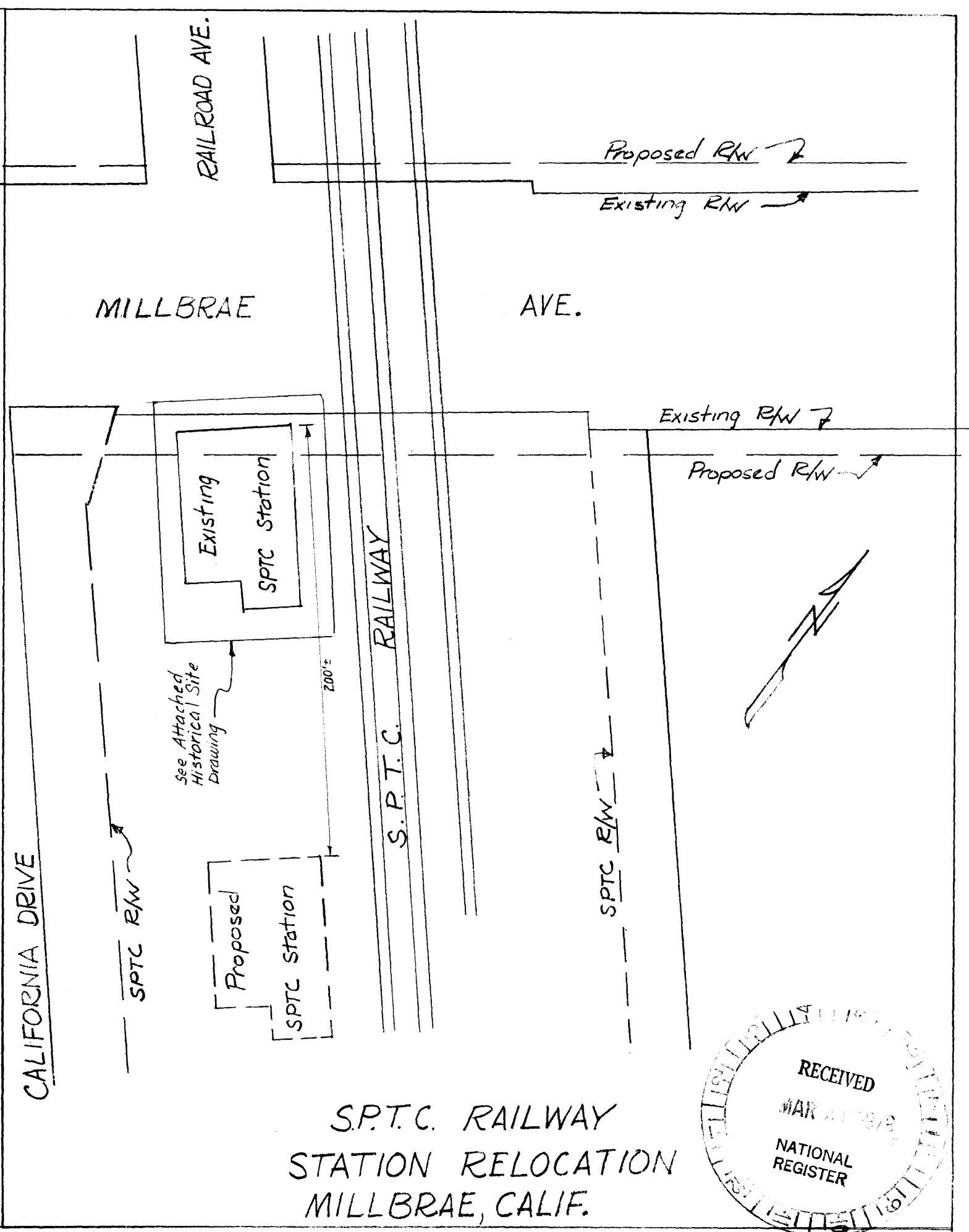
The original depot structure burned to the ground in 1890, was re-built and burned in 1906. At that time the post office moved to Lauer & Lovegreen General Store.

The present depot was completed in 1907.

On September 5, 1976 Millbrae Historical Society Marker No. 3 was dedicated in a civic ceremony with Southern Pacific officials present. The depot is soon to be moved 200 feet south to allow for widening of Millbrae Avenue. At that time the bronze marker will be encased in cement and permanently installed adjacent to the building, marking the original site.

This depot is typical of those built in the early 1900's. The importance of a railroad stop in Millbrae is highly significant to the growth and prosperity of the community which was, prior to rail traffic, only a large rancho with few inhabitants. Population of Millbrae expanded rapidly thereafter.

This historic building has been painted only once, in 1970, since the original painting. The Millbrae Beautification Commission brought pressure to bear on Southern Pacific Transportation Company to re-paint the 1907 structure. With their refusal, the Commission approached the San Mateo Co. Local Painters Union and attained their promise to donate their services. Southern Pacific refused to allow it but with repeated pressures from the Beautification Commission the company finally agreed to and did paint the building yellow with white trim. A civic dedication ceremony was then held by the Beautification Commission and was attended by So. Pacific officials, Millbrae's Mayor and City Council as well as many area residents. Southern Pacific continually states in the media that it wants out of the commute business on the Peninsula. Millbrae Historical Society believes that this depot is in imminent danger of being sold, destroyed, or otherwise lost to the public.



RAILROAD AVE.

MILLBRAE AVE.

Proposed R/W

Existing R/W

Existing R/W

Proposed R/W

Existing SPTC Station

See Attached Historical Site Drawing

200'

S.P.T.C. RAILWAY

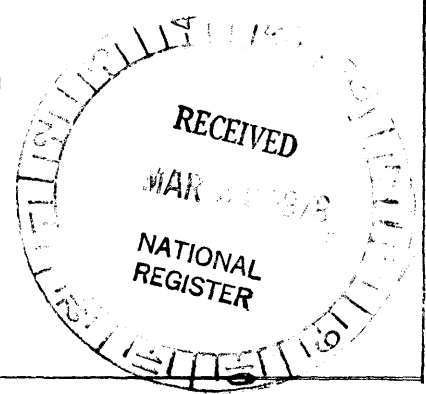
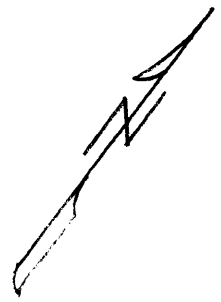
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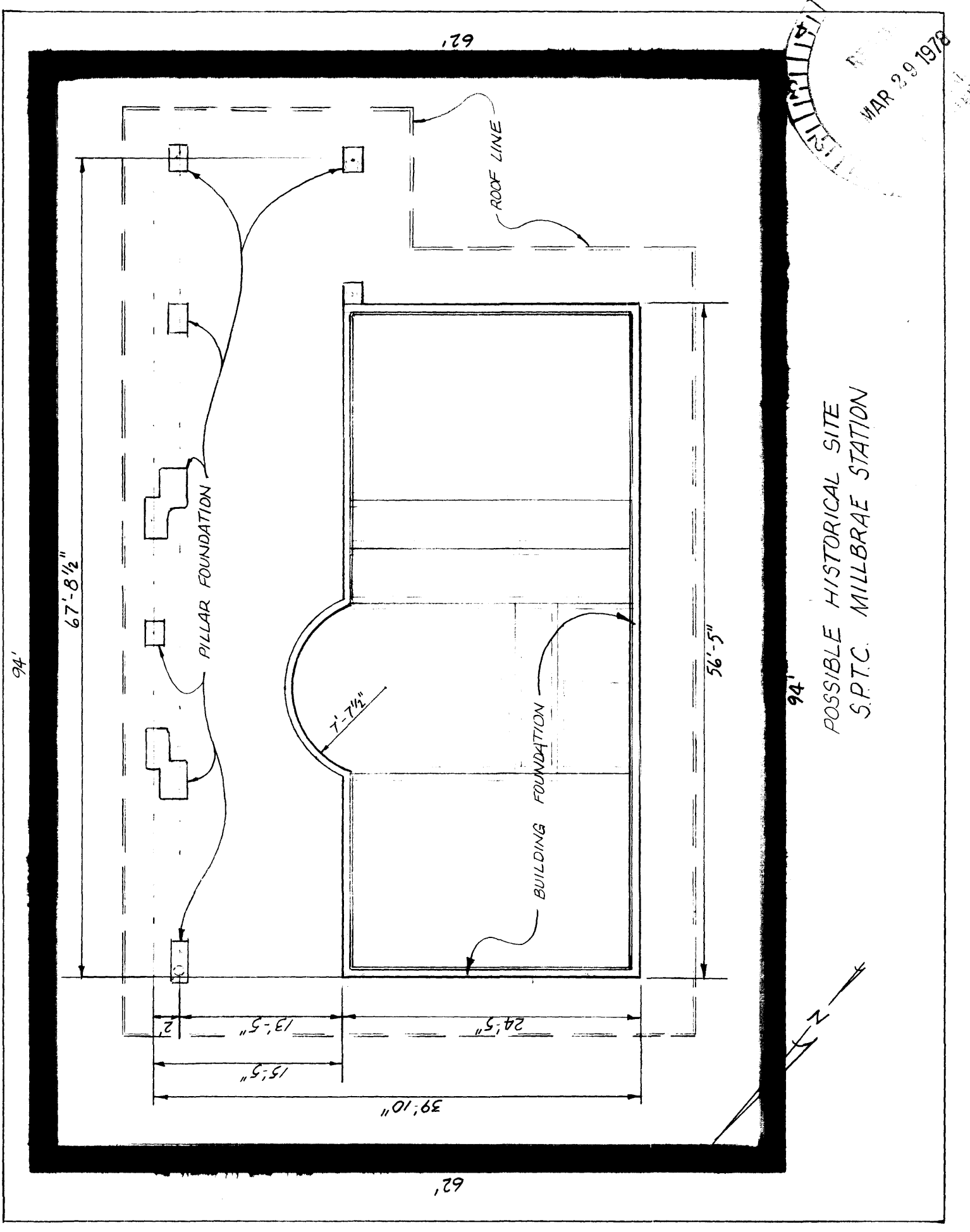
SPTC R/W

CALIFORNIA DRIVE

SPTC R/W

S.P.T.C. RAILWAY
STATION RELOCATION
MILLBRAE, CALIF.





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HISTORICAL SITE
 MAR 29 1978

POSSIBLE HISTORICAL SITE
 S.P.T.C. MILLBRAE STATION

94'

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