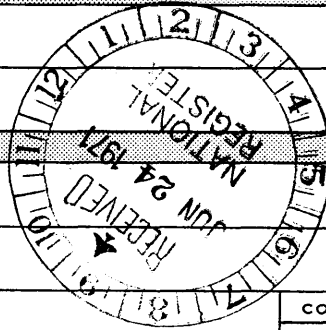


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	California	
COUNTY:	Calaveras	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
7111.06.0078	11/23/71	



1. NAME

COMMON: **Murphys Hotel**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Mitchler Hotel**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **Main and Algiers Streets**

CITY OR TOWN: **Murphys,**

STATE: **California** CODE: **06** COUNTY: **Calaveras** CODE: **009**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input 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: **M.A.Q., Inc.**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P. O. Box 329**

CITY OR TOWN: **Murphys,** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Calaveras County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Government Center**

CITY OR TOWN: **San Andreas,** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings**

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **National Park Service**

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<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 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

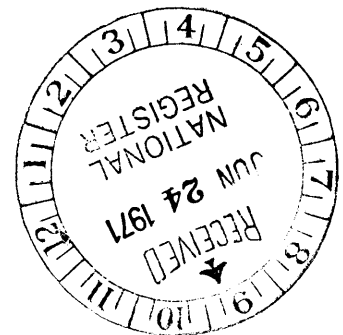
Building constructed of stone and rock, foundation rock, metal roof, floors wood, two floors, front doors iron, iron shutters - all windows both floors.

First floor consists of large diningroom, kitchen, banquet room, hall, office and bar. Antique shop.

Second floor consists of 11 bedrooms, one apartment, two showers and three toilets.

Dimensions approximately 50 feet by 95 feet - renovated and in good condition.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

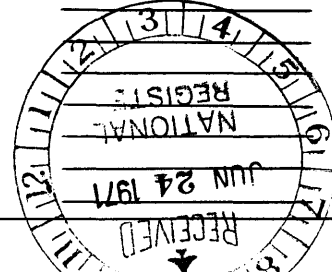
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1859

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Original Murphys hotel built in 1855-56 and known as Sperry and Perry hotel and was called a fire proof building. Stage stop enroute to Calaveras Big Trees, the hotel was built to accomodate that traffic after the trees discovery. Although thought to be fireproof, burned in the fire of 1859. Front part of building was of stone and iron doors separated this part from the wooden dining room in the rear.

Work was started immediately after the fire on a new building which was completed for opening the following year in spring. New walls were entirely of stone. The hotel never again burned in subsequent fires. In the fire of 1874 the stone walls saved it from fire. Also in 1893 there was a tremendous explosion and fire. The hotel was saved except for warping of iron doors and shutters.

James Sperry sold the hotel to Henry Atwood in 1881. After short ownership by Atwood it was sold to Harvey Blood in 1881. It was then sold to C. P. Mitchler in September, 1882. It was operated by the Mitchler family for some few years. After being closed for a period of time it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McKimmins. They operated it until 1963 - when it was purchased by 35 members of the Ale and Quail Club. The members of this club consisted of former College of Pacific students. This group has been operating the hotel since 1963 and are doing their utmost to make it an appealing and interesting landmark.

Prior to the turn of the century many notable people have stayed in this hotel on their jounneys through the southern mines and to the Calaveras Big Trees. The following were some of the guests, Mark Twain - 1877, Horatio Alger - 1877, Thomas J. Lipton, U. S. Grant, and C. E. Bolton (Black Bart)-1880, John Jacob Astor - 1878, Henry Ward Beecher - 1877, Josh Billings, Bona Liscomb (one of Napoleons Aides) and E. S. and M. A. Rothchild - 1880, John Hittell - 1867 and John Bidwell and wife - 1877.

Since the Murphys Ale and Quail Club purchased the hotel many of the rooms on the second floor have been named after these famous people who occupied them. Brass plates with names appear on the doors.

The rooms now contain much of the old furniture which has been stored. The Murphys hotel is at present a well kept building from the Gold Rush days.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Murphys Queen of the Sierras - R. Coke Wood.
Map of Murphys - Sears and Lambert.
San Andreas Independent - September 24, 1856
Historic Spots in California - Hoover, Rensch, Abeloe, 1966

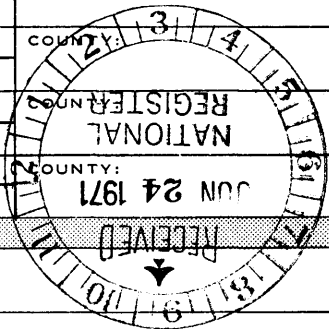
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2.0 Acres +**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **John P. Lemue**

ORGANIZATION: **Calaveras Historical Society** DATE: **April 20, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Angels Camp** 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: June 21, 1971

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

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: NOV 23 1971

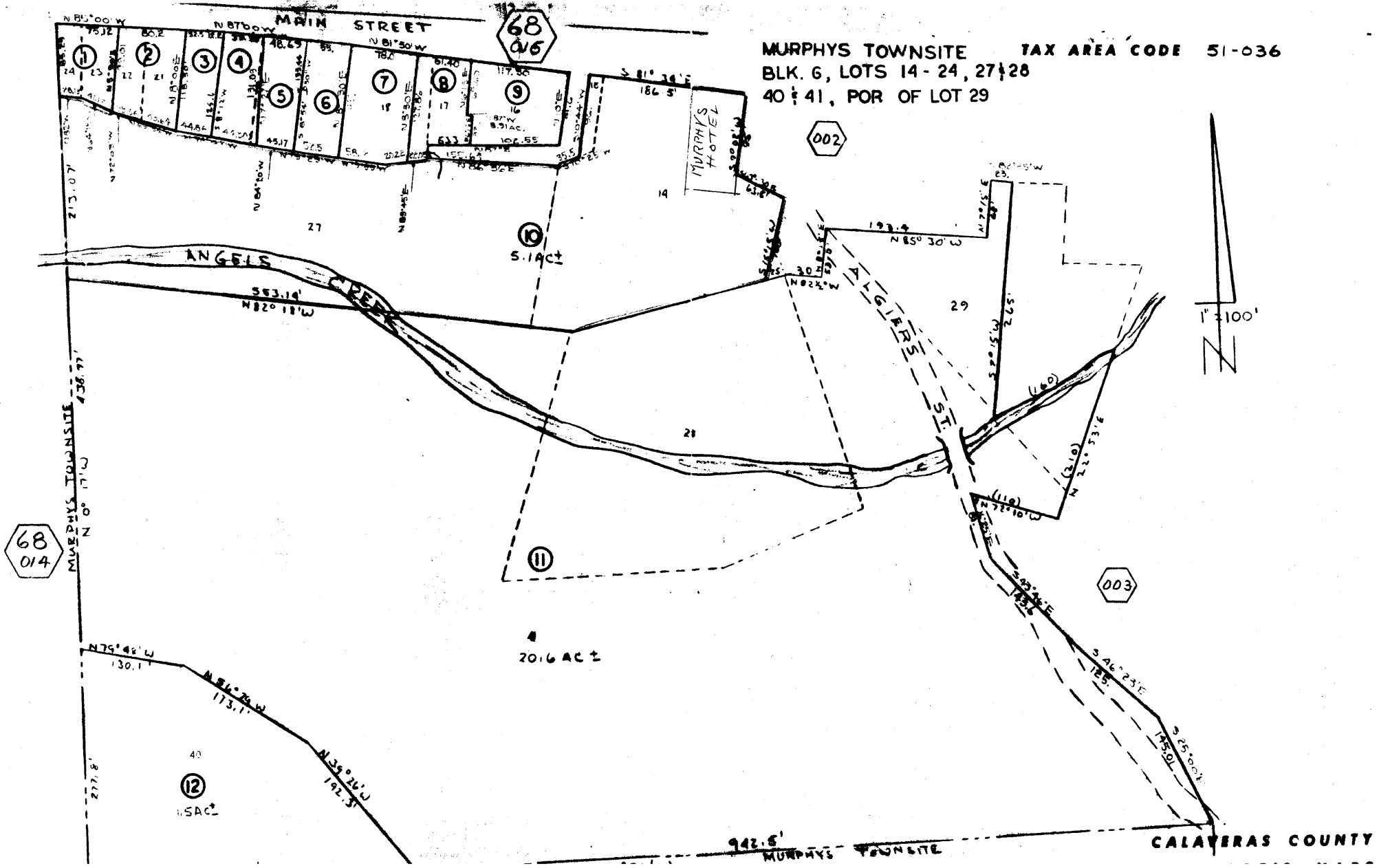
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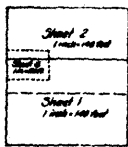
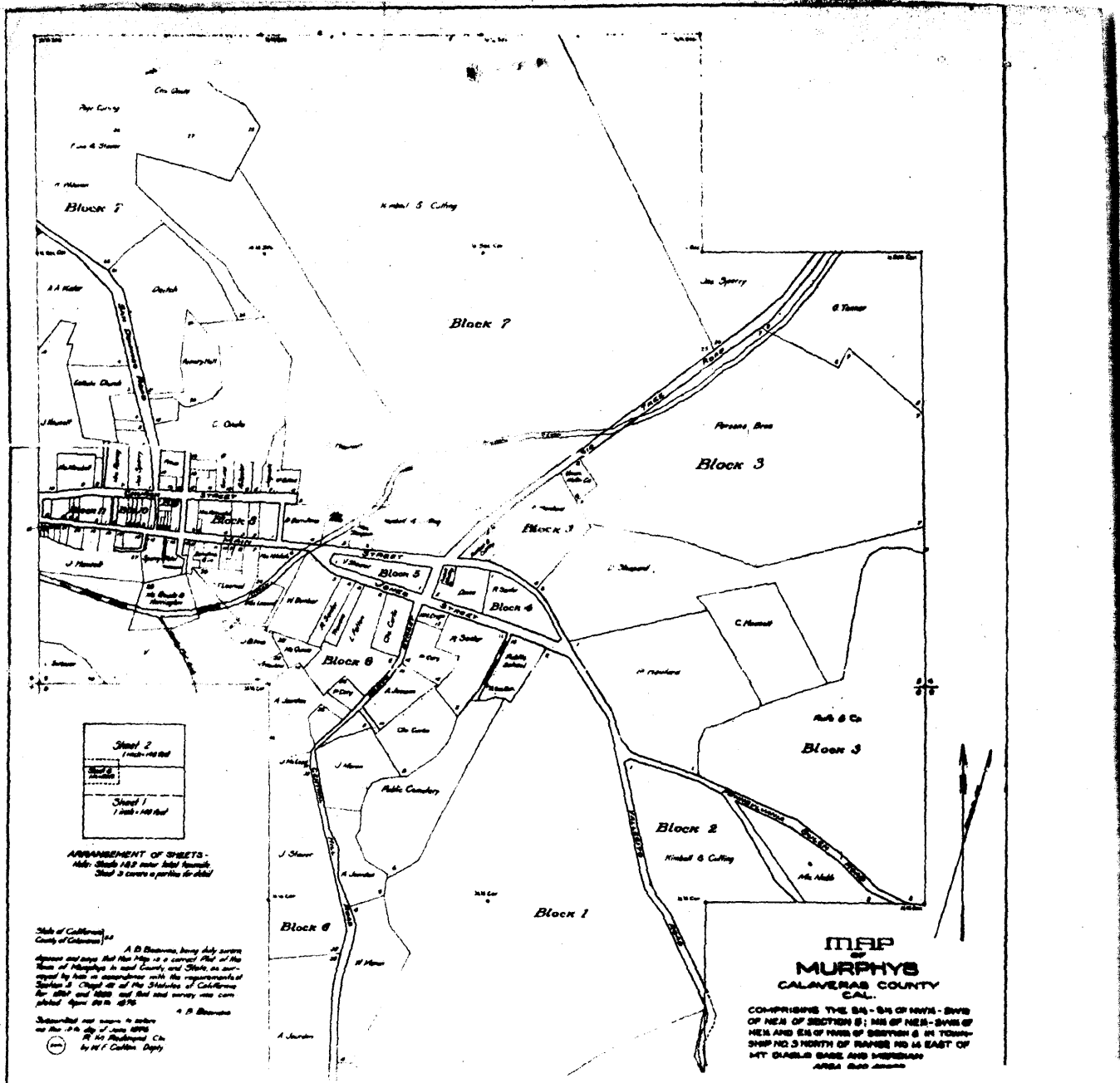
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CALAVERAS COUNTY

MURPHYS TOWNSITE



ARRANGEMENT OF SHEETS -
 Note: Sheet 1 is not shown.
 Sheet 3 covers a portion of Block 1

State of California
 County of Calaveras

I, A. B. BROWN, being duly sworn, depose and say that this map is a correct Plat of the town of Murphy's in said County, and that the same was prepared by me in accordance with the requirements of Section 3, Chapter 48 of the Statutes of California for 1881 and 1882 and that said survey was completed April 29, 1882.

A. B. BROWN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of June 1882.

R. W. BUCKLAND, Ch.
 by H. T. COLTON, Deputy

MAP
 OF
MURPHY'S
 CALAVERAS COUNTY
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COMPRISING THE SW - SW⁴ OF NW¹⁴ - SW¹⁶ OF NE¹⁴ AND SE¹⁴ OF TOWNSHIP 6 IN TOWNSHIP NO. 3 NORTH OF RANGE NO. 14 EAST OF MT. DIABLO BASE AND MERIDIAN AREA AND JUNCTION