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Maria Carrillo Adobe

Also known as Vallejo-Carrillo Adobe and CA-SON-4/H

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The Maria Carrillo Adobe is the physical remains of a Spanish Colonial style L shaped adobe brick building located near Santa Rosa in Sonoma County. Although the building is in ruins, it retains intact historic elements and significant features including standing adobe walls, window frames, and doorway passages along with footings and stone foundations. A prehistoric/protohistoric village site is directly associated with the Maria Carrillo Adobe. The site is situated within the same boundary and has revealed artifacts that date to historic times suggesting contemporaneous occupation. Intact historic features documented at the village include hearths, rock heaps, and a Native American burial. Of the seven aspects of integrity only its design has significantly changed over the years. The integrity of setting, location, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association remain intact.

The Maria Carrillo Adobe (CA-SON-4/H) is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion A at the local level of significance in the areas of Religion, Ethnic Heritage: Native American, , Military, and Commerce for its association with Spanish Missionization efforts (1828-1833), an incident associated with the Bear Flag Revolt (1846), early historic commerce (1851-1853), the first Post Office in Santa Rosa (1852), and Native American occupation of the region, with initial occupation of the prehistoric site beginning 2000 BP continuing into historic times as indicated by adaptive reuse of historic materials by Native American inhabitants, e.g., European ceramics were modified by Native Americans to make pendants and ornaments. Under Criterion B at the local level of significance in the area of Exploration/Settlement, the property is eligible for its association with Dona Maria Carrillo, mother-in-law to Mexican General Mariano Vallejo, Commander of the Mexican forces north of the Presidio of San Francisco. Dona Carrillo was one of a small number of single women awarded a land grant. She designed and oversaw construction of the adobe, the first non-native residence in the Santa Rosa Valley. Her son José Ramon Carrillo managed the livestock and played an important role in the Mexican-American War. Under Criterion D at the local level of significance in the areas of Archaeology: Historic—Non-Aboriginal, Historic—Aboriginal, and Prehistoric, the property has yielded and is likely to yield significant information important in prehistory and history of the local region. The Maria Carrillo Adobe has long been recognized as a locally significant resource and was designated City of Santa Rosa Landmark No. 3 (11/19/88, Resolution CHB11).