

Other Listings  
Review Code                      Reviewer                      Date

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P1. Other identifier: HP-88-01, 14421 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road

\*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 Location:     Not for Publication     Unrestricted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:    18820 Terrace Ct.                      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)

                    north side of Terrace Court west of Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road.                      APN# 503-23-055

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

This two-story house is a Craftsman design by renowned architect Julia Morgan. The gabled house has a two-story arched side window as its focus; it is accented by a raised gable end and flanked by low eaves that extend from the main roof. The front of the house has an asymmetrical gable; the north side has an extended roof, and the south side and rear of the house have high second stories. The eaves are deep with exposed rafter tails; split bargeboards are supported by curving brackets and beveled outlookers. The windows are primarily tripartite casements with multi-lite sash; the windows all appear to be replacements. The front door and sidelights are recessed within a flat-arched entry. The front entry and the front focal window have flat-board hoods with curved brackets. In front of the house is a large heritage oak tree. There is a new detached garage and replacement arbors. The property has been subdivided and a street cut near the south side of the original 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 north, July 2009.

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic     Prehistoric     Both  
                    c 1907, 102 years old.

\*P7. Owner and Address:

John & Roz Fazio  
18820 Terrace Ct.  
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

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\*NRHP/CRHR Status Code 5S3

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B1. Historic Name: B. Grant Taylor House

B2. Common Name: 18820 Terrace Ct.

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 1907. Rehabilitated.

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

Original Location: n/a

\*B8. Related Features:

Heritage tree (Coastal live oak)

B9a. Architect: Julia Morgan

b. Builder: Unknown

\*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture and Shelter

Area: Congress Springs / Pierce Road

Period of Significance: 1907

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

- 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 Craftsman style, type and period; and
- d) the property is representative of a notable design by architect Julia Morgan.

The Taylor House does appear not eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources, as the building appears to lack sufficient integrity to its original materials.

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

\*B12. References:

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

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)

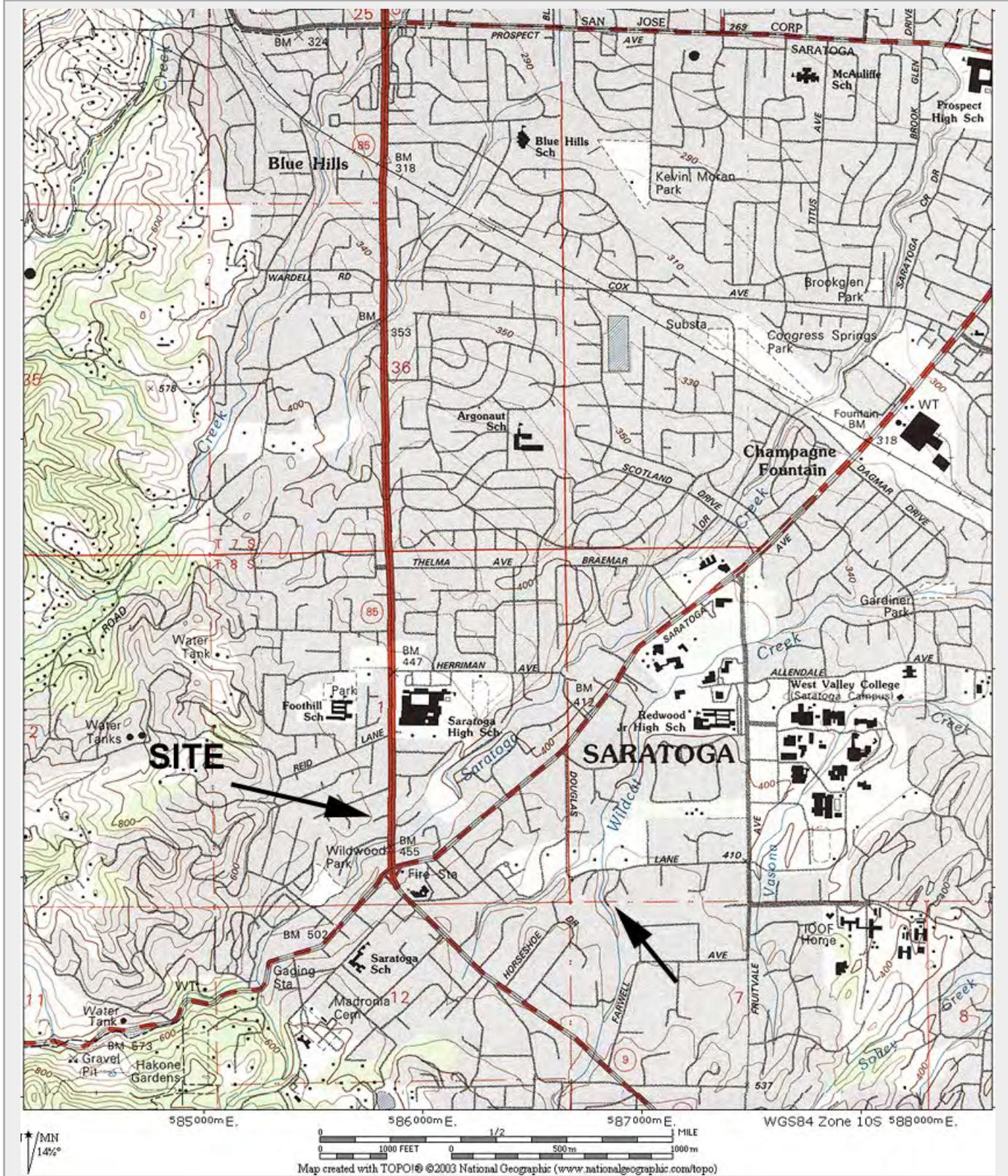


B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

\*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

\*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)



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

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### Historical Background

Built in 1906-07 for B. Grant Taylor, this house was designed by Julia Morgan, the prominent Bay Area architect. Mr. Taylor was California's first Supreme Court reporter. In 1908 he served as president of the Saratoga Improvement Association. The house was later owned by the Grunskys, who used it as a summer home and boarding house, known as "The Terrace." Former president, Richard Nixon, stayed here as a youth. In 1955, John Kahle purchased the house from Mrs. Grunsky.

### Architectural Context

Julia Morgan (1872-1957) was an architect of over 700 building in California. She is best known for her work on Hearst Castle in San Simeon, California. Born in San Francisco, she graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1894 with a degree in civil engineering, and attended the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, being the first woman to graduate in architecture from that acclaimed school. Returning to San Francisco, she first worked for Galen Howard who was designed the Berkeley campus at that time, and then opened her own office in 1904 in San Francisco. Her best known works not commissioned by William Randolph Hearst include a number of YWCAs, Mills College Bell Tower, Asilomar Conference Grounds, and Berkeley City Club. She was inducted into the California Hall of Fame in 2008. In Saratoga, she was the designer of the Foothill Club, Saratoga Federated Church, and a number of large residences. She also designed Montezuma Boys School in the Los Gatos foothills.

### Integrity

Although retaining some of its original form and detailing, the house has been restored with all-new replacement porch, siding, windows, doors, and trim. The larger surrounding parcel was recently subdivided, and the house is surrounded by houses designed to replicate many of the significant details of this house. The associations with workmanship, materials, and setting have been lost.