

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): Rowen House

P1. Other identifier: HP-91-01 (incorrectly addressed 13471)

*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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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: 13741 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 across from Baroni Court. APN# 393-45-044

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

This two-story house represents a Craftsman design from the beginning of the twentieth century. The side-gabled main roof is accented by a wide dormer with a butterfly gabled roof with crossed bargeboards. The design is similar to, but less detailed than, the Kerr House at 13361 Argonne Drive. The deep eaves feature exposed rafter tails and outlookers at the gable ends. The full-width recessed porch is supported by heavy square posts that rest on a solid handrail. Fenestration consists of 1/1 replacement windows and fixed focal windows with wide transoms. The house was converted to a duplex and back to a single-family residence, so the front door is recent. A driveway, front fence and a garage are major additions to the site since its original construction in 1903.

*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 southwest, July 2009.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic Prehistoric Both
c1910, 99 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:

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13741 Saratoga Ave.
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*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) Rowen House

B1. Historic Name: Unknown

B2. Common Name: 13741 Saratoga Ave.

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 circa 1910. Freestanding garage added in 1920's, modified to duplex in 1937 and returned to single-family residence recently; gravel driveway replaced with pavement.

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

Original Location: n/a

*B8. Related Features:

Large mature oaks on site

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture

Area: Heritage Lane

Period of Significance: 1910

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.)

The Rowen House is listed on the Saratoga Heritage Resources Inventory, included as a part of HP-91-01. It qualified under Criteria c, e, and f:

- c) the property embodies distinctive characteristics of the Craftsman style, type and period;
- e) the property embodies unique physical characteristics that represent an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood; and
- f) the property represented a significant concentration or continuity of site or buildings unified by past development.

The Rowen 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.

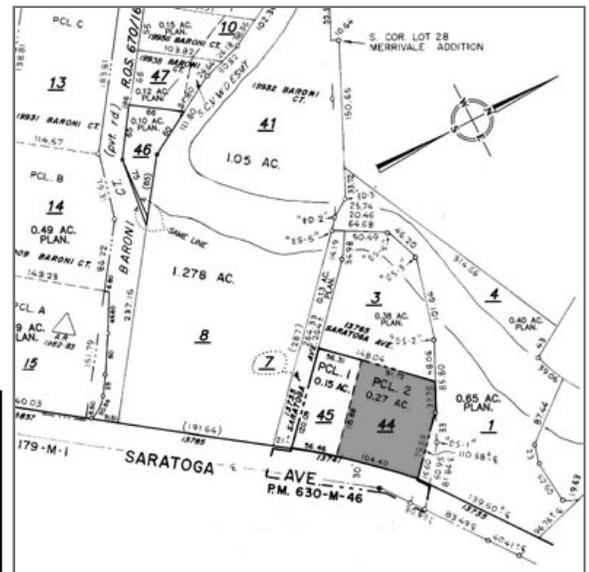
B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)

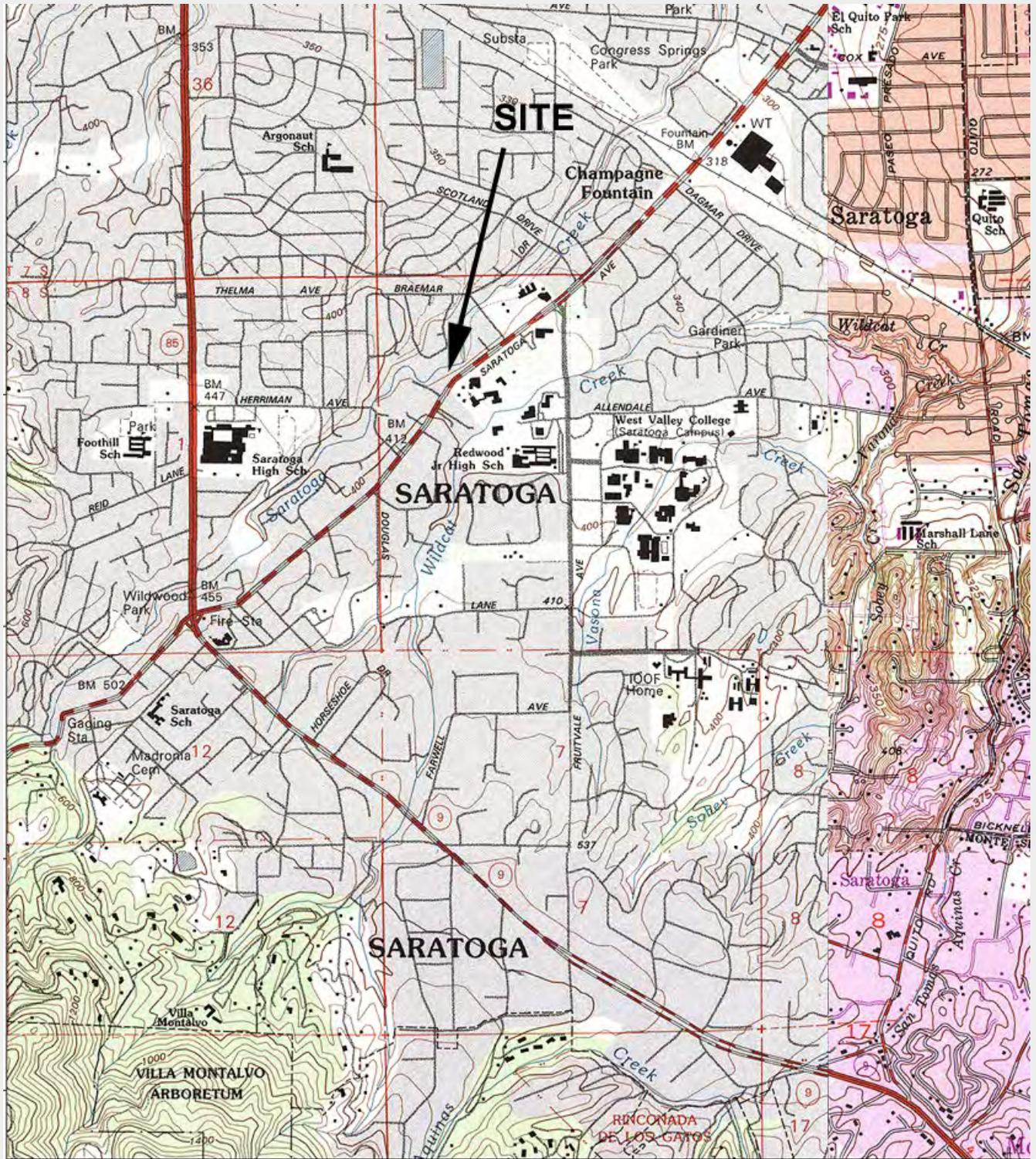
(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



* 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

The original owner and builder of this house is unknown. From 1937 to 1989 the house was owned by Florence Rowen. The estimated construction date of 1903 was provided in the 1980s by Fred Reed, a neighbor, although the house appears more likely to have been built about 1910 or later.

The conversion of the structure from a single family residence to a duplex in 1937 was accomplished by demising the interior at the stairwell. Ingress/egress to the two units is accomplished by each unit utilizing one side of the double door that was installed when the house was originally constructed. The house has since been reconverted into a single-family residence.

Integrity

Although slightly altered with replacement windows, 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 most of the historical associations and feelings of this residence.