

State of California - The Resources Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

Primary #
 HRI #

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*NRHP/CRHR Status Code 5S3

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Anna Bee House

B1. Historic Name: Anna Bee House

B2. Common Name: 21120 Wardell Rd.

B3. Original Use: Residence

B4. Present Use: Residence

*B5. Architectural Style: Neoclassical

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

Constructed circa 1902. Shed dormers on attic added.

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

Original Location: n/a

*B8. Related Features:

Arboretum on south side; adjoining barn is now on separate parcel and was converted to residence in 1969.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture and Shelter

Area: Mr. Eden

Period of Significance: c1902

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

- c) the property embodies distinctive characteristics of the Neoclassical style, type and period; and
- e) the property embodies unique physical characteristics that represent an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood.

The Anna Bee House may be eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources under Criterion (3), as the house appears to embody the distinctive characteristics of early twentieth century Neoclassical residential architecture, but would require more intensive onsite investigation into the building and property.

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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

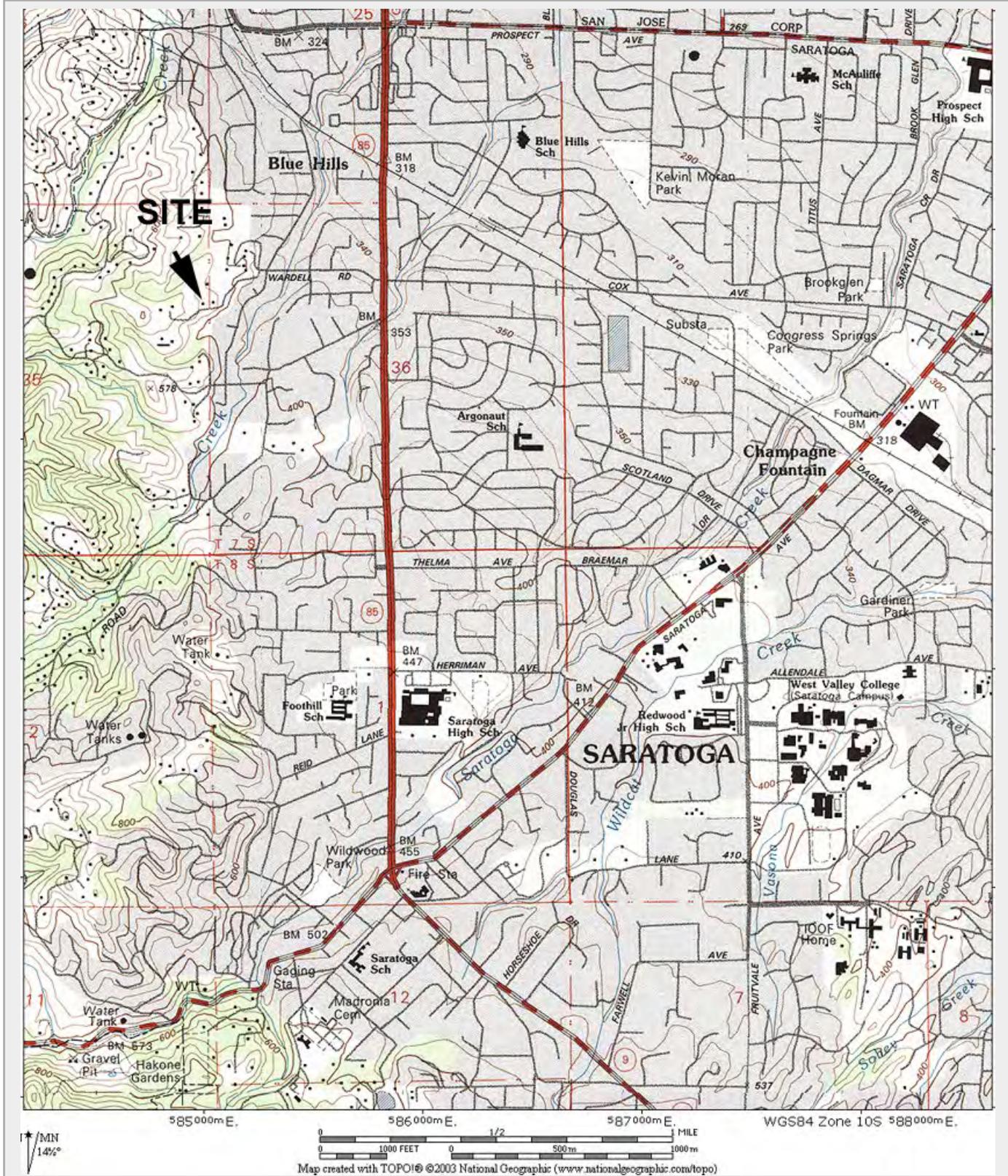
*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

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(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)





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Historical Background

The original owner of this house was Anna Bee, a native of Eden, Maine, who purchased 25 acres of land from a Mr. McGraw in 1902. The house was built shortly after. In 1921 the property was sold by C.A. O'Connor to Clara Wooster, realtor and wife of Charles B. Wooster, a prominent attorney. The house remained in the Wooster family for 44 years until 1965 when the Wooster's son, David, sold it and two acres to Lui and Marcelle Venator. Mrs. Venator, a well known skier, is noted as being one of the first women sportscasters. After her death in 1983, the house was vacant until sold in 1987. The barn, dating from 1905, lies downhill from the house to the northeast; it was sold in 1969 with 2.7 acres by David Wooster to Charles Guichard, who converted it to a residence. Much of the property was put into wine grapes and Mr. Guichard carries on a small winemaking operation in the basement of the original barn.

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 the historical associations and feelings of this residence.