

Other Listings
Review Code

Reviewer

Date

Page 1 of 4 *Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder): Foster House

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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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: 14510 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)

northeast corner of Big Basin Way and Fourth Street.

APN# 517-09-068

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

This single-story Pioneer or National-style cottage was relocated in 1983 from its original setting at 20680 Marion Avenue to the rear of a retail complex which fronts Big Basin Way. This vernacular building type dates from as early as the pre-railroad American era, from the 1850s to the 1870s, although National-style houses continued to be built as late as the 1880s in the form of Victorian cottages such as this one. The cottage is located in the corner of a parking lot, with residences to the rear and one side. The only remaining portions of the original structure are the front and side elevations, which were the only parts that could be salvaged because of moving requirements. The roof, floor, porch and interior are new construction, designed to closely resemble the original. The front wall is of v-groove siding with double-hung windows. The hipped roof is wood shingled. The front porch features turned posts. A rear addition extends to the west side of the building and has a separate entrance.

*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 east, July 2009.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic Prehistoric Both
c1882, 127 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:

Cali Investments
14510 Big Basin Way
Saratoga CA 95070

*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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*NRHP/CRHR Status Code 5S3

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Foster House

B1. Historic Name: J. E. Foster House

B2. Common Name: 14510 Big Basin Way

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Offices

*B5. Architectural Style: National (Pioneer)

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

House was constructed in 1882 but it appears that most of building is of new construction due to move requirements. Appears that only front and side elevation is original.

*B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown Date: 1983

Original Location: 20680 Marion Ave.

*B8. Related Features:

Village Square

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture

Area: Saratoga Village

Period of Significance: C1882 - 1898

Property Type: Residential

Applicable Criteria: None

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

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

- a) the property exemplifies and reflects special elements of the cultural, social, economic, aesthetic, and architectural history of Saratoga; and
- e) the property contributes to the unique physical characteristics of The Village.

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

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

HP2. Single family property

*B12. References:

Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission, Historic Resources Inventory form, 1988.

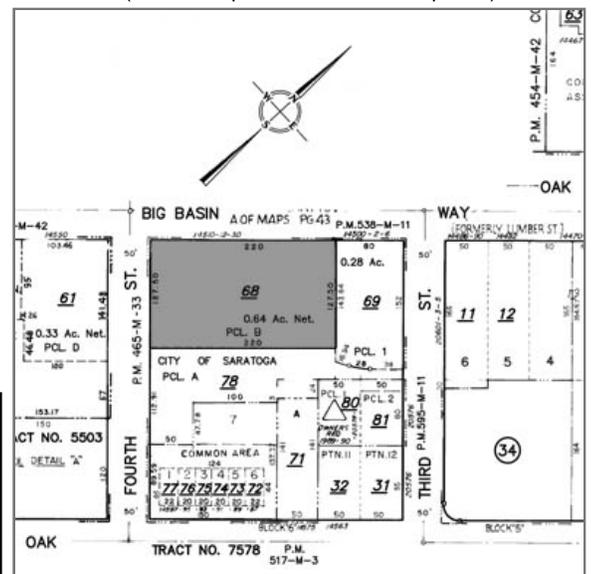
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B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

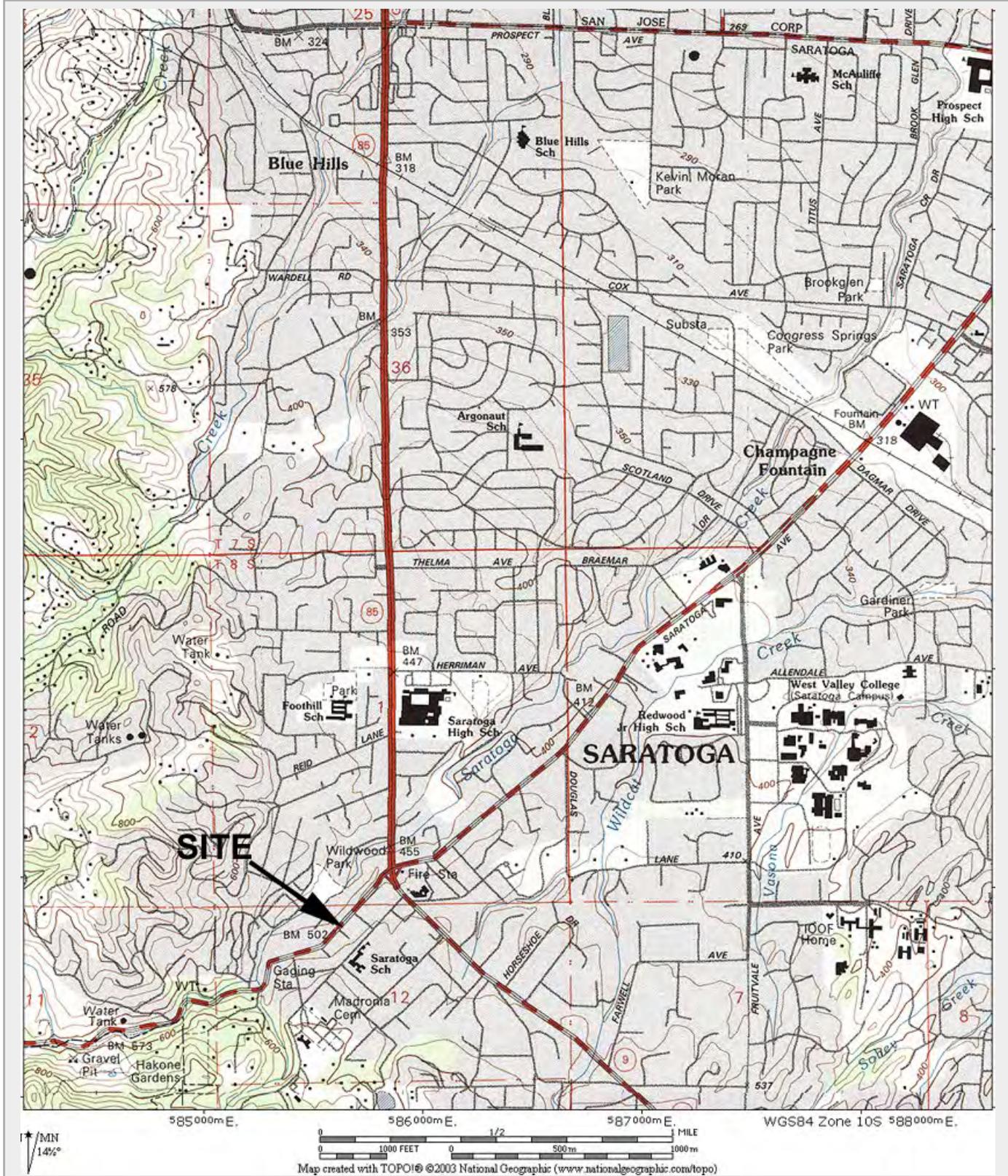
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* Map Name: Multiple

* Scale: n.t.s.

* Date of Map: Varies



CONTINUATION SHEET

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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 cottage, originally located at 20680 Marion Ave., was the home of Judge James E. Foster. It was moved to this site in 1983, and little of the original structure is extant. The roof, floor and interior are all new construction including the front façade and front porch. Foster came to Saratoga from Ohio and served as Justice of the Peace and County Roadmaster from 1892 until his death in 1898. His wife, Rosa, was active in the community as well serving as the president of the Soldiers and Sailors Aid Society at the time of the Spanish-American War. After Foster's death in 1898, Rosa married Charles Allbright. After her death, title of the property was transferred to her nephew, Bruce Creek, who continued to reside on the property for many years.

Integrity

The former house building retains its architectural design; however, it has been relocated and most of its original materials, workmanship, and setting were lost. The property conveys only some of the building's original historical associations and feelings.