

State of California - The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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## IDENTIFICATION

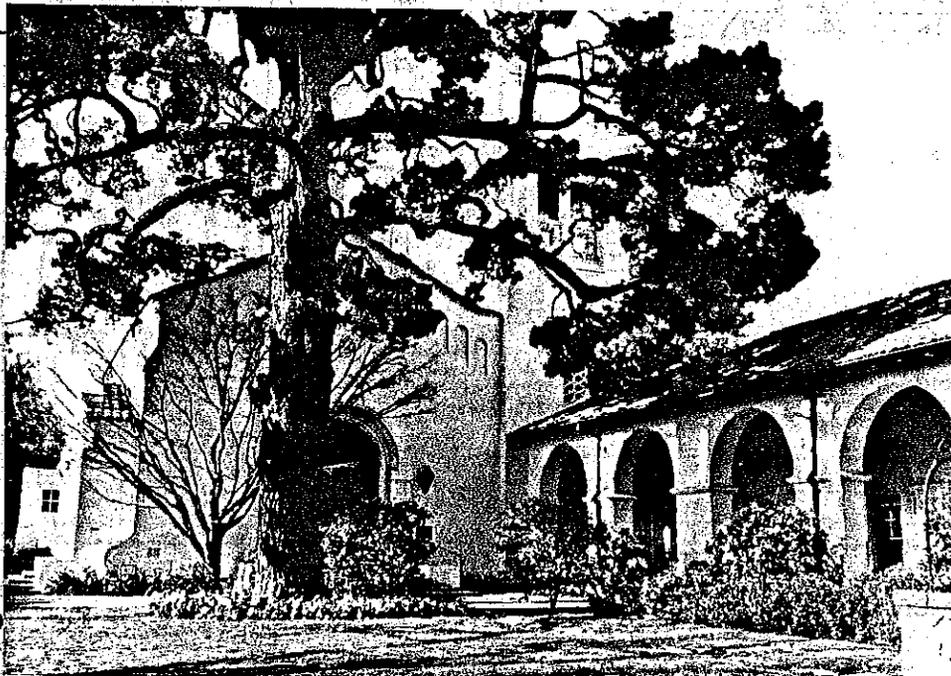
- Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Historic name: Congregational Church of San Mateo
- Street or rural address: 225 Tilton  
City: San Mateo Zip: 94401 County: San Mateo
- Parcel number: 032-294-100
- Present Owner: Congregational Church Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
- Present Use: church Original Use: church

## DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Spanish Colonial Revival

7b. Describe present physical appearance:

This Spanish Colonial Revival style church has stucco walls and a clay tile roof. The sanctuary occupies the corner of the lot and is linked to other structures by a one-story arcade which forms a small courtyard area around the main entrance. The sanctuary has a gable roof with a large arched entry leading into the church. A large bell tower rises to the side of this entry. The tower has a pyramidal tile roof supported by round columns around an open area at the top of the tower. Large arched windows are located on the sides of the building. A stairway leads to an upper story on the south side and a pointed arched entry with decorative wood doors is located below. The end of the building forms a hexagonal apse with each corner supported by a buttress. The end of the apse has three tall thin arched windows separated by thin round columns. The church compound is large, occupying nearly one-half of a city block.



- Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_  
Factual 1922-1951
- Architect: J. Plachote (1922) Kent/Haas (1931)
- Builder: Leadley Wiseman (1902)
- Approx. property size  
Frontage 105 Depth 388  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
- Date(s) of enclosed photographs  
APRIL 1989

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Surroundings: Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built-up X  
Residential X Industrial \_\_\_ Commercial X Other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. State historical and/or architectural importance:

The Congregational Church was one of the first Protestant congregations established in San Mateo. Founding members met in 1864, but their first church building was not dedicated until 1869. Their first church, a wood frame structure, was built on land donated by the Howard family. This modest structure survived the 1906 earthquake with only the loss of its steeple. The building served the congregation until 1922, when it was replaced with Kloss Hall, a Spanish Colonial Revival style building. By the early 1930s, the church plan was completed with a new sanctuary and additional Sunday school classrooms. The church complex is reminiscent of the California missions, with long arcade, red tile roof, and corner tower. Mature trees grace the recessed yard. Through the years, the church has served other religious and community groups, by providing temporary meeting space. As part of its community outreach, the church sponsored a Japanese Sunday school, prior to the outbreak of World War II.

20. Main theme of the historic resource:

Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure \_\_\_  
Econ./Indust. \_\_\_ Explor./Settlement \_\_\_  
Government \_\_\_ Military \_\_\_  
Religion 1 Social/Education \_\_\_

21. Sources

SMCHA pamphlets #536, #1456

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