



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 3CS

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Casa de Tesoro

B1. Historic Name: Dr. Clemmer Peck Residence

B2. Common Name: 14288 Chester Ave.

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

\*B5. Architectural Style: Spanish Eclectic

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

(See page 4, DPR523L)

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

Original Location: n/a

\*B8. Related Features:

Garden.

B9a. Architect: Hans Sumpf (Warren Heid 1967 addition) b. Builder: Howard Haldeman (1967 Addition)

\*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture Area: Fruitvale / Sobey Road

Period of Significance: 1935 Property Type: Residential Applicable Criteria: (3)

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

Casa de Tesoro is listed on the Saratoga Heritage Resources Inventory, included as a part of HP-98-01. It qualified under Criteria a and c:

- b) the property is identified with persons significant in local history;
- c) the property embodies distinctive characteristics of the Spanish Eclectic style, type and period; and
- e) the property embodies or contributes to unique physical characteristics representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood within Saratoga.

Casa de Tesoro also appears eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources under Criterion (3), as the house embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Spanish Eclectic house-type within Saratoga's City of Homes period.

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

\*B12. References:

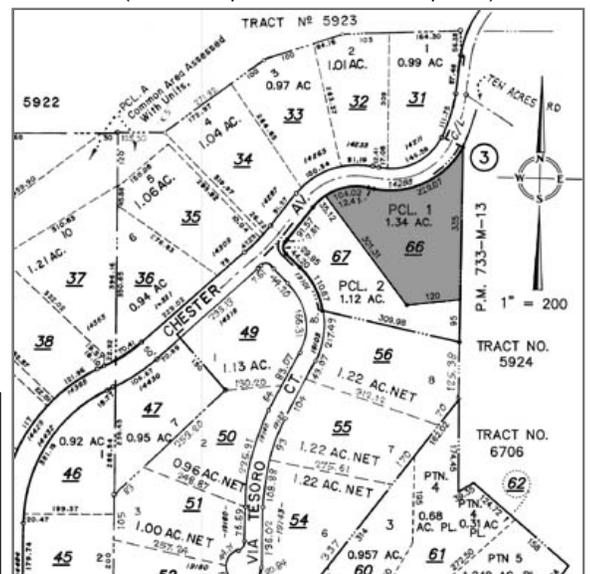
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B13. Remarks: Designated Landmark Structure

\*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

\*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

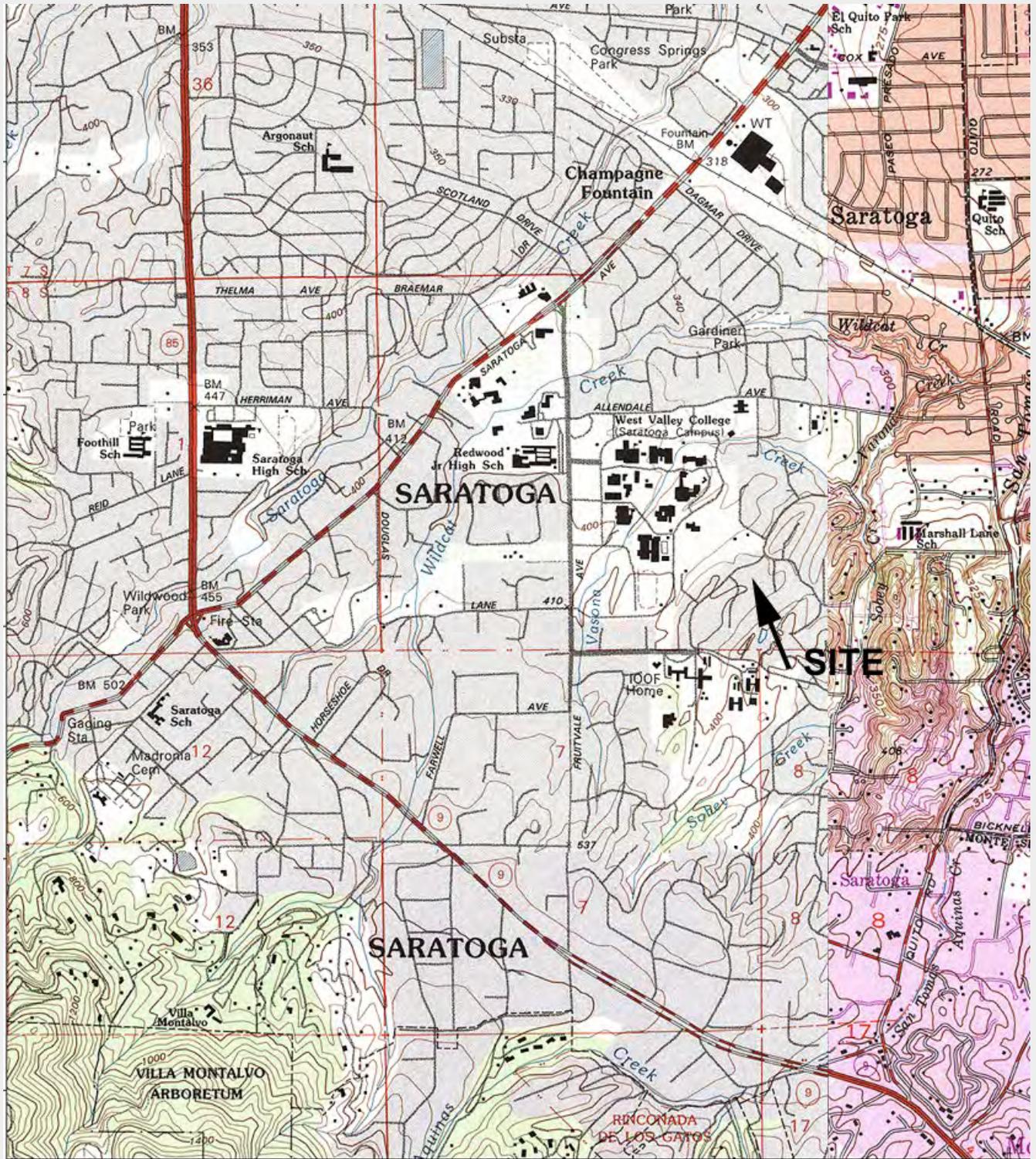
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\* Scale: n.t.s.

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

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Construction began in 1935 using authentic adobe bricks and was interrupted by World War II with only the six arched loggia, the three-car garage and a hobby room completed. In 1967, a large new wing was constructed using the remainder of the adobe bricks over wood frame. Heating, plumbing and flooring were added to existing structure. The garage became a 30' x 40' high-ceiling living room.

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#### **Historical Background**

Casa de Tesoro, "House of Treasure" is a unique residential structure located in what was once unincorporated Santa Clara County. Construction on this adobe house was begun in 1935, and there have been only two subsequent owners. The second owner added an extensive new wing in 1967, utilizing the same custom-made adobe bricks used to build the original section. The addition was designed in the same Spanish Eclectic style, with red tile roof and arches.

It is the first of two structures constructed of adobe in Saratoga, the other being Casa de Tesoro, a 13,000 square foot Mission-style house on Quito Road built with adobe bricks in 1941-43.

#### **Architectural Context**

Hans Sumpf (1914-1985) was founder of Hans Sumpf Company, Inc, of Madera, manufacturer of made-to-order Mission-clay roofing tiles. The company had a 70-year history, closing in late 2005. They perfected a durable, waterproof adobe brick, and created a unique ceramic milieu of sculptured wall surfaces in clay. Hans Sumpf, was born in Coalinga, California, in 1914, the son of German immigrants. He studied engineering at Stanford. He partnered with George MacFadden, and established his business in the 1930s making bricks with an asphalt emulsion. He executed the restoration of Mission San Juan Bautista, and the Mission San Jose reconstruction.

#### **Integrity**