

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

Primary #  
HRI #  
Trinomial  
NRHP Status Code

Other Listings  
Review Code

Reviewer

Date

Page 1 of 4 \*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder): Kerr Building/Hogg Building

P1. Other identifier: HP-88-01

\*P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted

\*a. County Santa Clara County

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a location map as necessary.)

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Cupertino Date 1980 Photorevised T .8 S. ; R .2 W. ; Mount Diablo B.M.

c. Address: 14413 Big Basin Way City Saratoga Zip 95070

d. UTM:(give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S ; mE/ mN

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

northwest side of Big Basin Way southwest of Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road. APN# 503-24-058

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements, include design, material, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

This commercial building encompasses many historic building elements that date to the early-twentieth century; however, the front facade embodies a typical mid-century stucco storefront.

The original facade featured a red-tile mansard parapet and a square stucco tower at each end of the building; these also featured red tile roofs. The interior of the building has its original tin ceiling with three different design patterns and a cove. The front and rear elevations were completely remodeled in the early 1950's. The current design features a series of recessed entries with large display windows and modern awnings, below a wide expanse of stucco at the upper facade.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP6. 1-3 story commercial building

\*P4. Resources Present:  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District  Other (Isolates, etc.)



P5b. Description of Photo:

(View, date, accession #)

View facing southwest, July 2009.

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic  Prehistoric  Both

1910, 99 years old.

\*P7. Owner and Address:

Floxham Family LP  
4010 Moorpark Ave., Suite 111  
San Jose CA 95117

\*P8. Recorded By: (Name, affiliation, and address)

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\*P9. Date Recorded: 10/26/09

\*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Reconnaissance

\*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none".)

Archives & Architecture: City of Saratoga Statement of Historic Context, 2009.

\*Attachments:

- None  Continuation Sheet  District Record  Rock Art Record  Other (List):  
 Location Map  Building, Structure, and Object Record  Linear Feature Record  Artifact Record  
 Sketch Map  Archaeological Record  Milling Station Record  Photograph Record

DPR 523A (1/95)

\* Required Information

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**BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD**

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\*NRHP/CRHR Status Code 5S3

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Kerr Building/Hogg Building

B1. Historic Name: Kerr Building (1910-1914), Hogg Building (1914-1916)

B2. Common Name: 14413 Big Basin Way

B3. Original Use: Retail commercial

B4. Present Use: Retail commercial

\*B5. Architectural Style: False-front

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

Constructed 1910. Remodeled significantly with false-front and stucco.

\*B7. Moved?  No  Yes  Unknown Date: n/a

Original Location: n/a

\*B8. Related Features:

None

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Johnson A. Kerr

\*B10. Significance: Theme Commerce

Area: Saratoga Village

Period of Significance: 1910

Property Type: Commercial

Applicable Criteria: None

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

The Kerr Building is listed on the Saratoga Heritage Resources Inventory, included as a part of HP-88-01. It qualified under Criteria a, c, and e:

- a) the property exemplifies and reflects special elements of the cultural, social, economic, aesthetic, and architectural history of Saratoga;
- c) the property embodies distinctive characteristics of the False-front style, type and period; and
- e) the property contributes to the unique physical characteristics of The Village.

The Kerr Building does not appear eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources, as it lacks adequate integrity to the original design for it to distinctively represent the era in which it was built.

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B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes) None

\*B12. References:

- Cunningham, F., *Saratoga's First Hundred Years*, 1967.
- San Jose Mercury News*, 1/18/1914.
- Santa Clara County Heritage Resource Inventory, 1975 & 1979.
- Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission, Historic Resources Inventory form, 1988.

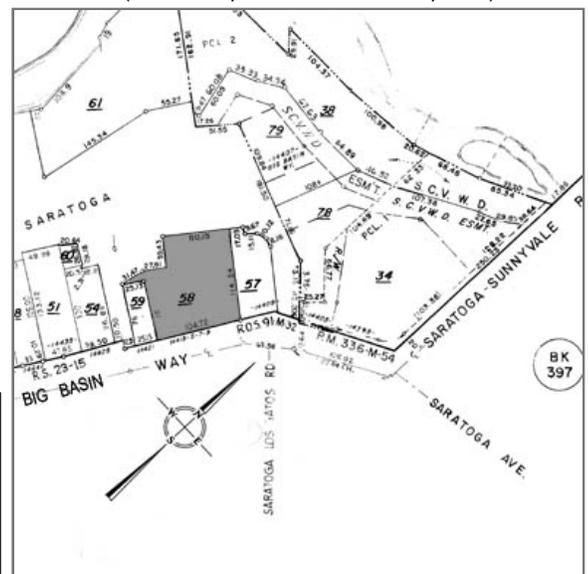
B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

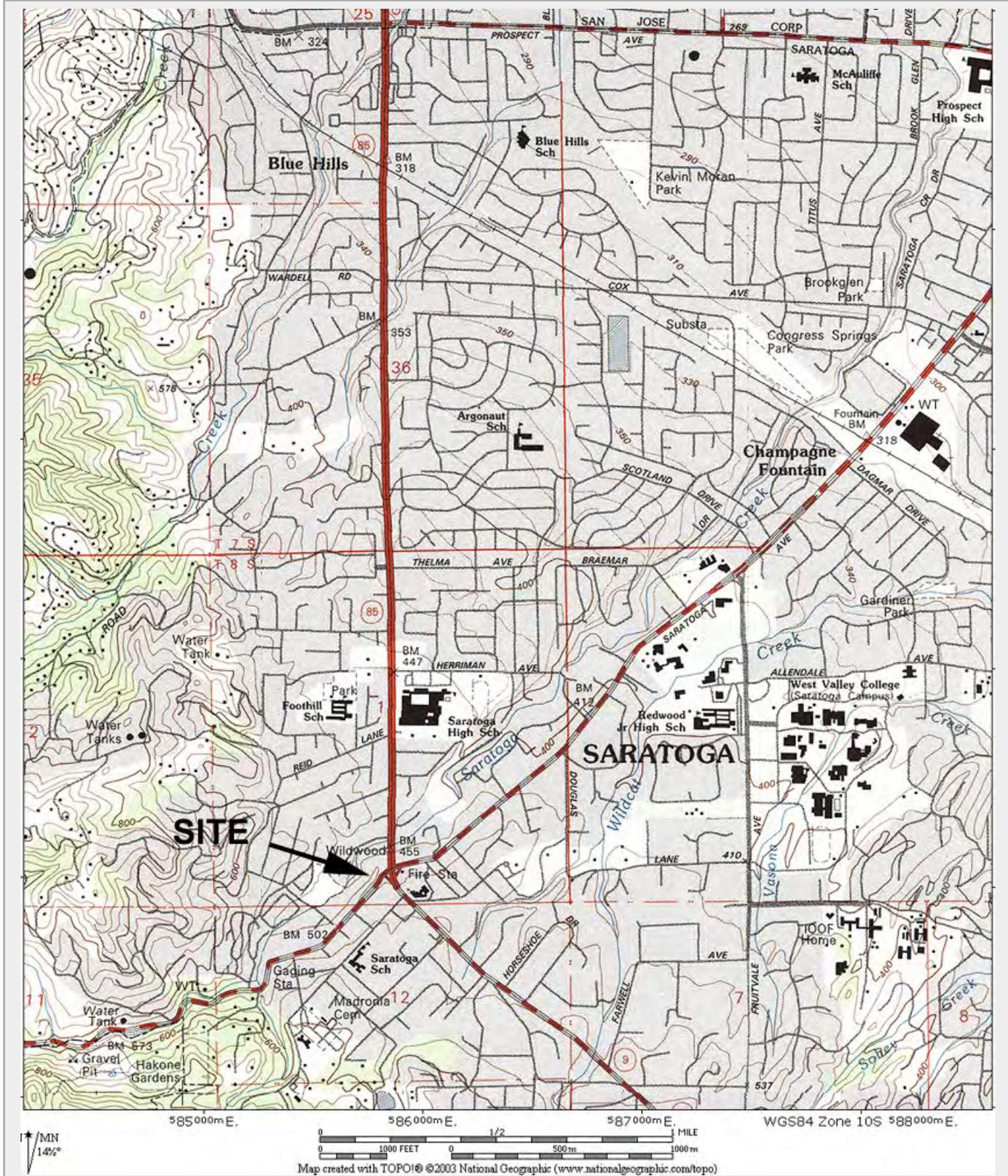
\*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

\*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)





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\* Recorded By F. Maggi, L. Dill, & J. Kusz \* Date 10/26/2009  Continuation  Update

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### Historical Background

This commercial building block was constructed in 1910 by Johnson Kerr, a prominent orchardist and businessman in Saratoga. At the time of construction it was the largest business block in Saratoga. The one-story building was constructed of brick and concrete (and has been remodeled as a false front with stucco façade) and contained a drug store, a post office, grocery store, meat market, watch, and a jewelry store. The building was sold to Howard Mills a few years after construction who sold it to Dr. Robert Hogg in 1914 for approximately \$14,000. The Saratoga Post Office was at this location until 1964. The oldest tenant was the Saratoga Drug Store which was at this location until at least the late 1980s. It appears that the building was remodeled in the 1950s.

### Integrity

The building retains important original exterior brick and workmanship, as well as maintaining its historic location within Saratoga Village; however, the storefront design, materials, and workmanship were altered significantly in the twentieth century, and only some of the historic associations and feelings are preserved in this property.