

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

Primary #
HRI #

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***NRHP/CRHR Status Code** 5S3

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Harry Brandenburg House

B1. Historic Name: Harry Brandenburg House

B2. Common Name: 13939 Quito Rd.

B3. Original Use: Ranch

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

***B5. Architectural Style:** National

***B6. Construction History:** (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
 constructed 1890. Picture windows in front, addition in rear.

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

***B8. Related Features:**
 None known.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

***B10. Significance: Theme** Architecture **Area:** Fruitvale / Sobey Road

Period of Significance: 1890 **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 Brandenburg House is listed on the Saratoga Heritage Resources Inventory, included as a part of HP-91-01. 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; and
- c) the property embodies distinctive characteristics of the National style, type and period;

The Harry Brandenburg House does not appear eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources, as the house lacks appears to sufficient integrity to its original detailing to qualify.

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

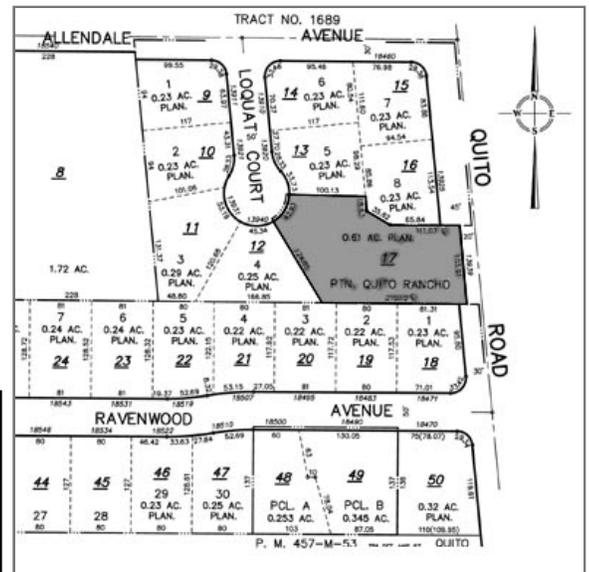
***B12. References:**
 Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission, Historic Resources Inventory form, 1989.

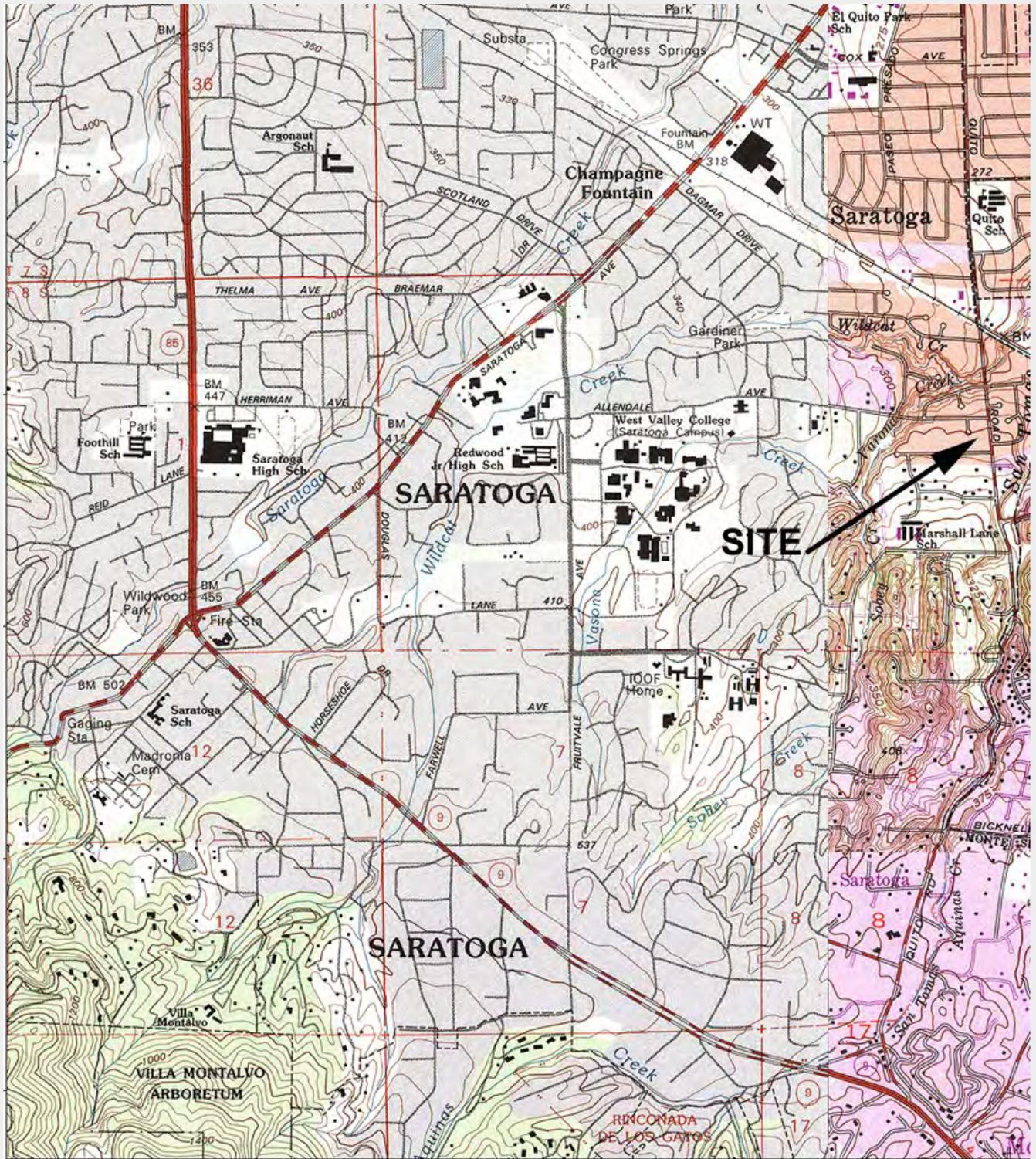
B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

***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 residence was built by Harry E. Brandenburg in 1890. Harry Brandenburg was from Iowa and in 1861 came to California with his family, Charles and Seria Brandenburg as a small child. The family first lived in Butte County, then moved to Santa Clara County in 1865 or 1866. Brandenburg married Sarah J. Hartwick, a native of Santa Clara in 1886. He purchased the subject property, then 10 acres, in 1890; it is unclear if the orchard predated his purchase. Under the Brandenburg ownership, the orchard contained prunes, apricots, peaches and cherries. Brandenburg owned the property and lived here with his wife and their four children until 1933. It appears there were five subsequent owners until 1958, when Martin Schibler purchased the residence. The Schibler family lived at the residence until at least 1999. Oral history as told by one of the Brandenburg children, Juanita Avenal Brandenburg Withrow, to the Schiblers after their purchase confirms the ownership record by the Brandenburgs.

Integrity

Although altered with replacement window sash and an enclosed second-floor porch area, the house retains adequate character-defining architectural design, workmanship and materials, as well as a historic location and setting, and the property continues to represent the historical associations and feelings of this residence.