

Other Listings  
Review Code

Reviewer

Date

Page 1 of 4 \*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder): Grover 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 Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted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: 14521 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)

northwest side of Big Basin Way between Third and Fourth Streets. APN# 503-24-020

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

This National-style ("Pioneer") cottage typifies the small one-story gabled residences of the late-nineteenth century in rural Saratoga. This vernacular 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, such as this one. It has original narrow roof span, relatively steep gabled roof, double-hung windows, channel-rustic horizontal wood siding, shallow boxed eaves, flat-board frieze and corner boards. The front door and front window have been replaced, but there are no other apparent major alterations to the building.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

\*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  
c1895, 114 years old.

\*P7. Owner and Address:

Ruth M Long Trust et al  
PO Box 2095  
Saratoga CA 95070

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

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\*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

**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) Grover House

- B1. Historic Name: David and Nancy Grover House
- B2. Common Name: 14521 Big Basin Way
- B3. Original Use: Single family residential
- B4. Present Use: Vacant

**\*B5. Architectural Style:** National

**\*B6. Construction History:** (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)  
 Constructed circa 1895.

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

**\*B8. Related Features:**  
 None

B9a. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Unknown

**\*B10. Significance: Theme** Architecture **Area:** Saratoga Village  
**Period of Significance:** c1895 **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 Grover 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
- e) the property contributes to the unique physical characteristics of The Village.

The Grover House does not appear eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources, as it lacks quality of architectural 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:**

- Garrod, Saratoga Story, .
- San Jose Evening News, 12/12/1906.
- Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission, Historic Resources Inventory form, 1988.
- U.S. Census, 1880-1930.

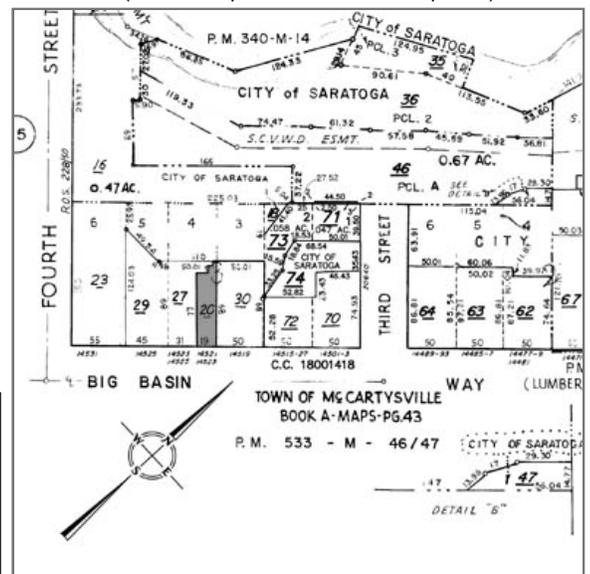
B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

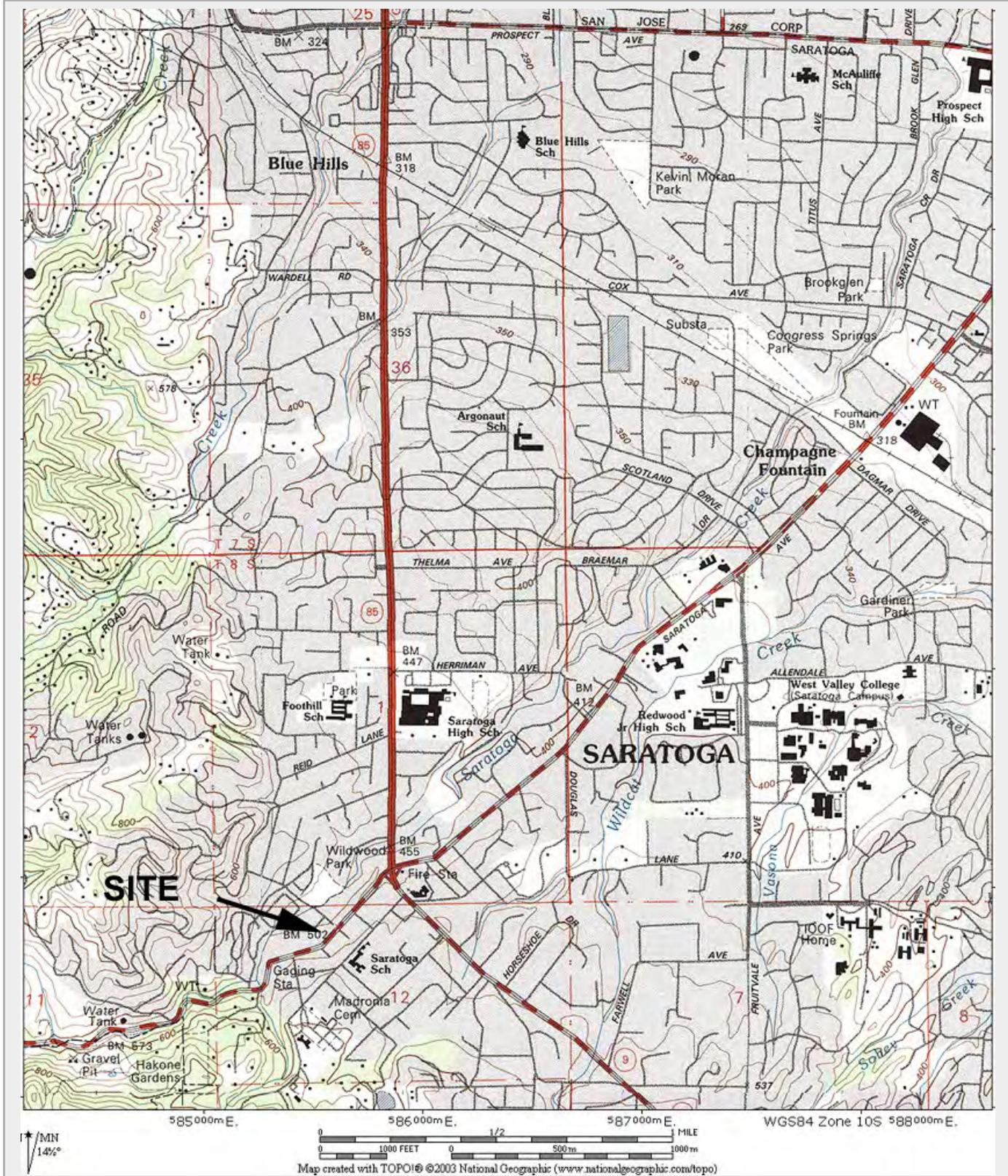
**\*B14. Evaluator:** Franklin Maggi

**\*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 small vernacular cottage was apparently built about 1895 and was owned by David and Nancy Grover. It is one of the smallest single-family cottages in the Saratoga Village commercial core. David Grover worked as a farmer and they lived here with their son, Harry, who was a laborer on a farm. After David's death in 1906 at age 90, Nancy continued to live here with her son. Nancy was active in community and church activities in Saratoga. The house is now used as a commercial building on Big Basin Way.

### Integrity

Although altered with a replacement front window sash and new door, 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.