

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): Fabretti 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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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 .8 S. ; R .2 W. ; Mount Diablo B.M.

c. Address: 14669 Big Basin Way 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 Big Basin Way west of Sixth Street.

APN# 503-25-016

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

This setting of this one-story Saratoga Pioneer cottage includes a creek-rock retaining wall topped by a redwood picket fence along the street frontage. The house is almost entirely obscured by a trellis covered by vines.

The National-style house with its gabled roof and channel-rustic siding typifies vernacular design from the nineteenth century. This building type dates from as early as the pre-railroad American era, from the 1850s to the 1870s, although National-style houses continued to be built as late as 1880s in the form of Victorian farm houses. The house features original wood double-hung windows, but has a replacement door. Over the years the structure has been added to in stages 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
1881, 128 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:

Antoinette V Fitzsimmons Trust
14611 Big Basin Way Unit E
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

DPR 523A (1/95)

* Required Information

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*NRHP/CRHR Status Code 5S3

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Fabretti House

- B1. Historic Name: Fabretti House
- B2. Common Name: 14669 Big Basin Way
- B3. Original Use: Single family residential
- B4. Present Use: Multifamily residential
- *B5. Architectural Style: National (Pioneer)
- *B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
 Constructed in 1881. Rear additions.

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

*B8. Related Features:
 Rental cottages at rear.

B9a. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture Area: Saratoga Village
 Period of Significance: c1881 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 Fabretti House is listed on the Saratoga Heritage Resources Inventory, included as a part of HP-88-01. It qualified under Criteria a and e:

- a) the property exemplifies and reflects special elements of the cultural, social, economic, aesthetic, and architectural history of Saratoga; and
- e) the property contributes to the unique physical characteristics of The Village.

The Fabretti House does not appear to be appears eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources at this time, as the house does not appear to distinctly represent the characteristics of the National-house type from Saratoga's period of Horticultural Development.

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

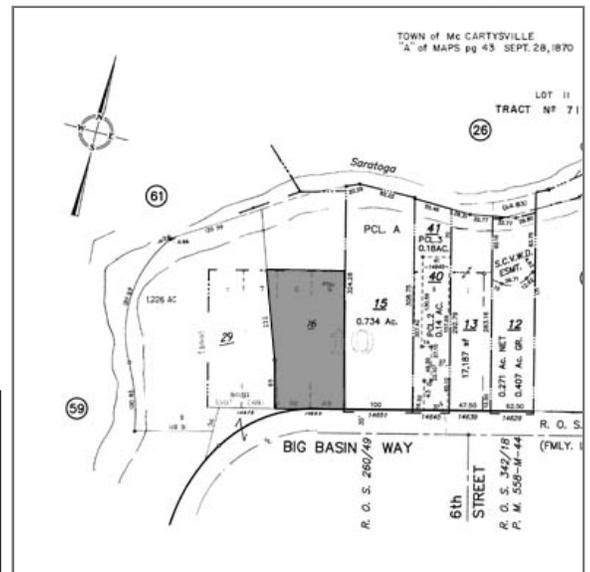
*B12. References:
 Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission, Historic Resources Inventory form, 1988.

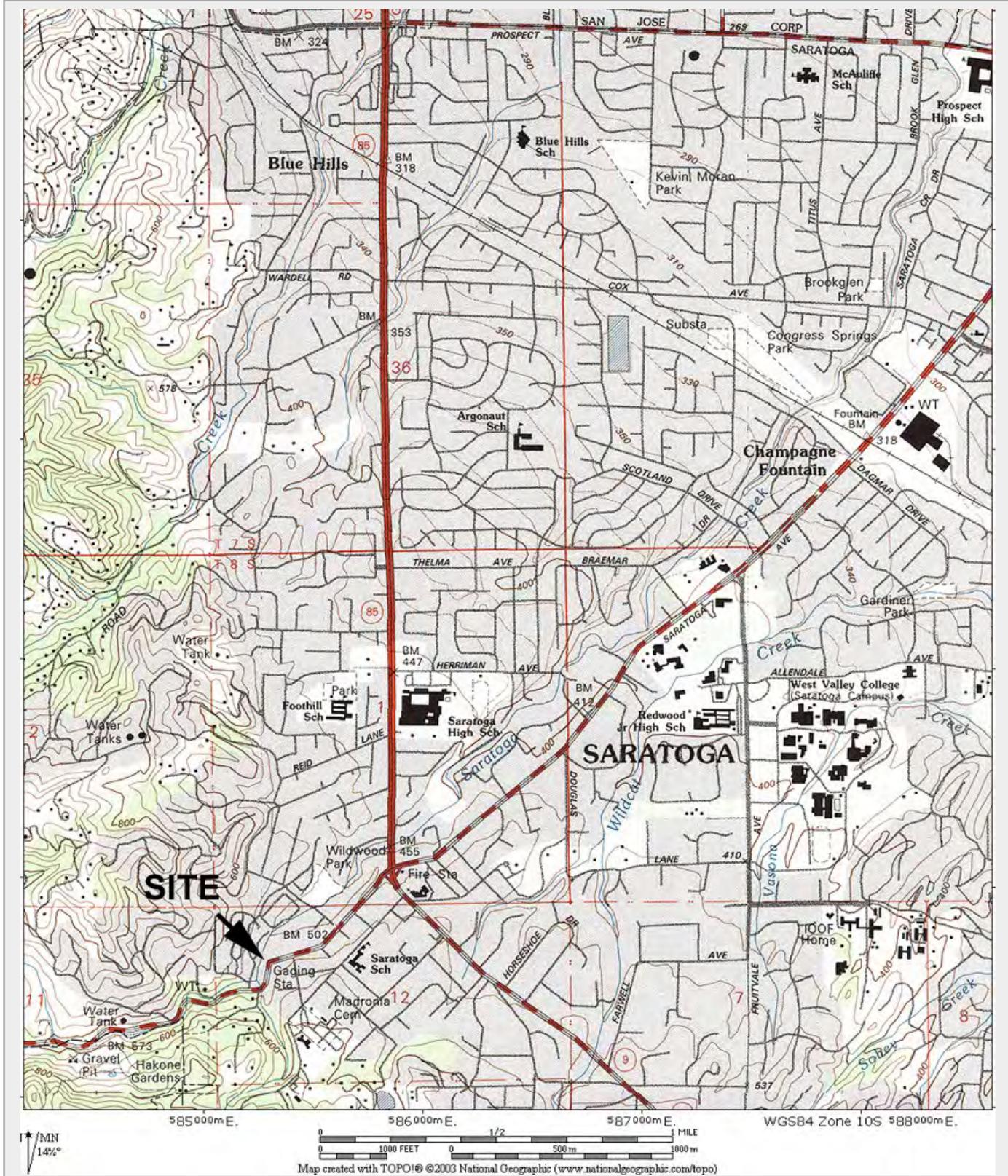
(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)

B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi
 *Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)





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

This property was originally owned by Hannah McCarty, and in 1881 was sold to Antonio Fabretti who constructed a house that year. He lived here with his wife, Maria, and their children.

Fabretti emigrated from Switzerland and worked as a saloon keeper. The Fabretti family was active in the Saratoga community. Antonio Fabretti died in 1890 and his wife continued to live in the residence. Their son, Joseph Fabretti went onto be a successful stock broker in San Jose and built a home on Saratoga Avenue. An early recording of this property in the 1980s alleged that the location of this structure strongly supported conjecture that it was a watering stop for stock as they hauled the lumber wagons up and down Big Basin Way. This use was neither confirmed nor disproved as a part of this study.

Integrity

Although altered with a new door, new porch design, and rear additions over time, the cottage retains adequate character-defining architectural design, workmanship and materials, as well as a historic location and setting within Saratoga Village, and the property continues to represent the historical associations and feelings of this residence.