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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91001538 Date Listed: 10/29/91

Heathcote-KacKenzie House
Property Name

Alameda 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.

for *Antonietta J. Lee*
Signature of the Keeper

10/30/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Function or Use: The current subcategory of function should be revised to "government museum" because the property's major current function is a museum for the historical society.

Description: The walls material should be amended to delete asphalt and to include asbestos.

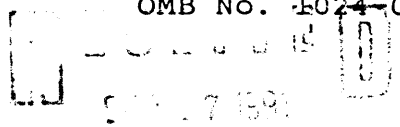
This information was confirmed with Marilyn Lortie of the California state historic preservation office.

DISTRIBUTION:

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

NPS Form 10-900
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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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Historic name: Heathcote/MacKenzie House

other name/site number: Heritage House

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2. Location

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street & number: 4501 Pleasanton Avenue

not for publication: NA

city/town: Pleasanton

vicinity: _

state: CA county: Alameda

code: 01

zip code: 94566

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: public/local

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	_0_	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: NA

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official: Kathryn Guattieri Date: 9-11-91

California Office of Historic Preservation State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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 of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling
Current : Government Sub: Government Office

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Bungalow/Craftsman

Other Description:

Materials: foundation: concrete roof: asphalt
walls: wood other: brick
asphalt

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : NA

Areas of Significance: Entertainment/Recreation

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1905 to 1941

Significant Dates :

Significant Person(s): NA

Cultural Affiliation: NA

Architect/Builder: unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: .43 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	10	598450	4168480	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:

County of Alameda, Assessor's Index Book 946, Parcel #3485-001-05

Boundary Justification:

This is the land historically associated with the building.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Betty Croly, Assistant Planning Director

Organization: Alameda County Planning Dept. Date: April 26, 1991

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City or Town: Hayward State: CA ZIP: 94544

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The house is a Craftsman era bungalow of one and a half stories. It is constructed of wood but is covered in horizontal asbestos siding. (Although not original, the siding does not seriously detract from the historic appearance of the building.) The roof is gabled, covered in asphalt shingles, and is pierced at each end by a clinker brick chimney. A dormer with four multi-paned windows is recessed into the gable. The Heathcote/MacKenzie house is located on the Pleasanton Fairgrounds on its original site. It is surrounded by lawns and mature trees.

Constructed shortly after the turn of the century, the Heathcote/MacKenzie house is unique in the Pleasanton area. The main elevation has four sets of French doors and three multipaned windows spaced evenly across the front. Two of the windows are at the ends of the wall and one window is in the center, between the two groups of two doors. A porch extends across the entire length of the front. It is supported by four hand-carved pillars. The porch material is tile and hard-burned clinker brick.

The other elevations have multi-paned windows, and at the rear there is another dormer and an entrance. At the rear is a recently added patio area with picnic tables.

The house has been altered on the exterior in only one notable way and that is the siding. The original wood siding has been covered with asbestos siding. According to the Alameda County Department of Public Works, this alteration may have been made in the 1940s. The asbestos siding has helped to protect and preserve the building, but it has not obscured any of the original detailing, form or features. The interior of the building has been through minor alterations to accommodate differing uses over the years.

The house has approximately 3,225 square feet in area. The first floor has living room, dining room and kitchen. The upper floor contains bedrooms and bath. There are four fireplaces in the house. In the living room there are two fireplaces, one of stone, the other of hard-burned clinker brick. There are built-in bookcases on either side of these fireplaces.

A series of grants from the California Department of Parks, supplemented by local funds, has provided roof repair, architect's fees, and renovation work which is now complete.

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The Heathcote/MacKenzie House has been, for over 75 years, the center of the historical horse racing activities in the Livermore-Amador Valley. It is the sole remaining structure from the days of the privately-owned (and later public) racing business that has had an economic impact on this area since the mid-1800s. Also, the house is a very nice example of Craftsman styling, one of only a very few Craftsman bungalows in the area.

The house was built about 1905 on 100 acres that had been the site of fairs and races since the mid-1800s. Rodney G. MacKenzie, a wealthy Canadian (son of Sir William MacKenzie, founder of the Northern Canadian Railroad) was well established in the area, living in the house and entertaining other wealthy Canadian harness racers who wintered their horses there. The house was built expressly for the purpose of entertaining these visitors while providing pleasant accommodations for MacKenzie.

The activities of the Canadian harness racers boosted the economy of Pleasanton between 1895 to 1912. The Canadians often stayed at a local hotel, bought locally grown red oat hay and grain, and employed many men. The economic impact of MacKenzie and other Canadians on the then small town of Pleasanton was substantial.

In 1912 MacKenzie helped form a Fair Association that held fairs and races on this site. The Heathcote House served as office and nerve center for the Fair Association until 1970. After that the house became a museum for a valley historical society. (The period of significance for the building continued until 1970 but for the purposes of this nomination has been ended at 1941, fifty years ago.)

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Photo Log

For all photos the following information is the same:

Heathcote/MacKenzie House
4501 Pleasanton Avenue
Pleasanton, CA

Photographer: Larry Larsen
Alameda County Parks, Recreation and Historical
Commission

Date of Photograph: July 15, 1991

Location of Negative: Alameda County Parks, Recreation and Historical
Commission
399 Elmhurst Street
Hayward, CA 94544

Photo 1: Main elevation

Photo 2: Close-up of front porch

Photo 3: Rear elevation

Photo 4: Brick fireplace

Photo 5: Stone fireplace