

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): Andersen House

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 Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted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 .7 S. ; R .1 W. ; Mount Diablo B.M.

c. Address: 12239 Titus 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)

west side of Titus Avenue north of Brookview Drive.

APN# 386-28-002

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

There is reportedly a nineteenth-century National-style farmhouse encapsulated in this house, but the current design more closely represents an early-twentieth-century design. City records indicate that it was originally a simple rectangle with only three rooms, and that there have been many additions over time. The house is low to grade and topped by a moderately sloped hipped roof. Centered in the front gable is a 12-lite gabled attic dormer, typical of Neoclassical designs of the early twentieth century. The front of the house has two offset 16/1 single-hung windows wood windows. The off-center front door is flanked by shutters and is reached by a low brick stoop. A major architectural feature of this house is the bay window on the north side, which was reportedly added in the early 1900's. The central window in the bay is identical to the two windows in the front of the house. The original tank house is at the rear.

\*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

Circa late 1880's, 120 years old.

\*P7. Owner and Address:

John Drexler  
PO Box 2226  
Cupertino CA 95015

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

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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

DPR 523A (1/95)

\* Required Information

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\*NRHP/CRHR Status Code 5S3

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Andersen House

B1. Historic Name: Andersen House

B2. Common Name: 12239 Titus Ave.

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: National (Pioneer)

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

Constructed circa 1880s. Remodeled either circa 1910 or in recent times. Three bedrooms and two bathrooms have been added as well as an enclosed rear porch.

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

Original Location: n/a

\*B8. Related Features:

Tankhouse, garage

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

\*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture and Shelter

Area: Triangle North

Period of Significance: c1880s

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 Andersen House 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.

The Andersen House may be eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources under Criterion (3), assuming that the authenticity of the present design can be confirmed to the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, as the house appears to embody the distinctive characteristics of the National style house-type from Saratoga's period of Horticultural Development.

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

\*B12. References:

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

B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

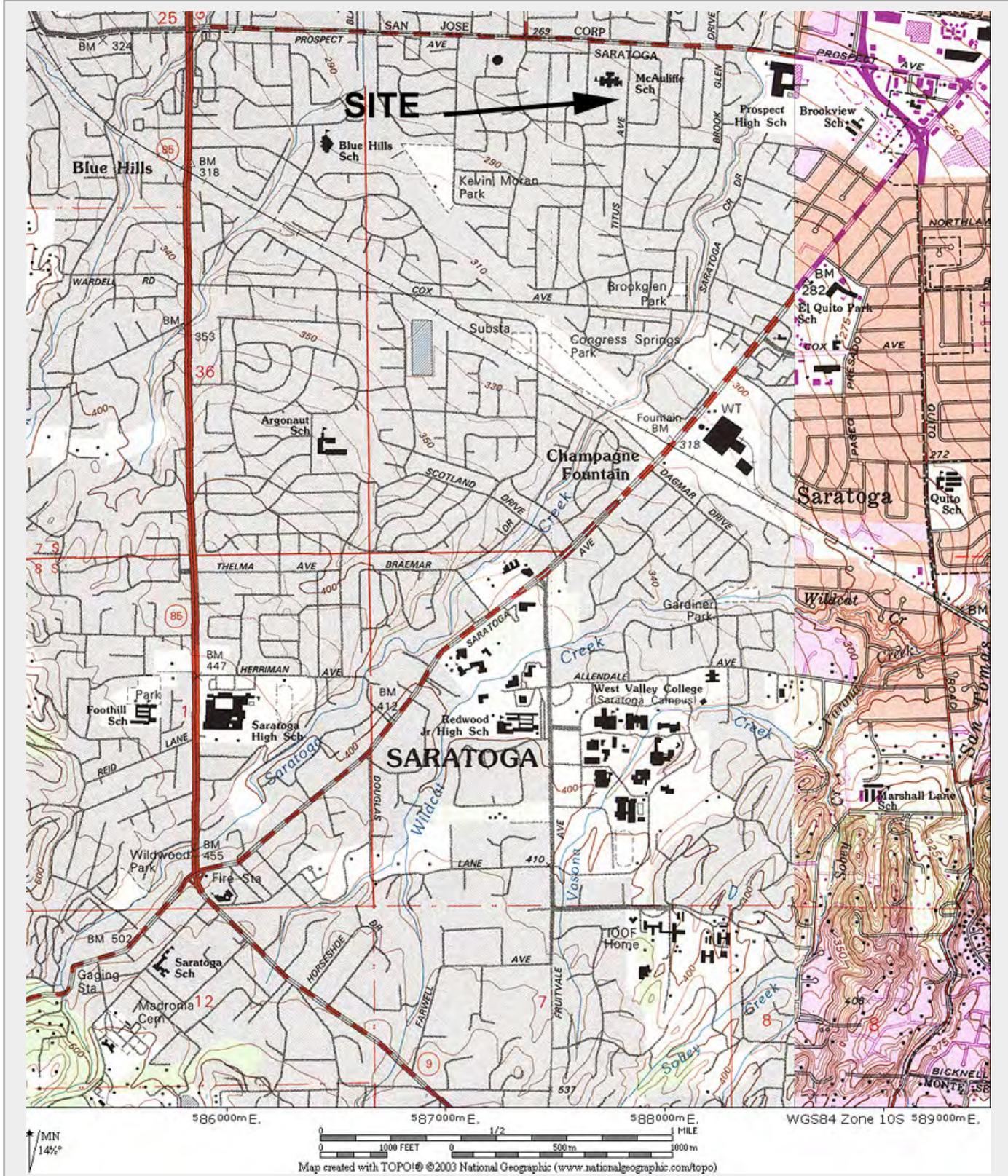
\*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

\*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)





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

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### Historical Background

This apparent farmhouse was built in the 1880's by James and Christina Andersen who emigrated from Denmark. Their children were all born and raised in the house. The Andersens owned ten acres and could see through their orchard to Saratoga Creek to the east. James was a farmer and raised prunes and few apricots. Their neighbors to the north were the Hansens (Mrs. Hansen was Christina's sister). Hansen School is now located there. Mr. and Mrs. Andersen lived in the house until the 1940's when they moved to San Mateo to live with their daughter, Alice.

### Integrity

The present house appears to encapsulate much of the original architectural design, workmanship and materials; however, the house has been expanded over time, altering the historic setting and design, and only some of the historic associations and feelings are preserved in this property. It is not known whether the present style of the house is an overlay in the circa 1910 period, or if it was done in recent times.