

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): Rawdon Dell Ranch

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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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 .1 W. ; Mount Diablo B.M.

c. Address: 13631 Saratoga Ave. 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 Saratoga Avenue northeaset of Crestbrook Drive. APN# 393-25-031

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

This one-and-one-half-story house is a symmetrical Craftsman bungalow from the beginning of the twentieth century. The exterior is stucco with wood trim; wood sash are double hung, including traditional focal windows with fixed central windows and window boxes. A wide gable dormer punctuates the side-gabled roofline, mirroring the one-story gabled front porch below. The heavy porch posts rest on tapered stucco pedestals that enclose the concrete front stoop. The house has flared bargeboards with notched ends; these are supported on knee braces. According to City records, a significant landscape feature is the pair of date palms flanking the entrance on Saratoga Avenue and the mature live valley oak in the center of the gravel drive that leads to the house.

*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 northwest, July 2009.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic Prehistoric Both
1916, 93 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:

Amy June Jorgensen
13631 Saratoga Ave.
Saratoga CA 95070

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

F. Maggi, L. Dill, & J. Kusz
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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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Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Rawdon Dell Ranch

B1. Historic Name: John and Eliza Smith House

B2. Common Name: 13631 Saratoga Ave. - Jorgensen House

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Craftsman

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

Constructed about 1915 when part of a 32-acre ranch. Wrought iron bars have been attached to side windows.

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

Original Location: n/a

*B8. Related Features:

Detached garage to the rear and accessory shed

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Henry Bridges

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture

Area: Heritage Lane

Period of Significance: 1916

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.)

Rawdon Dell Ranch 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; and
- c) the property embodies distinctive characteristics of the Craftsman style, type and period.

Rawdon Dell Ranch appears eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources under Criterion (3), as the house embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Craftsman house-type within Saratoga's *City of Homes* period.

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

*B12. References:

Foote, H. *Pen Pictures from the Garden of the World*, 1888.
 Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission, Historic Resources Inventory form, 1988.

B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

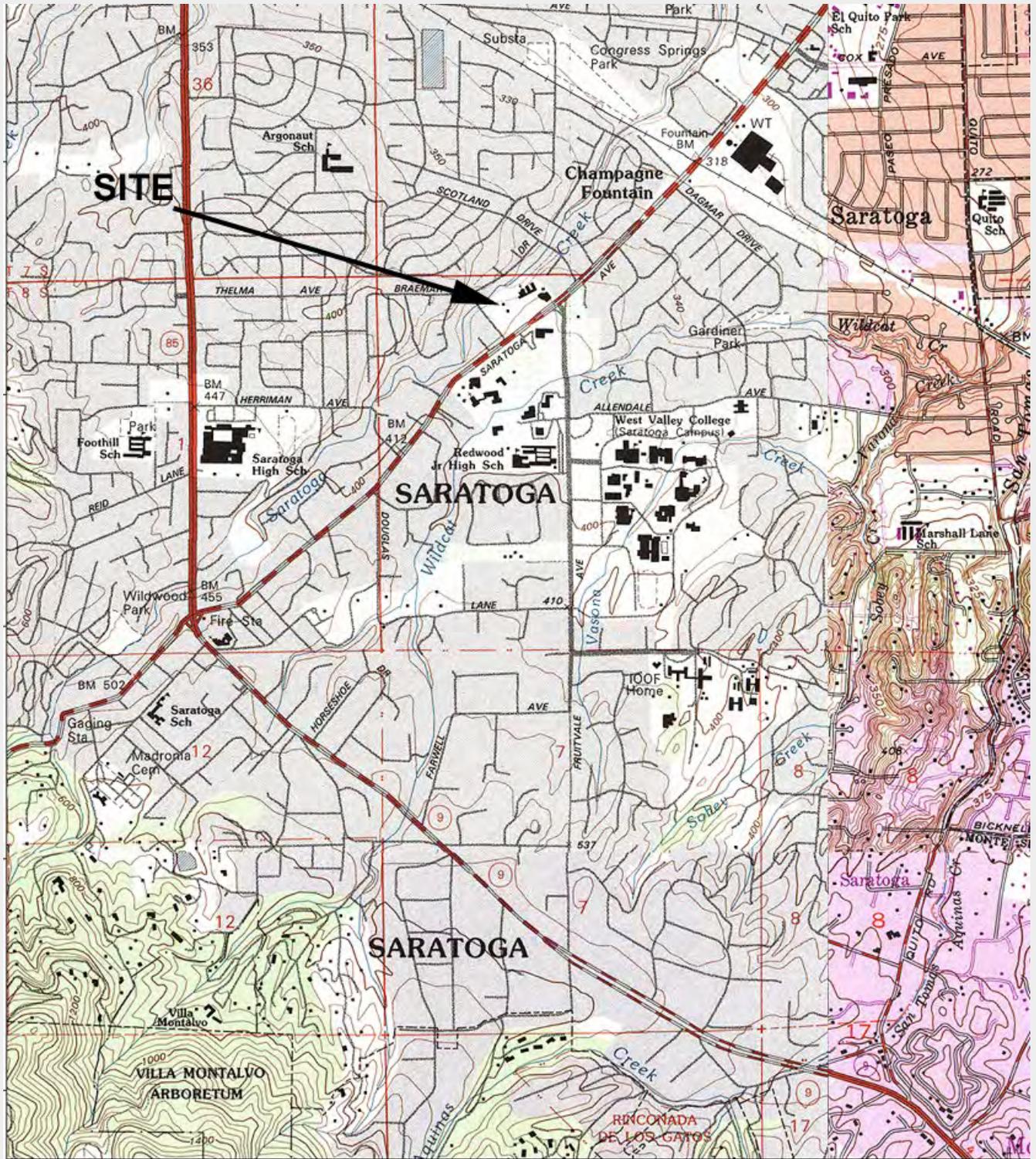
*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)





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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 property is the remaining portion of a much large ranch purchased by John Hinsley Ellsworth in 1878 from the original Quito land grant. John Ellsworth had emigrated to the United States from England in 1857. He came to California in 1859, and apparently came to Santa Clara Valley from Virginia City in 1878 when he purchased property near Saratoga. A year later his younger brother and sister-in-law Simeon and Jane (Craven) Ellsworth joined him and acquired interest in the property. The original property consisted of a large triangular parcel 57-acres in size northwest of Saratoga Creek, including land between Saratoga Creek and Saratoga Avenue from about Fruitvale Avenue southwest to about Las Casitas Court. The early property was cleared and initially developed and by the early 1880s the brothers had planted about 15 acres of grapes and other acreage in orchards. At the time John Ellsworth purchased the property in 1878, there was about an acre of Mission grapes, perhaps planted during the rancho period. By 1887 the Ellsworth brothers were producing about 10,000 gallons of wine. By 1903 the land had been split between the brothers, the subject property within the John Ellsworth portion. By 1914 this 32-acre portion of the original property was owned by John and Eliza John Smith. It was during this ownership period that the Smith's apparently built the house now known as Rawdon Dell, the name referring to Rawdon, England from where John and Eliza had emigrated. In more recent times the property was subdivided, portions now developed for housing and a school.

The current owner provided information in the 1980s that she is a descendant of the original owners, the family line including Ellsworth-Smith-Currier-Jorgensen families that have lived on the property.

Integrity

The house retains its architectural design, workmanship and materials, as well as a compatible setting and original location, and the property continues to embody the historical associations and feelings of this residence.