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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARK
(Results in automatic listing in the California Register)

CALIFORNIA POINT OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

NAME OF HISTORIC PROPERTY

Rankin Olive Grove

ADDRESS

100 Buckley Street

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE

Martinez, CA 94553

COUNTY

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.

Contra Costa

372-040-007

NAME OF OWNER OF HISTORIC PROPERTY

City of Martinez; Phil Vince, City Manager; Tim Tucker, City Engineer

ADDRESS

525 Henrietta Street

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE

Martinez, CA 94553

NAME OF APPLICANT

APPLICANT TELEPHONE NO.

Kristin Henderson

925 219-5756

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2241 LaSalle Street

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE

Martinez, CA 94553

RECOMMENDED BY CHAIR, STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

DATE

APPROVED BY DIRECTOR, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

DATE

DESIGNATION NO.



City of Martinez

525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553-2394

October 9, 2012

California Office of Historic Preservation
Registration Unit
1725 23rd Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95816

Attn. Ms. Amy Crain, State Historian II

Re: Owner approval to submit application – City of Martinez, CA, Rankin Olive Grove

Dear Ms. Crain:

On October 3, 2012 The City Council of Martinez California, as owner of the Rankin Olive Grove property, adopted Resolution 111-12 approving the submittal of the application to the California State Department of Park and Recreation to include the Rankin Olive Grove as a California Point of Historical Interest. The applicant is Kristin Henderson. I am the point person for the City. Thank you for considering this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Tucker, P.E.
City Engineer

cc: Kristin Henderson

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RESOLUTION NO. 111-12

APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND RECREATION TO INCLUDE THE RANKIN OLIVE GROVE AS A CALIFORNIA POINT OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

WHEREAS, James B. Rankin (1848-1901) was the owner of many parcels in Contra Costa and other Counties in California including property in the City of Martinez; and

WHEREAS, the said Mr. Rankin was a prominent and important person in business, government and the development of Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Mr. Rankin approximately 400 olive trees were planted on his Martinez Property; and

WHEREAS, the Olive Grove is one of the last remaining physical expressions of Mr. Rankin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinez is the current owner of the property commonly referred to as the "Rankin Olive Grove"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinez as the current property owner of the Rankin Olive Grove supports the application to the State of California for inclusion of the Rankin Olive Grove as a California Point of Historical Interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Martinez approves the submittal of application to the California State Department of Park and Recreation to include the Rankin Olive Grove as a California Point of Historical Interest.

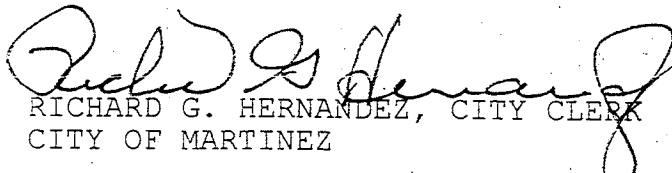
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Martinez at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 3rd day of October, 2012 by, the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Lara Delaney, Councilmember Michael Menesini, Vice-Mayor Mark Ross

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Janet Kennedy, Mayor Rob Schroder


RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK
CITY OF MARTINEZ

State of California The Resources Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
 HRI #
 Trinomial
NRHP Status Code 7

Other Listings
 Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

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*Resource Name or #: Rankin Olive Grove (Assigned by recorder)

P1. Other Identifier: Olive Grove ***P2. Location: Unrestricted** a. **County** Contra Costa

and (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

***b. USGS 7.5' Quad** Benicia **Date** 1959 (Rev. 1980) **T 2N** ; **R 3W**; of of **Sec** ; **B.M.**

c. **Address** APN 372-040-007 **City** Martinez **Zip** 94553

d. **UTM:** (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) **Zone** 10, 575223 **mE/** 4207764 **mN**

e. **Other Locational Data:** (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

***P3a. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries): Rankin Olive Grove is an approximately four acre area in City of Martinez's municipal Rankin Park. Up to 400 Olea europaea trees were planted circa 1887, in a well defined square area of still visible rows, blanketing a western hill overlooking Martinez's Downtown. Approximately 350 of these trees still exist where they were planted. From Downtown Martinez's visual corridors, the Olive Grove is lighter in color and uniquely sage-green compared to surrounding vegetation. Centered on Escobar Street, the Olive Grove is south and west of the play, picnic, and pool areas in Rankin Park. Rankin Park is accessed by Buckley Street, two blocks north of parallel Escobar Street. Rankin Park's renovation was completed this year, but only a few olive trees shading the former Rankin Park picnic area were removed. There are volunteer oaks, bays, and eucalyptus among the Grove's trees as well as some development encroachment; nevertheless, the Olive Grove remains intact and untouched for 125 years excepting growth. The Grove canopy now appears as a single mass on the hillside; historically, the Grove appeared as dotted rows. The Olive Grove produces fruit that becomes fewer and smaller each year for reasons attributed to being past its reproductive phase, victim to the Olive Fly and Maggot, and trees not maintained in decades. However, the fruit can make oil. Current residents recount curing the olives, before said infestation in early 2000s. Olive trees can live for multiple centuries. Rankin Olive Grove is surrounded by City of Martinez parklands to its north, East Bay Regional Park District lands to its west, and private property to its east and south.



***P3b. Resource Attributes:** (List attributes and codes) HP30, HP31, HP33

***P4. Resources Present:** Site P5b.
 Description of Photo: (view, date, accession #) Aerial, USGS April 2011..
 Name of photo: 10seh745075 cropped

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:** Historic Circa 1887: Perry, C. "Martinez: a Handbook of Houses and History" (2008); Oral History Phyllis Wainwright located Martinez Historical Society Website: Historic Photographs

***P7. Owner and Address:**
Mr. Phil Vince, City Manager
City of Martinez, 525 Henrietta Street
Martinez, CA 94553

***P8. Recorded by:** (Name, affiliation, and address) Kristin Henderson ***P9. Date Recorded:** November 24, 2012 ***P10. Survey Type:** (Describe) California Point of Interest ***P11. Report Citation:** (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.") None

***Attachments:** Location Map Continuation Sheets Building, Structure, and Object Record Photograph Record Other (List): Location Map, Sketch Map, Historic Context, Oral history, deeds, other maps

State of California The Resources Agency Primary #
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION HRI#
BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

Page 2 of 24 *NRHP Status Code 7 *Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Rankin Olive Grove

B1. Historic Name: Rankin Olive Grove
 B2. Common Name: Olive Grove
 B3. Original Use: Agricultural Production
 B4. Present Use: Municipal Park Space/Recreational

*B5. Architectural Style: Site: Agricultural Grove

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
 Circa 1887 the Olive Grove was planted.

*B7. Moved? No Date: _____ Original Location: _____ *B8.

Related Features: None.

B9a. Architect: N/A b. Builder: James Beveridge Rankin (1848 – 1901).

*B10. Significance: Theme Significant Person: James Beveridge Rankin (1848 – 1901).

Area City of Martinez Downtown

Period of Significance 1887-1901

Property Type Site: Residential Agricultural Grove

Applicable Criteria

The Rankin Olive Grove is eligible to be listed as a California Point of Historical Interest because the Grove is the extant physical expression of James Beveridge Rankin (1848 - 1901) who was significant to the social and economic development of Martinez, California.

Historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.

Integrity: Rankin advertised 400 olive trees on his property. There are singular olive trees on other hillsides than the one circumscribed below. There are no other intact arranged rows of olive trees on the Rankin Park property. Counting trees in the circumscribed square below, there are approximately 350 olive trees. Estimating number of olive trees on this same hill from historic photographs yields at least 350 trees. It is logical that a square grove would be planted 20 by 20 trees. It is likely that volunteer foliage, property development, and other forces have diminished the original size of the olive grove—which number of original trees on this exact hill is unknown. The 2011 Rankin Park renovation removed at most five olive trees. Overall, the Rankin Olive Grove remains intact as a visually obvious square of rows of trees in a grove or orchard configuration.

Please See Continuation Sheet for Historical Context.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

HP30, HP33

*B12. References:

Please See Continuation Sheet

B13. Remarks:

(This space reserved for official comments.)



*B14. Evaluator: Kristin Henderson

*Date of Evaluation: November 24, 2012

The Rankin Olive Grove is eligible to be listed as a California Point of Historical Interest because the Rankin Olive Grove is the extant physical expression of James Beveridge Rankin (1848-1901). Rankin was significant to the development of Downtown Martinez socially and economically.

Rankin Initiated Social Organization

James Beveridge Rankin (1848-1901) emigrated from Scotland in 1865. In 1869, Rankin arrived in Contra Costa County, California, to work in the coal mines. Rankin's organizational and civic abilities quickly manifested themselves through initiating and/or leading social and cultural associations, and serving civic functions.^{1, 2}

Rankin was elected Contra Costa County Sheriff in 1884 and served two terms. Rankin being Sheriff required the Rankin family to move to Martinez, California.³ In 1888, Rankin lost his race for State Senate.⁴ Nevertheless, he remained a Republican "boss" in the County, organizing political conventions and greatly influencing candidacies.⁵

Rankin's wife of 13 years was diagnosed with cancer in 1892 and Rankin summoned a Chicago surgeon specialist to San Francisco by train. The Rankin family history states it was the first mastectomy performed on the West Coast. Sarah Rankin would live to be 82 years old.⁶

Rankin requested the Congregational and Episcopal ministers in Martinez teach high school. The resulting school, the first high school in the County,⁷ attracted students from several different towns. Rankin was seminal in advancing education in Martinez. His wife became the first president of the Martinez High School Association.⁸

Rankin Develops Martinez and the Economy

Rankin bought what is now City of Martinez's Rankin Park property from a farmer. The house was expanded and updated, becoming more a manor than merely a large farmhouse. Gas and indoor plumbing were installed in the house for the first time.⁹ One of the very first telephones in Martinez was installed at the Rankin estate so that Rankin could keep in contact with his businesses and the mines.^{10, 11}

With hired help, Rankin developed an 80 acre¹² ranch on what today is City of Martinez's Rankin Park. The ranch featured numerous nut and fruit orchards, vineyard, pasture land, barns, and other "houses" for milk, ice, smoking, etc. The Rankin property was endowed with a gravity-fed spring, 16,000 gallon water tank, and a rock quarry.¹³

¹ *Contra Costa Gazette* (1881 October 22). "The Garfield Monument at the Coal Mines."

² *Weekly Antioch Ledger*. (1877 October 13). "Fatal Wound."

³ Wainwright, W.H. (2006). "Rankin Family Oral History and Research." Compiled for Martinez Historical Society. Received by electronic communication June 25, 2012.

⁴ *Contra Costa Gazette*. (1900 July 28). "James Rankin for State Senator."

⁵ Wainwright, P.B. n.d. "Historic Martinez: The Sum of Its Parts: Including early businessman James Rankin." Retrieved June 28, 2012 from http://www.martinezhistory.org/html/james_rankin_2.html

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Wainwright, W.H. (2006). "Rankin Family Oral History and Research." Compiled for Martinez Historical Society. Received by electronic communication June 25, 2012.

⁹ Perry, C. (2008). *Martinez: Handbook of houses and history*.

¹⁰ Wainwright, P.B. n.d. "James Rankin: Ambitious immigrant, respected businessman, devoted family man." Retrieved June 28, 2012 from http://www.martinezhistory.org/html/james_rankin_1.html

¹¹ "Telephone History Closely Linked with Martinez." (1970). News Article in Martinez Historical Society Cat#01-68-4:4718 *Utilities* file.

¹² *Martinez Daily Standard* (1916 April 26). "\$20,000 is Price Paid for the Old Rankin Property."

¹³ Wainwright, P.B. n.d. "Sara Elizabeth Brown Rankin: Martinez matriarch". Retrieved June 28, 2012 from

San Francisco's industrial development in the late 1800s is tied closely to the mining of coal in Contra Costa County.¹⁴ Rankin contributed significantly to mining activities and economies while Sheriff and living in Martinez. Rankin leased a mine in December 1884¹⁵ where coal mining had been relinquished due to subterranean water interference.¹⁶ By 1897, Rankin had developed his mining concerns – solving the water problems and discovering new veins – such that Rankin's company was supplying "Stockton and Sacramento Steamers, the large flour mills, State's prison at San Quentin, Western Meat Company, and many others."¹⁷

In 1899, Rankin the coal miner, merchandiser, mine manager and owner, sheriff, rancher, farmer, and entrepreneur of many other businesses, became a banker. The Bank of Martinez had made too many bad loans. Rankin's reputation for business acumen inspired bank officers to request Rankin to take over the bank's management. He accepted the position and remained the Bank of Martinez president until he died.¹⁸

James Rankin purchased and/or developed many properties.¹⁹ Among them, Rankin owned the part of the block on a corner of Main and Ferry Streets where there was a saloon, restaurant, merchandise and furniture stores, a haberdashery²⁰ and a hotel²¹ He owned scores of lots and blocks and hundreds of acres in Downtown Martinez.²² Rankin's, other Martinez buildings, and the Napa State Asylum were decorated with stone from the Rankin sandstone quarry.²³ Rankin owned an interest in shipping companies and in the *Contra Costa Gazette* located in Martinez. Rankin had many financial interests, and in the last two decades of the nineteenth century and the fourth decade of his life, was writing personal checks for \$5,000 and paying \$13,300 in gold coin for properties. Rankin was a tremendous actor upon the economy. The Contra Costa Clerk Recorder's *General Index 1885-1917 Grantees, Plaintiff, Etc.*, lists an index heading just for "Rankin."²⁴

When Rankin died, his obituary and pictured dominated the first page of the October 19th, 1901 *Contra Costa Gazette*:

He was a man of uncommon ability as his success in his business and life well attest. We feel our loss deeply and wonder in our minds who can take his place. There will be a void that never can be filled...the standing Mr. Rankin obtained at the time of his death is the result of his own efforts. He was a man of great energy and perseverance. He was one of those few men that did not know what fail meant. His whole life was a success. His whole interests were in this county, and a great deal of his work was devoted to the upbuilding of Contra Costa. He was public spirited, and there was no one who was more willing to contribute to anything that would tend to make the town and county more prosperous. The county...growth and development were watched with interest by deceased. His strong hand has had a great deal to do with it, and many an enterprise has been brought to Contra Costa through his efforts.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* said "James Rankin, president of the Bank of Martinez and one of the best-known business men of Contra Costa County died...in a San Francisco hospital...engaged in coal mining and merchandising...Bank of Martinez, in which he owned a controlling interest..."²⁵

The Rankin Olive Grove is an Integral Part of Martinez's Economic Historic Context

http://www.martinezhistory.org/html/sarah_rankin.html.

¹⁴ California Division of Mines (1958 January). *California Journal of Mines and Geology*. v. 54.

¹⁵ Contra Costa County Clerk of the Recorder. *General Index: Grantees-Plaintiffs, Etc. 1858-1917*.

¹⁶ California State Mining Bureau (1894 September 15). "Twelfth Report of the State Mineralogist." Sacramento: Superintendent State Printing.

¹⁷ Rankin, J.B. (1897 July 1). "Pittsburg Coal Mine". *Contra Costa News Special Edition*.

¹⁸ Wainwright, W.H. (2006). "Rankin Family Oral History and Research". Compiled for Martinez Historical Society. Received by electronic communication June 25, 2012.

¹⁹ Contra Costa County Clerk Recorder. *General Index: Grantees-Plaintiffs, Etc. 1858-1917*.

²⁰ Wainwright, P.B. n.d. "Historic Martinez: the sum of its parts including early businessman, James Rankin." Retrieved November 23, 2012 from http://www.martinezhistory.org/html/james_rankin_2.html.

²¹ Contra Costa County Clerk Recorder. *General Index: Grantees-Plaintiffs, Etc. 1858-1917*. "Mortgages: Book 26, Page 636."

²² Wainwright, P.B. n.d. "Sara Elizabeth Brown Rankin: Martinez matriarch." Retrieved November 23, 2012 from http://www.martinezhistory.org/html/sarah_rankin.html.

²³ California State Mining Bureau (1906 January). *Structural and Industrial Materials of California*. "Bulletin 38." Sacramento: State Printing Superintendent.

²⁴ Contra Costa County Clerk Recorder. *General Index: Grantees-Plaintiffs, Etc. 1858-1917*.

²⁵ *San Francisco Chronicle* (1901 Oct 16). "Death of James Rankin: Martinez banker succumbs after an operation for appendicitis."

Downtown Martinez was once an expanse of agricultural estates. In 1876, with 1,000 inhabitants, Martinez incorporated itself. In 1877, the Railroad arrived in Downtown Martinez and around that time the first refinery and a copper smelter. At the turn of the Twentieth Century, Downtown Martinez was combining its agricultural strength with a new industrial expansion. This led to the economy diversifying. By 1905, industrialism began to outpace agriculture. Amongst 1,400 or so inhabitants, there were astute business people interacting with one another who also maintained farms and ranches. Rankin typifies that crossroads between the small, rural town Martinez was and an industrializing Victorian commercial center.²⁶

In 1915, Royal Dutch Shell Corporation completed construction of its massive refinery in Martinez. This would result in the biggest building boom in Martinez's history. Residential developers began buying ranches on the edges of Downtown Martinez and building subdivisions of modest frame houses.²⁷ *The Martinez Daily Standard* wrote that the purchaser of the Rankin property would subdivide and sell that land immediately. Moreover, that "With the passing of the Rankin property into new hands, the last of the famous landmark sites will pass into history, for the march of progress has wiped out all the old estates that once surrounded the entire city."²⁸ For some reason, the Rankin estate was only divided into two parcels and both returned to the City of Martinez. Nothing remains of the Rankin's residential estate, except the geography of the estate's acreage as parklands, the Olive Grove's 350 trees, singular remnant trees of other types on proximal hillsides, and strewn remnant stones from the quarry—some with drill holes in them. James Rankin's Olive Grove planted 125 years ago remains a unique character defining geographic feature of Martinez.

The Rankin Olive Grove in Retrospect

Relinquishing self sustaining residential agriculture was a trend throughout the nation, and a trend that would lead in part to the Great Depression.²⁹ When people left behind agrarian values for consumptive ones borne from and dependent on an industrial complex, driven by commercial media, they lost economic autonomy.³⁰ As Dorothea Lange (1895-1965)³¹ observed:

There is no place for people to go live on the land any more, and they're living. That's a wild statement, isn't it? And yet, it begins to look as though it's true in our country. We have, in my lifetime, changed from rural to urban. In my lifetime, that little space, this tremendous thing happened.³²

The Olive Grove not only provides a visual and environmental interest to Downtown Martinez, it also is a singular, substantial, intact, and living expression of the pre-1915 historic context. The Olive Grove is the last vestige of agricultural life that disappeared from Downtown Martinez and many places forever.

This glowing outcome of pioneer efforts was not accomplished without toil, labor, land struggles, elements, finances and other obstacles...It was not a place for weaklings. Self reliance and sturdiness of its people made Contra Costa and America great.³³

Reminders of our agricultural past have tremendous value. New Deal Federal Building Art represented the national agrarian past to spur the depressed national spirit. The Rankin Olive Grove, planted around 1887, remains for 125 years the spirit of the end of the agricultural era in Downtown Martinez--and self-starting, community-developing, pioneer spirits such as James Beveridge Rankin.

²⁶ Kelley & VerPlanck (2008). *Architectural and Historic Survey of Downtown Martinez, California: Historic context statement.*

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ *Martinez Daily Standard* (1916 April 26). "\$20,000 is Price Paid for the Old Rankin Property."

²⁹ Collier C. & Collier J. L. (2001). *Progressivism, the Great Depression, and the New Deal: 1901-1941.*

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³² *Dorothea Lange: A Visual Life.* (1994). Edited by Partridge, E.

³³ Purcell, M.F. (1940). *History of Contra Costa.*

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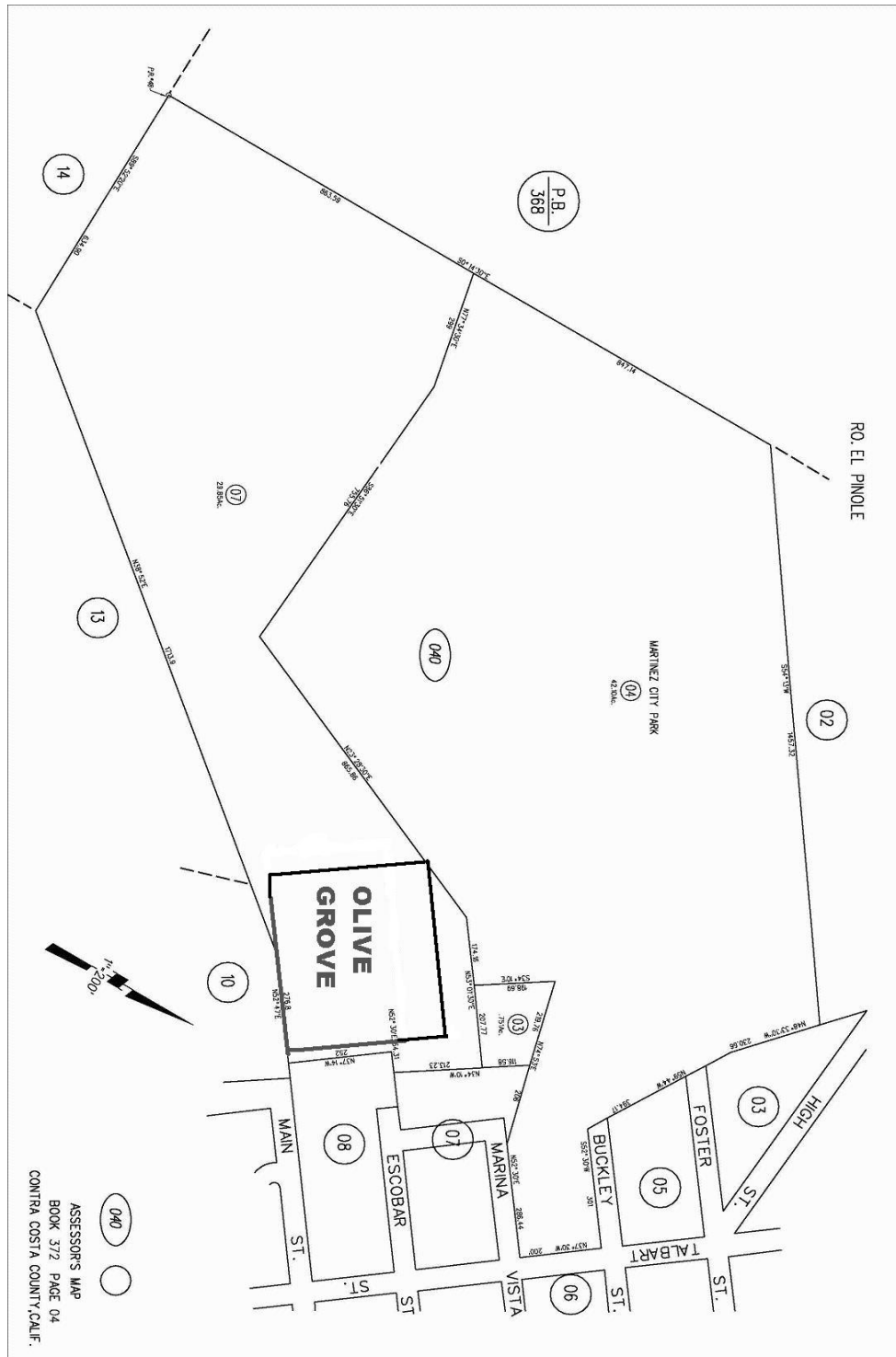
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NOTE: Include bar scale and north arrow.

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1910						
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Oct			.Jpg digital photograph	Rankin Olive Grove's southern exposure. Page 18.	Northwest	n/a
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Oct			.Jpg digital photograph	Rankin Olive Grove through Downtown View corridor Ward and Court Streets. Page 19.	West	n/a
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Oct			.Jpg digital photograph	Rankin Olive Grove through Downtown View corridor Main and Court Streets. Page 20.	West	n/a
2012						
Oct			.Jpg digital photograph	Rankin Olive Grove through Downtown View corridor Escobar and Court Streets. Page 21.	West	n/a
2012						
Oct			.Jpg digital photograph	Rankin Olive Grove through Downtown View corridor Escobar Amtrak Station. Page 22.	Southwest	n/a
2012						
June			.Jpg digital photograph	Rankin Olive Grove northern exposure from over Tavan Field in Rankin Park. Page 23.	Southeast	n/a
2012						
Sept			.Jpg digital photograph	Two Rankin Olive trees in Rankin Park picnic area. Page 24.	Southeast	n/a
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Cropped Orthographic Image of Rankin Olive Grove Area. Please see accompanying continuation sheets for metadata for this image as well as full version.



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Orthographic Image of Rankin Olive Grove Area. Please see accompanying continuation sheets for metadata for this image as well as cropped version.



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Page four of Charlene Perry's *Martinez: Handbook of houses and history*.
Note circa 1860 treeless hillside at center where Rankin Olive Grove is today.

This earliest-known photograph of the city of Martinez shows the 1855 Courthouse, which faced the Bay and stood on what is now the front steps and lawn of the present-day Finance Building which began life as the 1901 Courthouse.

Directly behind the county building and up Escobar Street, one sees the two-story Berrellessa house. On behind that, on the hill that was called "Island Hill," are the homes of the Coffin brothers, and behind them and almost

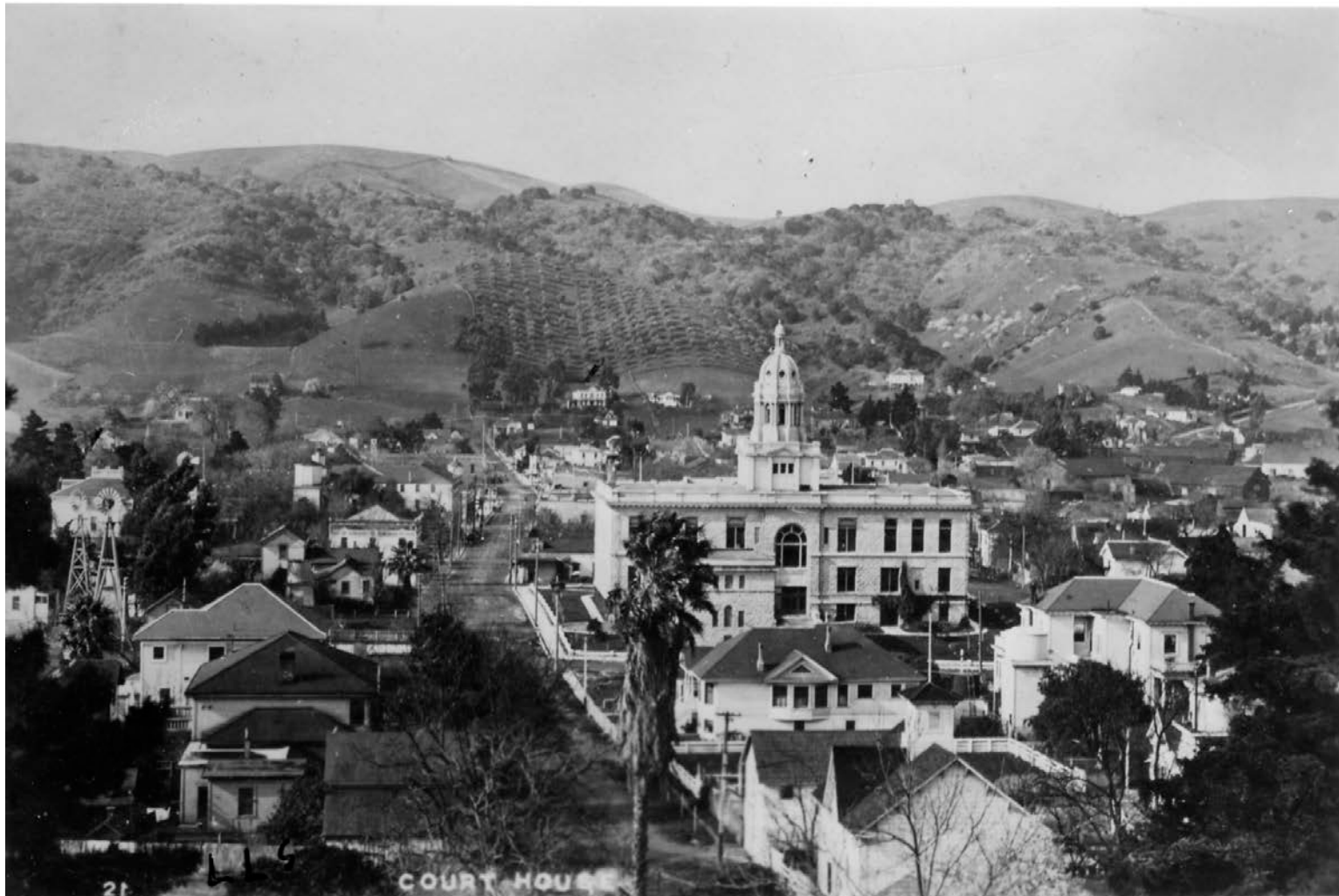
hidden in the canyon is the home of a Mr. Barney. This later became the James Rankin home, now the site of the city's municipal Rankin Park.



Martinez, ca. 1860, with the county Courthouse at the center.

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Historic Photograph, circa 1910, of Downtown Martinez from Downtown Martinez's eastern hill, looking west down Ward Street with Olive Grove dotting the hillside in background center.



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Aerial photograph of Rankin and Olive Grove property, April 1930. Photograph of small portion of large photograph encased in glass and in City of Martinez's City Hall lobby. Platen on photograph reads "Martinez and Vicinity. Produced by Geo. E. Russell, 114 Kearny St. S.F., For Martinez Planning Commission. April 1930. Scale 1 in = 400 ft."



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Historic Photograph, circa 1950, of Downtown Martinez that reveals the back of the hill where Rankin Olive Grove was planted (center right foreground).



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United States Geological Service (USGS) information regarding Photograph "10seh745075" on Primary Record DPR-A, also presented in cropped form.

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Abstract: High resolution orthorectified images combine the image characteristics of an aerial photograph with the geometric qualities of a map. An orthoimage is a uniform-scale image where corrections have been made for feature displacement such as building tilt and for scale variations caused by terrain relief, sensor geometry, and camera tilt. A mathematical equation based on ground control points, sensor calibration information, and a digital elevation model is applied to each pixel to rectify the image to obtain the geometric qualities of a map.

A digital orthoimage may be created from several photographs mosaicked to form the final image. The source imagery may be black-and-white, natural color, or color infrared with a pixel resolution of 1-meter or finer. With orthoimagery, the resolution refers to the distance on the ground represented by each pixel.

Georeferenced orthoimages support a variety of geographic information analysis and mapping applications, and provide the foundation for most public and private Geographic Information Systems.

The orthoimagery component of The National Map is a standard seamless product with a 1-meter or finer pixel resolution and a 1,500-m x 1,500-m footprint. The images are georeferenced to NAD83 datum using the UTM coordinate system with Federal Geographic Data Committee compliant metadata. The National Map is continually maintained and provides the most recent high resolution orthoimagery data.

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Rankin Olive Grove taken approximately one mile southeast of the Grove's southern side, from Valente Circle. Photographer facing northwest.



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Rankin Olive Grove photographed on south side of Ward Street at Court Street. Photographer facing west.



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Rankin Olive Grove from Main Street at Court Street. Photographer facing west.



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Rankin Olive Grove from north side Escobar Street at Court Street. Photographer facing west.



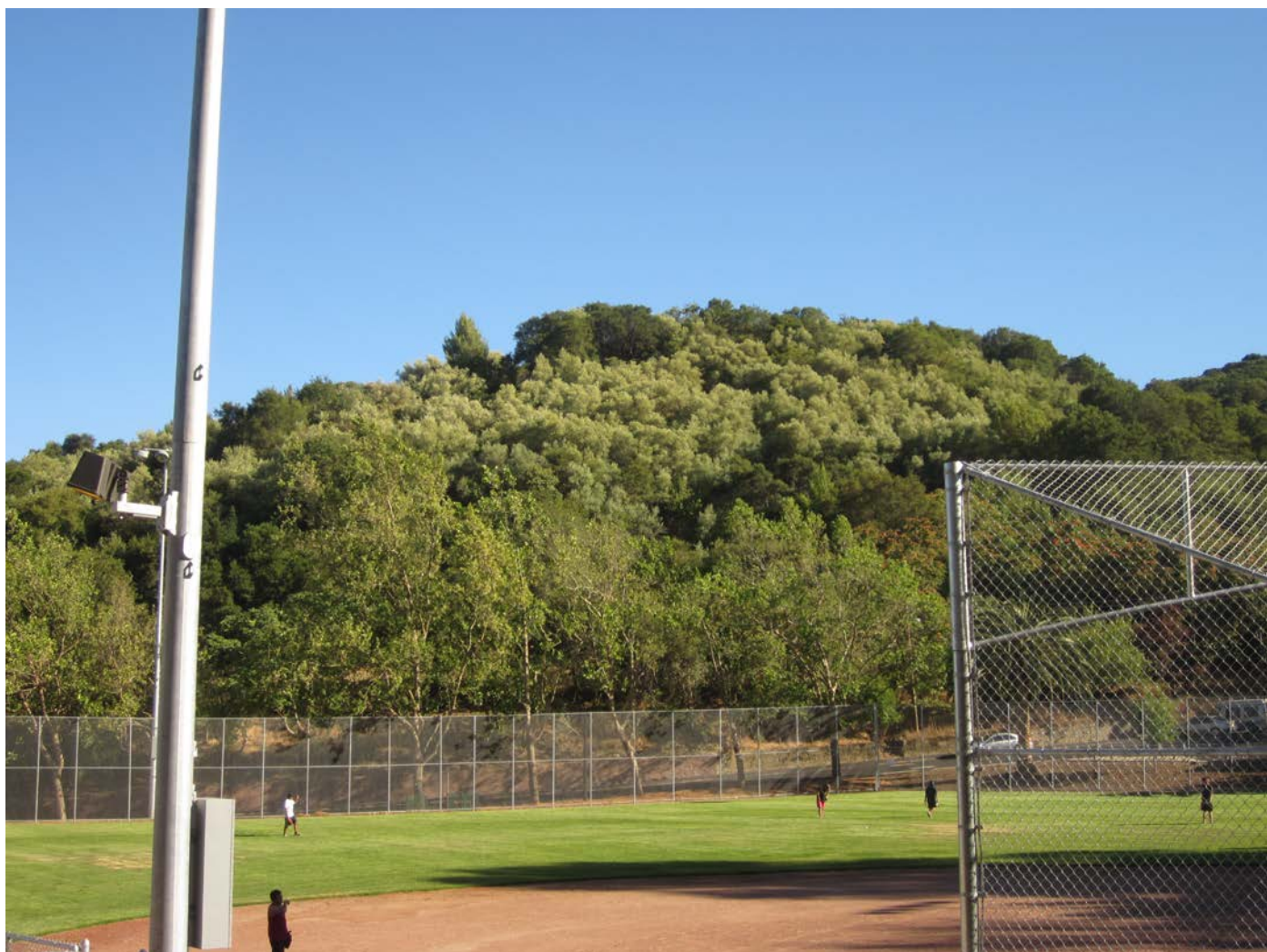
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Rankin Olive Grove seen from Martinez Amtrak Station. Photographer facing west.



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Rankin Olive Grove's northern face, photograph taken within Rankin Park north of Tavan baseball field.
Photographer facing southeast.



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Photograph of two olive trees from Rankin Olive Grove, photograph taken from within Rankin Park at picnic area. Photographer facing southeast.

