ARTESIA SCHOOL

LANDMARK NUMBER: 3

KNOWN AS: Artesia School Museum

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 115 West Chestnut Avenue, Lompoc

LOCATION: originally on Artesia Avenue and Central Avenue; today on Chestnut Avenue, Lompoc

TYPE OF SITE: Schoolhouse museum

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 66-424 (original); rescinded by resolution # 70-41

LANDMARK DATE: Conferred July 14, 1966; Rescinded by the board of supervisors on January 15, 1970 and designated a “historical site” on that date June 1, 1976 agreement enacted between the county of Santa Barbara and the city of Lompoc designating Artesia School as a joint city and county structure of Historical interest

DESIGNATION OBTAINED BY: Application for Designation as County Historical Landmark submitted by Lompoc Valley Historical Society, Inc.

PAST OWNERS: None

CURRENT OWNER: Lompoc Unified School District

CHANGES/ALTERATIONS: See description
DESCRIPTION:

The school was built in 1876 as Lompoc’s first country school and originally located on Artesia Avenue west of the city of Lompoc. It was named for a nearby Artesian well that dried up shortly after the school opened. It was the first of twelve early country schools built in the Lompoc Valley.¹

An addition was completed on the western end of the building in the 1920s. The school was closed in June 1961 and then used for storage of school equipment.

The school was originally declared a historic landmark by the Board of Supervisors on July 14, 1966. On December 27, 1969 the school was damaged by fire and smoke. The 1920s addition was totally destroyed and the original school was mainly damaged by smoke and water. The condition of the building was investigated and, because of the damage, the Landmark Advisory Committee (sic) resolved “that the Artesia School Landmark project should be abandoned and the landmark status rescinded.” The board of supervisors agreed and redesignated the Artesia School property as a county historical site.²

The school was moved from its former location to Chestnut Avenue in the city of Lompoc in 1972. The Lompoc Unified School District retained ownership and leased the building to the Lompoc Museum to function as a schoolhouse museum for the purpose of educational programs.

In 1976, a joint resolution between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Lompoc was agreed upon designating the school as a joint city and county structure of historical interest.³ Today the Lompoc Museum conducts tours for school district third graders.

RESOURCES:

www.lompocmuseum.org

Resolution # 70-41 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, California (January 19, 1970)

¹ Lompoc Museum website
² Board of Supervisors Resolution (January 19, 1970)
³ Joint agreement signed by Board of Supervisors (June 1, 1976)
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 66-424

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE ARTESIA RURAL SCHOOL IS AN HISTORICAL LANDMARK WORTHY OF PROTECTION UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 1716 AND PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE ARTESIA RURAL SCHOOL,

WHEREAS, the Artesia School located at Artesia Avenue and Central Avenue in the Lompoc Valley in Santa Barbara County has great historical significance and interest to the general public as a landmark and reminder of pioneer days in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 1966, the Santa Barbara County Advisory Landmark Committee declared the Artesia School to be an historical landmark pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1716 of the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara deems the Artesia School to be worthy of protection and preservation as such historical landmark;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors, having duly set a public hearing for August 4, 1966, has heard all interested parties and has closed said public hearing; adopting the conditions set out in paragraph 2 of this resolution.

2. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares the Artesia School to be an historical monument pursuant to Ordinance No. 1716 and hereby imposes the following conditions on the Artesia School pursuant to said Ordinance:

a. No alteration, removal, or destruction, partial or integral, of any portion of the Artesia School shall be permitted unless written consent is obtained in writing from...

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had and obtained from the Santa Barbara County Advisory Landmark Committee. Such consent may impose all reasonable conditions deemed appropriate by the Committee to accomplish the purposes of Ordinance No. 1716.

b. No alterations, repairs, additions or changes (other than normal maintenance and repair work) shall be made unless and until all plans therefor have first been reviewed by the Santa Barbara County Advisory Landmark Committee and approved, or modified, and reasonable conditions imposed as deemed necessary, and that all such work shall be done under the direction and control of the Santa Barbara County Advisory Landmark Committee or other qualified persons designated by it.

c. No use shall be made of the Artesia School except preservation as an historical example of a one-room rural school; provided, however, that additional uses recommended by the Lompoc Valley Historical Society, Inc. may be approved by the Santa Barbara County Advisory Landmark Committee, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors without the necessity of public hearings.

d. No buildings or structures exposed to public view within 200 yards may be placed, erected, moved in, enlarged or substantially changed in outward appearance (normal maintenance and repair work excepted) without the approval of the Santa Barbara County Advisory Landmark Committee first had and obtained, which approval may incorporate reasonable and appropriate conditions to carry out the purposes of Ordinance No. 1716 of the County of Santa Barbara.

e. It is expressly agreed and understood that in any restoration or maintenance and repair of the Artesia School, financial and other assistance by the Lompoc Valley Historical Society, Inc. is welcomed, and all rights of entry and consent to inspection and repair are hereby conferred on the Society.
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Lompoc Valley Historical Society, Inc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 8th day of August, 1956, by the following vote:

AYES: George H. Clyde, Joe J. Callahan, Daniel G. Grant, F. H. Beattie and Curtis Tunnell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

JOE J. CALLAHAN
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

J. E. LEWIS
Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Santa Barbara

I, J. E. LEWIS, County Clerk and ex officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Santa Barbara, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original now remaining in the office of the Clerk.

WITNESS MY HAND, this 19th day of August, 1956, in the office of the County Clerk.

J. E. LEWIS, County Clerk

By: [Signature]
THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 1976, by and between the COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, a body corporate and politic and subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter called "COUNTY," and the CITY OF LOMPOC, a municipal corporation, hereinafter called "CITY":

WITNESSETH:

THAT, WHEREAS, Sections 6500 et seq. of the Government Code provide that cities and counties may enter into agreements to jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 37361 of the Government Code, the City may provide for places, buildings, and structures having a special historical interest, and may provide special conditions or regulations for their protection and perpetuation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25373 of the Government Code, the COUNTY has identical powers; and

WHEREAS, there is within the incorporated limits of CITY a certain building having a special historical interest, viz., Artesia School; and

WHEREAS, during the period that Artesia School was located in the unincorporated area of COUNTY, said COUNTY, on August 8, 1966, by Resolution No. 66-424, did designate the Artesia School and school site as County Landmark No. 3; and did redesignate Artesia School property as a County Historical Site on January 19, 1970, by Resolution No. 70-41; and

WHEREAS, the Artesia School is presently located in the incorporated limits of CITY; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CITY both recognize that it would be in the public interest to redesignate Artesia School as a joint CITY and COUNTY structure of historical interest and maintain Artesia
School as nearly as possible in its original condition as a reminder of the historical past and, further, will be an economic benefit to both CITY and COUNTY by attracting visitors from other areas:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED:

1. CITY and COUNTY, acting pursuant to the provisions of Sections 6500 et seq. of the Government Code, as the same now exist, or may hereafter be amended, agree jointly to take such measures as are legally possible and determined to be appropriate to jointly provide for the designation of Artesia School as a joint CITY and COUNTY structure of historical interest.

2. CITY and COUNTY agree that, pursuant to Section 6506 of the Government Code, they shall make available the services of the appropriate officers and employees and commissions to carry out the purposes of this Agreement.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 6506-6508, inclusive, of the Government Code, Lompoc City Finance Director is hereby designated the agent of the CITY and the COUNTY to administer the provisions of this Agreement and to receive, retain and safeguard, and disburse any funds from any legally permissible source, now or hereafter available, to carry out the purposes of this Agreement, subject, however, to the prior express approval of the City Council of CITY and the Board of Supervisors of COUNTY as to each and every proposed expenditure of such funds which have been furnished in any manner by or through the CITY and COUNTY.

4. CITY and COUNTY shall render an annual accounting of all funds received from all sources and an annual report of all receipts and disbursements thereof in connection with this Agreement, commencing one year from the effective date thereof.

5. CITY and COUNTY hereby designate Lompoc City Landmark Committee for the purpose of making recommendations on the proposed expenditure of any disbursement of funds pursuant to this Agreement.
6. The Lompoc City Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to establish this trust fund, and disbursement of these funds shall be recommended by the Lompoc City Landmark Committee and approved or disapproved by the City Council of CITY and the Board of Supervisors of COUNTY.

7. Either CITY or COUNTY, acting separately, or after consultation with their respective officers, employees and commissions, may, at any time they deem appropriate, deposit into said trust fund for the purposes of this Agreement as specified by their legislative bodies, jointly or separately, such sums of money as may legally be so deposited and disbursed for such purposes in the amounts determined by the legislative bodies of the parties, whether or not such sums have previously been so allocated in the annual budgets of CITY or COUNTY.

8. The term of this Agreement shall be indefinite, provided, however, that this Agreement may be terminated at any time upon one (1) year's written notice by either CITY or COUNTY, mailed or personally delivered to the legislative body of such party, in care of the Clerk.

9. Upon termination of this Agreement, any surplus money on hand shall be returned in proportion to the contributions made as provided in Section 6512 of the Government Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be legally executed in duplicate, the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, a body corporate and politic, and subdivision of the State of California

By      FRANK J. FROST
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
HOWARD C. MENZEL, County Clerk
By       IRENE GILBERT (SEAL)
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
GEORGE P. KADING, COUNTY COUNSEL

Melbourne B. Weddle, Deputy

CITY OF LOMPOC

By      Art Scott
Mayor

ATTEST:
WILMA THOMAS, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
City Attorney
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION No. 66-424 )
AND REMOVING THE ARTESIA SCHOOL AS AN )
HISTORICAL LANDMARK AND CONDITIONS IMPOSED ) RESOLUTION NO. 70-41
AND DECLARING THE ARTESIA SCHOOL PROPERTY )
TO BE A COUNTY HISTORICAL SITE.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 3 dated July 14, 1966, of the
Santa Barbara County Advisory Landmark Committee requested that the
Artesia School be designated an historical landmark pursuant to
Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 18a (Ordinance 1716) and that
certain conditions be imposed; and

WHEREAS, the Artesia School is located at Artesia Avenue
and Central Avenue in the Lompoc Valley in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 66-424 dated August 8, 1966,
the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, after having set
a public hearing, declared the Artesia School to be an historical
landmark and imposed the conditions recommended by the Advisory
Landmark Committee; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 27, 1969, said Artesia
School was damaged by fire and smoke and after a thorough in-
vestigation of the condition of the building and surrounding facts.
and circumstances the Landmark Advisory Committee resolved that
the Artesia School Landmark project should be abandoned, that
Resolution No. 66-424 dated August 8, 1966, should be rescinded,
and that the designation of the Artesia School as an historical
landmark and conditions imposed thereon should be removed; and that
the Advisory Landmark Committee resolve that the Board of Supervisors
redesignate the Artesia School property as a County historical
site and that permission be obtained from the Lompoc Unified School
District to place an appropriate marker on the site;
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Board of Supervisors hereby rescinds Resolution No. 66-424 declaring the Artesia School to be an historical monument pursuant to Ordinance No. 1716 (County Code chapter 18a) and hereby removes the conditions imposed by said Resolution No. 66-424.

2. That the Artesia School property located at Artesia Avenue and Central Avenue in the Lompoc Valley in Santa Barbara County is hereby declared to be an historical site.

3. That permission be obtained from the Lompoc Unified School District to place an appropriate marker on said Artesia School property.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 19th day of January, 1970, by the following vote:

AYES: George H. Clyde, Daniel G. Grant, Francis H. Beattie, Joe J. Callahan, and Curtis Tunnell

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk

FILED: 1-19-70
J. B. Lewis, County Clerk

Deputy