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Form 10-300  
(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: Napa	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
OCT 5	1972

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
Pope Street Bridge

AND/OR HISTORIC:

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Pope Street over Napa River

CITY OR TOWN:  
St. Helena

STATE: California      CODE: 06      COUNTY: Napa      CODE: 055

#### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 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) <u>City Street</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	

#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
City of St. Helena

STREET AND NUMBER:  
City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: St. Helena      STATE: California      CODE: 06

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Office of the County Engineer

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1436 Polk Street

CITY OR TOWN: Napa      STATE: California      CODE: 06

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Napa County

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Road Records - Office of County Engineer

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1436 Polk Street

CITY OR TOWN: Napa      STATE: California      CODE: 06

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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

The old bridges of Napa County, of which there were more than eighty during the first part of the 20th Century, are now largely things of the past. Many are too narrow for today's driving needs; some have been isolated from present day travel routes by highway realignment, one has disappeared beneath the waters of lake Berryessa.

The oldest, however still stands, spanning the Napa River at Pope Avenue northeast of St. Helena. Designed and built by R.H. Pithie in 1894 of stone obtained from what is still known as the wing quarry on Monticello Road, Napa County, it is a triple arch stone masonry structure. The width of the bridge is 18 feet between the face of the parapet walls. The walls are 2 feet thick, the length of the bridge is 175 feet, and the wingwalls are 15 feet in length. The length of the bridge is exclusive of the wingwalls. Its cost was \$14,500. The channel of the creek was changed and together with approaches the improvement represented an outlay of about \$17,500. By engineering standards, it is still 100% structurally sound, although lacking in steel framework usually embodied in today's bridges.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       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 type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input checked="" 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             | _____  |
| <input 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

The Pope Street Bridge was the first of many stone bridges built throughout Napa County, some 75 or more years ago. Its designer and contractor, R. H. Pithie obtained the structural material from the Wing quarry located on Monticello Road near the summit of Mt. George Grade, Napa County. R. H. Wing, the quarry founder immigrated to America from England in the mid 1800's, and with J. B. Newman, another expert stone mason, began quarrying in 1876. Going into business for himself in 1880, wing provided masterfully hewn rock, much of which was used in construction of buildings, wine cellars, cemetery vaults and subsequently on the Pope St. Bridge. Like most bridges of that day, the Pope St. Bridge was built to accommodate horsedrawn vehicles. It was not built to conveniently permit passage of two vehicles at the same time. Nevertheless, since 1894 it has continued to serve those seeking access from St. Helena to Chiles Valley, Pope and Howell Mountain, and forms a connecting link with Highways 128 and 29 and the Silverado Frail. In the big earthquake of 1906 it came through unscathed, a testimonial to the skill of R. H. Pithie, its builder, and to the excellent craftsmanship that went into its construction.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historical Spots in California - Rensch and Hoover  
 Napa Register (October 21, 1964)

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	0	'	"	0	'	"	38	0	30	41	122	0	27	17
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"								
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"								
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"								

117M  
 11/54754  
 4202420  
 CD

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/4 Acre

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: John A. Silvestri - Engineering Services Assistant

ORGANIZATION: County of Napa DATE: July 7, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 1436 Polk Street

CITY OR TOWN: Napa 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: 10/5/72

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10-3-72

Napa, County  
Pape Street Bridge 72000241  
Calif.

OCT 5 1972

1/25/76

1/26/71  
7/17/72 8/11/72

This is the very worst form I've seen. 6/21/71  
~~NO SLO signature. 1/18/72~~

OK [Signature]

OK [Signature]

Seber  
7/20/72

OK Luberman  
HAER

Return for SLO signature. Otherwise

OK

Charles

OK

9-24-72  
Ryer 9/14/72

OK  
11-3-72

OK

Marsine  
9/5/72

11-7-72

OCT 5 1972  
OCT 5 1972

Return for P+7+P+8  
(originally 10 words each +  
no detail, 20  
substantiation)

PH 6/1/71

Returned 2nd time  
8/1/72  
no SLOsg



NAME OF PROPERTY Pope Street Bridge

The attached National Register inventory-nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

Insufficient locational information.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Geographical location codes missing or incorrect.

Classification (item #3) incomplete.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Order of property/location of legal description necessary.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

No bibliography.

Percentage of nomination not provided.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Longitude and latitude coordinates.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Form is not signed by the State Liaison Officer (Item #12).

Photograph/asp forms (Form 10-301) required for each photograph/asp.

Insufficient map coverage of property.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



Description (Item #7).

Comments: Please provide additional detail on dimensions, construction, materials, features, etcetera.

Statement of Significance (Item #8).

Comments: Part 8 should be a clear statement of why this bridge is considered significant historically, architecturally, in terms of its engineering or for whatever other reasons. Do many of this type still exist in the area — they apparently were prevalent. Is the exact date of Xerox forms unacceptable. construction known? Who built it, designed it?

Other.

Comments: From the picture there would appear to be an arch pattern. A photo showing the full span might be helpful.

Clarification or correction of the items noted above must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors or deficiencies does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy National Register criteria in full.

*Wm. Bennett*  
1-2264

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED.

DATE: 8/1/72

NAME OF PROPERTY POPE STREET BRIDGE CALIF.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

- \_\_\_ 1. Name. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 2. Location. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 3. Classification. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 4. Owner of Property. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 5. Location of Legal Description. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 6. Representation in Existing Surveys. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 7. Description. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 8. Statement of Significance. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 9. Bibliography. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 10. Geographical Data.
  - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Acreage. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 11. Form Prepared By. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Certification. Must have S.L.O. signature.
- \_\_\_ Photographic Coverage. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Map Coverage. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Other. \_\_\_\_\_

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: Robert J. Muller

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

*Rope Street Bridge*  
*Napa Co.*  
*CA*

*72000241*

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fed. Reg. Date: 10-5-72  
 Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Action:  ACCEPT \_\_\_\_\_  
            RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
            REJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
 \_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national    \_\_\_\_ state    \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ERECTED 1894.

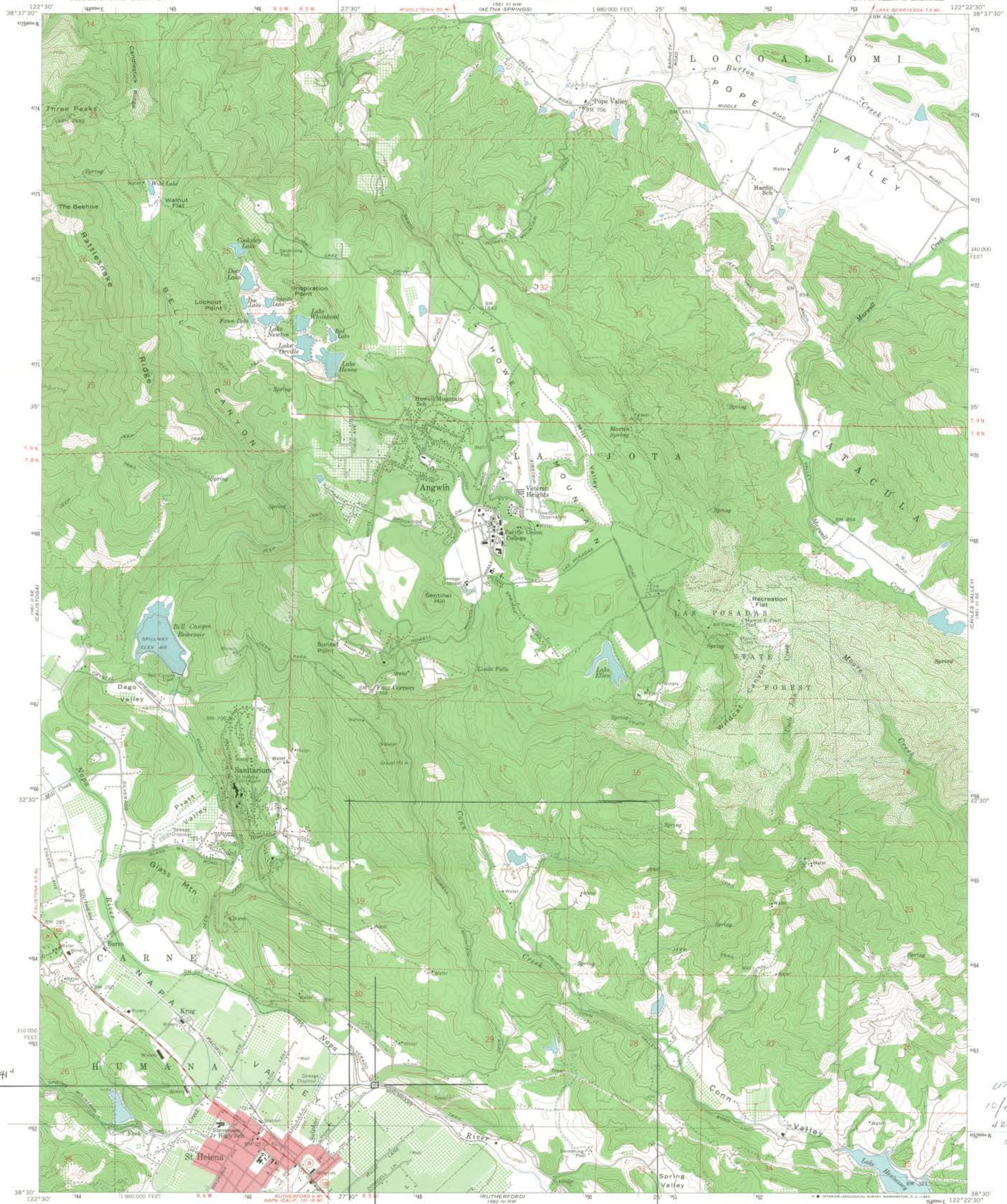
Co., SUPERVISORS, C. W. DEWEESE,  
G. M. BURGESS, A. J. RANEY,  
G. MOSER, S. WARDNER,  
F. SCIARONI SUPT.,  
R. H. PITHIE CONTRACTOR.











38°30'41"

UTM  
10/517 510  
4262 480  
CD

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
Aerial photographs taken 1957. Field check 1960.  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on California coordinate system, zone 2  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 10, shown in blue.  
Red tint indicates areas in which only  
landmark buildings are shown  
Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations.



SCALE 1:24,000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 40 FEET  
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 20-FOOT CONTOURS  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Medium-duty — Light-duty  
Unimproved dirt  
State Route

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ST. HELENA, CALIF.  
SW/4 ST. HELENA 15 QUADRANGLE  
N3830 - W12225.7/5  
1960  
AMS 1561 III SW-SERIES V885

122°27'17"

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE CALIFORNIA

Date Entered OCT 5 1972

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Pope Street Bridge	St. Helena Napa County

Also Notified

Hon. Alan Cranston  
Hon. John V. Tunney  
Hon. Don H. Clausen  
Director, Western Region

State Liaison Officer  
Mr. William Penn Nott, Jr.  
Director, Department of Parks &  
Recreation  
State Resources Agency  
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HR NRowland:mm 10/5/72