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(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: CALIFORNIA	
COUNTY: ALAMEDA	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.06.0023	DATE 5/6/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
CALIFORNIA NURSERY COMPANY GUEST HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:
JOSE DE JESUS VALLEJO ADOBE

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
In grounds of California Nursery Co., Niles Blvd. at Nursery Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Fremont (Niles District)

STATE California	CODE 06	COUNTY: Alameda	CODE 001
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<u>Estimated</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		<u>Age 1855</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Lowell Berry Foundation

STREET AND NUMBER:
1939 Harrison Street Suite 802

CITY OR TOWN:
Oakland

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Alameda County Recorder's Office, Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
1225 Fallon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Oakland

STATE:
California

CODE:
06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Survey No. Cal. 1194

DATE OF SURVEY: 2/59

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 Federal State County Local

STATE: California

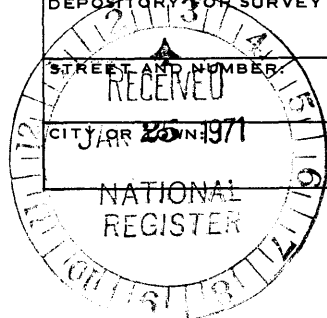
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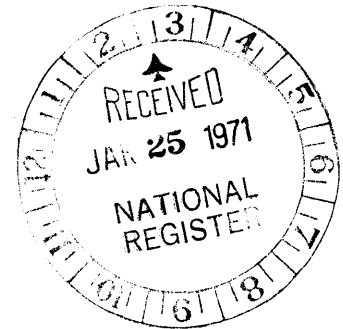
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a one-story adobe one-room adobe house of modest size, built of sun-dried brick made from native soil. We would consider its condition as unaltered in that it has not been severely remodeled. However, we know that it has been restored and maintained through the years, and we suspect that the tile roof, beams, floor, and fireplace are not of the original construction. This should be checked. With the exception of these afore mentioned factors, we believe it must look very like the original appearance. The building is still in overall fair condition but needs continued maintenance; some spots are beginning to show deterioration.

The overall size of the structure is about 1100 square feet with the exterior walls being 28 inches thick at the foundation.



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SIGNIFICANCE

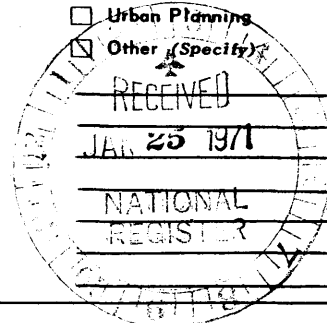
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) est. 1855

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



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rancho Arroyo de la Alameda, taking its name from the stream that flows for many miles through the open plains that drain to the San Francisco Bay, was granted to Jose de Jesus Vallejo on August 8, 1842. It consisted of 17,705 acres of fertile valley land. Don Jose, one of 13 children of Ignacio Vallejo, a Spanish soldier of Alta California, was an elder brother of General Mariano G. Vallejo. He himself was active in military and governmental affairs from 1818 to 1847; among other offices he was comisionado and administrator at Mission San Jose from 1836 to 1840 and military commander at the Pueblo de San Jose from 1841 to 1842. In 1850 he was appointed postmaster at Mission San Jose, where his mansion stood just west of the highway and opposite the mission. Affairs on the rancho were left primarily in the hands of overseers, and an expensive flour mill erected about 1850, became the most famous asset of the estate.

Where the tree-lined Alameda issues from Niles Canyon and passes into the plain that slopes away to the bay, the old settlement of Vallejo Mills, now known as Niles, grew up in the 1850's. Historic landmarks still may be found in the neighborhood. Stone foundations of a second flour mill (State Registered Landmark No. 46), erected here by Vallejo in 1856, remain in a Fremont city park at the northeast corner of Mission Boulevard and Niles Canyon Road. A mile up the canyon the stone aqueduct, which he built to conduct water to the mill, still parallels the road for some distance. The site of the several adobes built by Vallejo for his overseers is located at the entrance of the canyon.

Perhaps the most picturesque reminder of adobe days in this vicinity is the little building in the gardens of the California Nursery Company northwest of Niles off Niles Boulevard. The California Nursery, founded in 1865, has played an important part in the development of the fruit industry and home beautification in California. This adobe, the first of the Vallejo adobes built in the vicinity, has been restored as a guest house.

The nursery property has recently been sold to a subdivider, and the adobe, as well as the beautiful nursery grounds with rare trees, etc., is in danger of being lost. Many people in the Fremont area are concerned, and a group has been formed to raise funds to buy the grounds for a park, without, however, any definite assurance of success.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hoover, Mildred Brooke, Hero Eugene Rensch, and Ethel Grace Rensch: Historic Spots in California. Third Edition, revised by William N. Abeloe. Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 1966

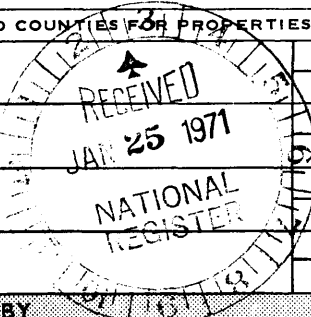
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	37	34	45	121	59	20
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **0.35 acres + -**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Charles E. Matzen**

ORGANIZATION: **Alameda County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission** DATE: **7/6/70**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1221 Oak Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Oakland** STATE: **California** 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]*

Title **State Liaison Officer**

Date **January 22, 1971**

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAY 6 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date **4/5/71**

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