

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): Cloud-Smith Building

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 Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted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: 14501 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)

southwest corner of Big Basin Way and Third Street.

APN# 503-24-070

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

These two connected buildings have differing histories. The symmetrical northern half, at the corner of Third Street, was built in 1884 as a store. It includes herringbone wood panels below the double-hung windows, which are likely to be original to the building. The limestone for the walls was quarried in the hills above Saratoga and tied with hand-wrought steel tie rods and plates. The upper floor was a later addition; it typifies local vernacular design, referred to as National style. The front facade includes a overhanging upper level and double-hung windows. It is topped by a simple gable roof with boxed eaves and eave returns; these features typify the 1880s. The asymmetrical southern portion was built in 1895 as a residence. It is two stories and represents Victorian design with its hipped main roof, accent gables with a decorative fan pattern, channel-rustic siding, double-hung windows, and wraparound front porch with decorative columns, rails, balustrades, and brackets.

\*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 west, July 2009.

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic  Prehistoric  Both  
 1884, 125 years old and 1895, 114 years old.

\*P7. Owner and Address:

Brozda Family Trust et al  
 235 Linden St.  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95062

\*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) Cloud-Smith Building

B1. Historic Name: Cloud-Smith Building

B2. Common Name: 14501 Big Basin Way

B3. Original Use: Retail commercial

B4. Present Use: Retail commercial

\*B5. Architectural Style: National

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

Constructed 1884 and 1895.

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

Original Location: n/a

\*B8. Related Features:

None

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: John Hutchinson

\*B10. Significance: Theme Commerce

Area: Saratoga Village

Period of Significance: 188 - 1895

Property Type: Commercial

Applicable Criteria: None

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

The Cloud-Smith Building 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 contributes to the unique physical characteristics of The Village.

The Cloud-Smith Building does not appear eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources, as it lacks adequate integrity to the original design for it to distinctively represent the era in which it was built.

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

\*B12. References:

- San Jose Evening News, 2/9/1907.
- San Jose Evening News, 4/6/1907.
- Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission, Historic Resources Inventory form, 1988.

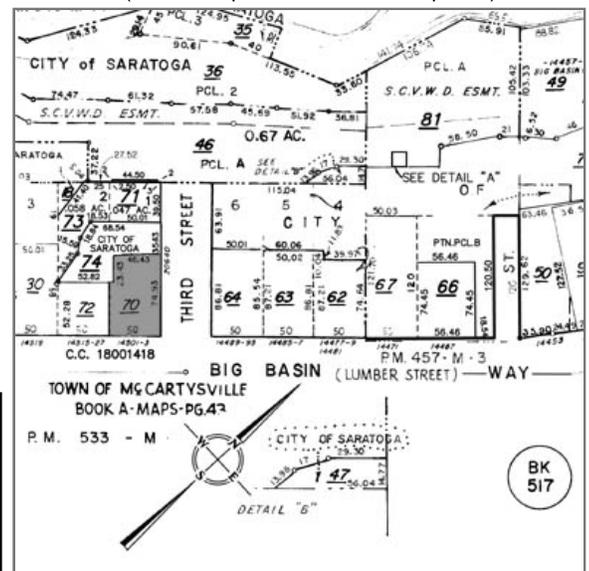
B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

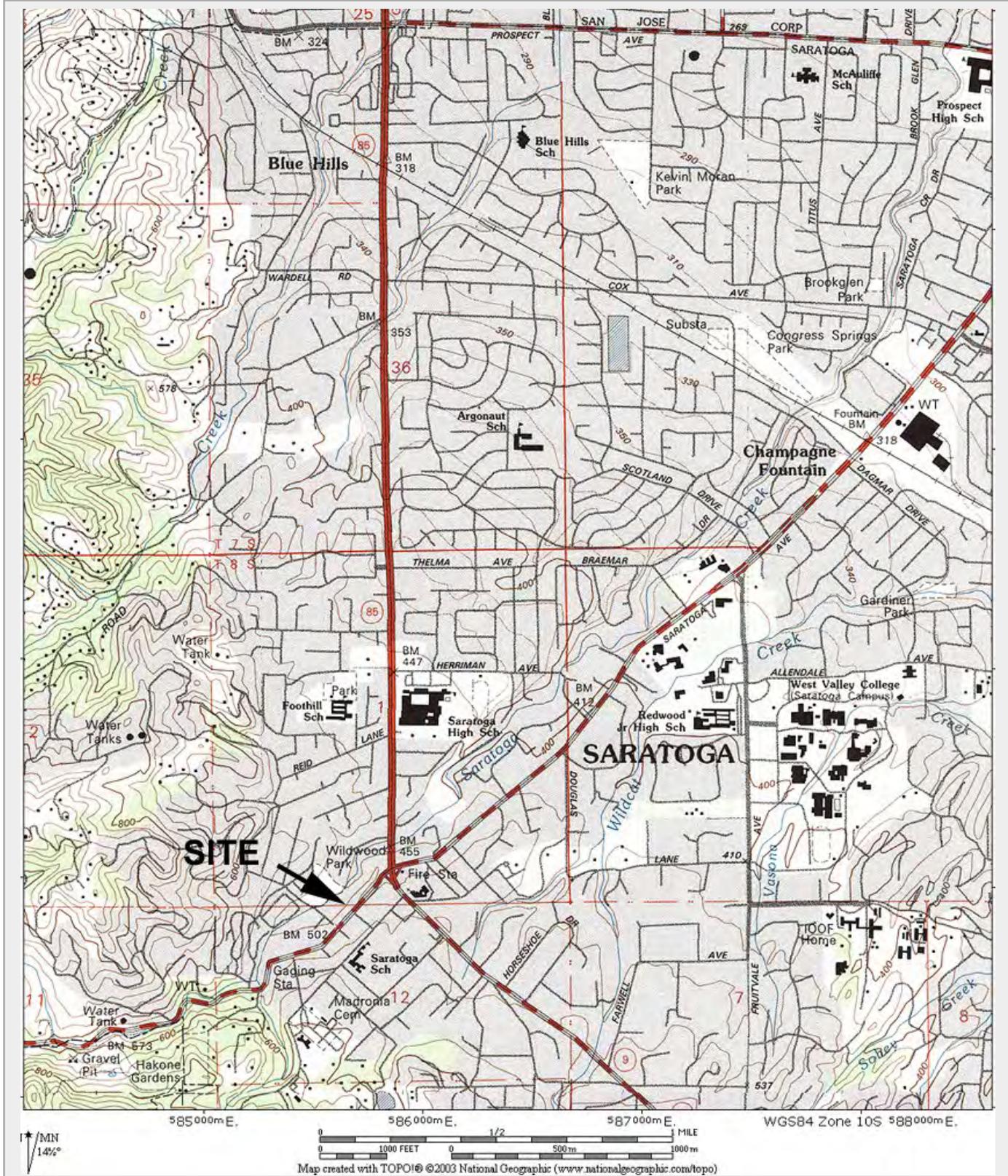
\*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

\*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**

The corner building on this property is one of two commercial buildings in the Saratoga Village built by John Hutchinson in 1884. The other commercial building is located across the street at 14495 Big Basin Way and is known as the Hutchinson Building. This building was reportedly originally built as a one-story stone building, but may have been two stories.

Hutchinson, born in Columbia County, George in 1921, was a farmer who came to McCartysville from Texas in 1852. He established a farm north of McCartsville, and also for a while engaged in lumbering. In 1856 he acquired an interest in a lime kiln about 1/2 mile south of McCartysville, later buying out the company and pre-empted 160 acres of land on which it was located. By 1859 he had ceased production, and turned his attention to clearing the land and farmed his acreage. In 1868, Hutchinson married Matilda Potter, a native of Illinois. In 1884, a few years following her early death, he sold what remained of his 160 acres, and moved to downtown Saratoga where he engaged in the mercantile business. In 1886, Hutchinson was appointed Postmaster, and the following year he ceased operating his business. John Hutchinson operated his general store out of the first floor of this building. By 1918, the second story was used as an I.O.O.F Hall.

In 1893, the property was purchased by Sam Cloud, who came to Saratoga from New Jersey and operated a mercantile store in the building. In 1895, Cloud's wife, Jessie, and daughter, Laura, arrived in Saratoga and Cloud reportedly added 15 feet to the rear of the corner building, and appears to have had built the Victorian residence adjacent to the store building. Cloud also built and owned the c1890 Sam Cloud Hay and Feed Warehouse on 20640 Third St., originally on the same parcel as these buildings.

On February 9, 1907, Samuel Cloud became the first streetcar fatality in Saratoga when he was struck and instantly killed by an Interurban streetcar that had jumped a rail switch within 15 feet of the Cloud-Smith Building. His wife and daughter sued the Interurban Company for \$25,000 in damages from the accident. Laura Cloud later married Tom Smith, who later managed the store. Smith eventually became owner of the store which was then known as the Smith Store.

**Integrity**

The buildings retain adequate architectural design, workmanship and materials, as well as a compatible setting within Saratoga Village, and the property continues to represent the historical associations and feelings of this former commercial/meeting hall building and former residence.