

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): Missionary Settlement 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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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: 14683 Oak St. 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)

southwest corner of Oak Street and Charles Street.

APN# 517-08-017

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

This one-story residence is a classic Queen Anne cottage, one of few remaining in Saratoga. Typical of Victorian-era design, the house has a hipped main roof, a front accent gable, an inset porch, and is raised above grade. The front bay window has carved fan brackets at each corner, which support the accent gable above. Around the windows are raised panels. The wide, paneled bargeboard is trimmed with scroll corbels, a spindlework arch, and a button sunburst at the apex. Within the gable ends are fishscale shingles and ornately trimmed vents. The front porch, reportedly not original to the house but appropriate in design and trim, has turned post, a spindlework spandrel beam, jigsawn corbels, and a low porch railing. The frame structure has high ceilings with tall double-hung windows. The siding is horizontal channel rustic. The rear has been remodeled with the addition of a sun room, bedroom and bedroom at the basement level.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2. Single family property

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



P5b. Description of Photo:
(View, date, accession #)
View facing west, July 2009.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic Prehistoric Both
c1897, 112 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:

Craig Ambrose & Sari Harrison
14683 Oak St.
Saratoga CA 95070

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

F. Maggi, L. Dill, & J. Kusz
Archives & Architecture, LLC
PO Box 1332
San Jose, CA 95109

*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** 3CS

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Missionary Settlement House

B1. Historic Name: Clarence George House

B2. Common Name: 14683 Oak St.

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

***B5. Architectural Style:** Queen Anne

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

Constructed circa 1897. Additions at rear of sunroom and bedroom. A new fence replaced a partial wire fence in 1989.

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

Original Location: n/a

***B8. Related Features:**

None known.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Clarence George

***B10. Significance: Theme** Architecture

Area: Saratoga Village

Period of Significance: c1870s

Property Type: Residential

Applicable Criteria: (3)

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

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

- a) the property exemplifies and reflects special elements of the cultural, social, economic, aesthetic, and architectural history of Saratoga;
- b) the property is identified with persons significant in local history;
- c) the property embodies distinctive characteristics of the Queen Anne style, type and period; and
- e) the property embodies unique physical characteristics that represent an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood.

Missionary Settlement House is eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources, as it is a Designated Landmark Structure.

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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.

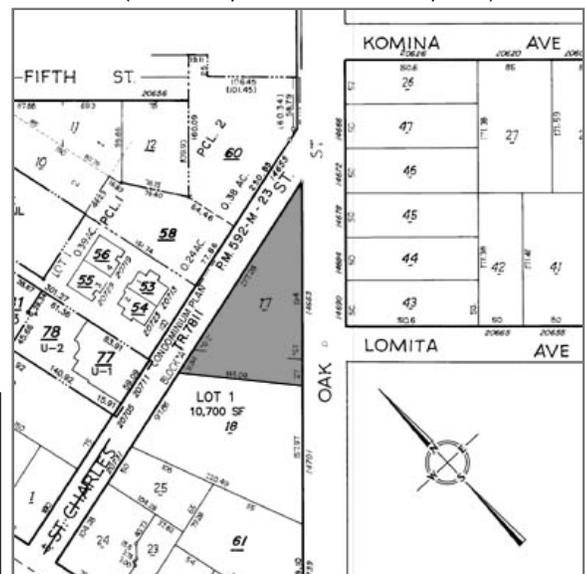
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B13. Remarks: Designated Landmark Structure

***B14. Evaluator:** Franklin Maggi

***Date of Evaluation:** October 26, 2009

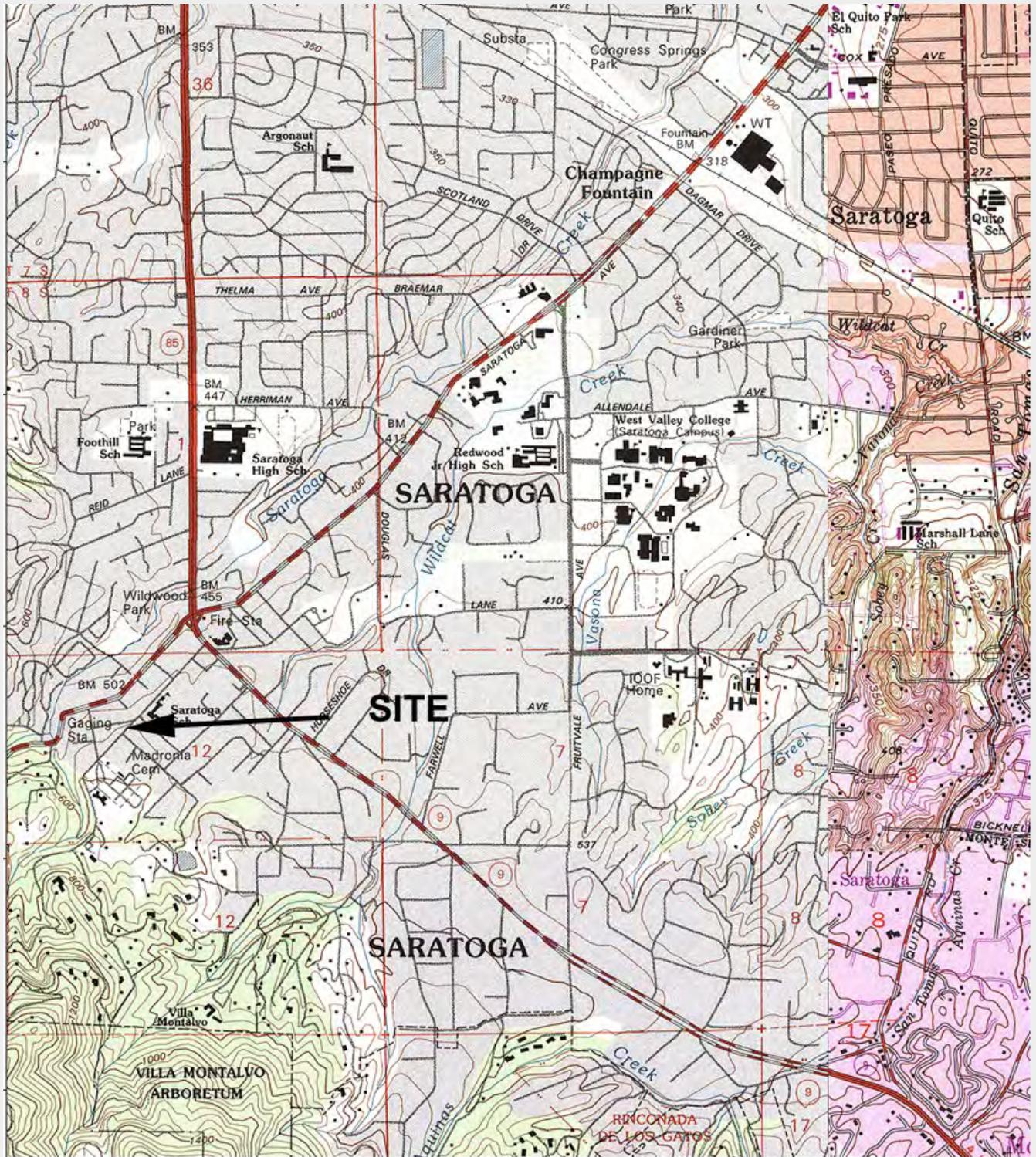
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* Map Name: Multiple

* Scale: n.t.s.

* Date of Map: Varies



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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 elaborate Queen Anne cottage was built about 1897 by Clarence George. The Saratoga Congregational Church purchased it for a missionary rest center in 1907, for use by members of the Saratoga Missionary Settlement. This group was organized in April 1900 through the efforts of Reverend "Sunshine" Williams and the Saratoga Congregational Church. Their goal was to give counsel, comfort and assistance to returned missionaries, especially those from the area. Although the group worked to raise funds for a building, their plans never developed. The members used this cottage as a retreat for Reverend Cole, whose health was impaired by his missionary work in Alaska. For many years, church services were available at this residence. The Knapp family lived in this house from 1909 to 1918.

Integrity

Although slightly altered by a rear addition, the house retains adequate character-defining architectural design, workmanship and materials, as well as a historic location and setting within Saratoga Village, and the property continues to represent the historical associations and feelings of this residence.