

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): Former Methodist-Episcopal Church  
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 Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted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: 20490 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd. 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 side of Saratoga-Los Gatos Road northwest of Oak Street. APN# 517-09-021

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

Although altered with a new belfry design, front display windows and new side window replacements, this simple wooden church building represents a National-style design from the late-nineteenth century. The traditional form features a simple front-gable with a lower gabled entry; the boxed eaves are shallow and thin. The walls are clad in vertical board and batten. Original fenestration consists of 2/2 wood double-hung windows placed individually on the side elevation. These are surrounded by flat-board trim, shaped aprons, and shaped apron blocks typical of the late Victorian era. The original church building lacked a steeple and belfry; a traditional steeple was added in 1903. At a later date the steeple was removed and a belfry added. The clock was added in the 1950s, and the present square tower base was added in the 1970s. Recent alterations include large display windows on each corner of the front facade and the brick steps that lead to a glass front door with side glass panels.

\*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 southwest, July 2009.

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic  Prehistoric  Both  
1896, 113 years old.

\*P7. Owner and Address:

Mannaz Khazen  
20490 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd.  
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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**BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD**

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\*NRHP/CRHR Status Code 5S3

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Former Methodist-Episcopal Church

B1. Historic Name: Methodist-Episcopal Church

B2. Common Name: 20490 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd.

B3. Original Use: Church

B4. Present Use: Retail commercial

\*B5. Architectural Style: National (Pioneer)

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

Constructed 1896. Original steeple added 1903, removed later. Present roof and bell added 1980. Large corner windows and front glass door added 1965.

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

Original Location: n/a

\*B8. Related Features:

None

B9a. Architect: Charles F. Boosinger

b. Builder: Unknown

\*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture

Area: Saratoga Village

Period of Significance: 1896

Property Type: Religious

Applicable Criteria: None

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

Former Methodist-Episcopal Church is listed on the Saratoga Heritage Resources Inventory, included as a part of HP-88-01. It qualified under Criteria a, b and e:

- 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; and
- e) the property embodies unique physical characteristics that represent an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood.

Former Methodist-Episcopal Church does not appear eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources, as it is not a distinctive design, and has been modified in the recent past.

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

HP16. Religious building

\*B12. References:

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

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)

B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

\*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

\*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

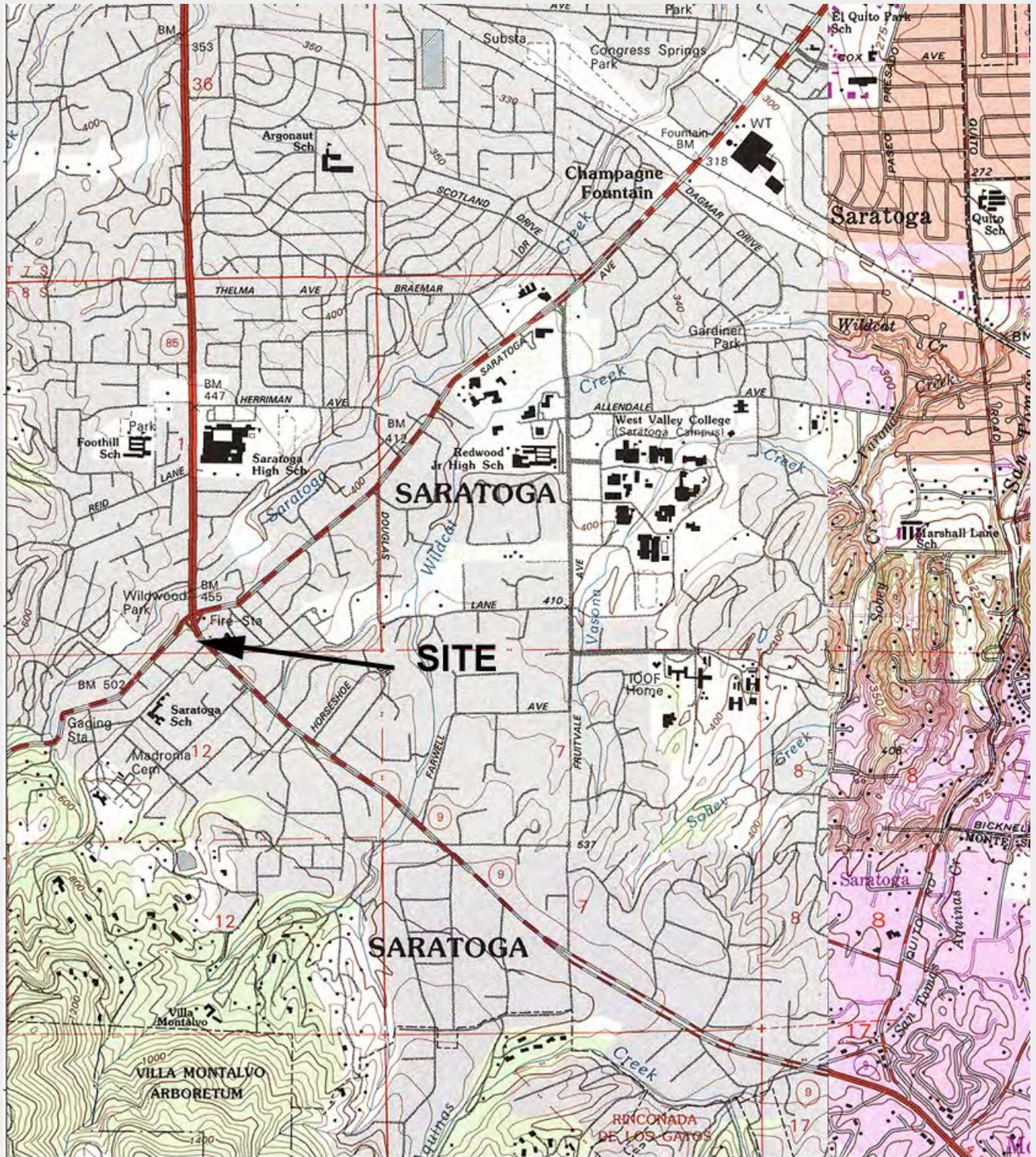
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\* Map Name: Multiple

\* Scale: n.t.s.

\* Date of Map: Varies



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\* Recorded By F. Maggi, L. Dill, & J. Kusz \* Date 10/26/2009  Continuation  Update

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### Historical Background

Designed by Charles Boosinger, the church was built in 1895, with a tall steeple added 1903. Construction of the church was supervised by Rev. Thomas B. Hopkins, who was followed as pastor by Rev. R. Tuttle in 1896, and by Dr. W. R. Gober in 1897. In 1924, the church was sold to the artist, Theodore Wores, who used it as a gallery until 1939. The building served as headquarters for the Red Cross and Civil Defense during World War II. It has been used as an antique shop.

### Architectural Context

The Former Methodist-Episcopal Church was said to have been designed by local architect Charles F. Boosinger. Little was discovered about Boosinger as a part of this recording.

### Integrity

Although altered with a new belfry design, front display windows and new side window replacements, the building 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 former church.