

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): Almond Hill

P1. Other identifier: HP-88-01 HP-23

*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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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: 14475 Oak Place 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 Oak Place east of Park Place.

APN# 397-22-053

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

This one-and-one-half-story house represents a Craftsman design from the early-twentieth century. Houses from the Craftsman era—about 1905 to 1925—embody a local design response to the Arts-and-Crafts movement, as presented in such historic magazines as *Craftsman*. The character of this house is embodied in its deep eaves, broad bell-cast roof, and shed dormer. Part of the imposing roofline covers a recessed "L"-shaped porch while a gable extends over a porte cochere. The porch is surrounded by massive square posts, wrapped in the same shingles as the house. A tripartite focal window is featured at the first floor, while the second story includes an unusual combination of wood slider unit surrounded by angled eave units. City records indicate that the wood casement windows were restored from a former plate-glass alteration. Oak Place reportedly separated the original carriage house from this property; it has been renovated for use as a residence.

*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 north, July 2009.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic Prehistoric Both
1910-1912, about 97 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:

Marltagle Trust
14475 Oak Place
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) Almond Hill

B1. Historic Name: Emily Ruth Harris Bell House

B2. Common Name: 14475 Oak Place

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Shingle

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

Constructed circa 1910-1912. Original entrance relocated.

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

Original Location: n/a

*B8. Related Features:

Detached garage.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture

Area: Saratoga Village

Period of Significance: c1911

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.)

Almond Hill is listed on the Saratoga Heritage Resources Inventory, included as a part of HP-88-01. It qualified under Criteria a and b:

- a) the property exemplifies and reflects special elements of the cultural, social, economic, aesthetic, and architectural history of Saratoga; and
- b) the property is identified with persons significant in local history;

Almond Hill is eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources, as it is a Designated Landmark Structure.

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

*B12. References:

Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission, Historic Resources Inventory form, 1988.

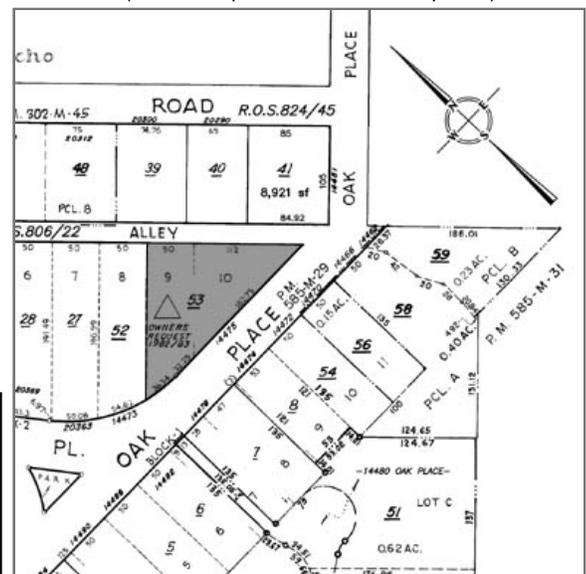
(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)

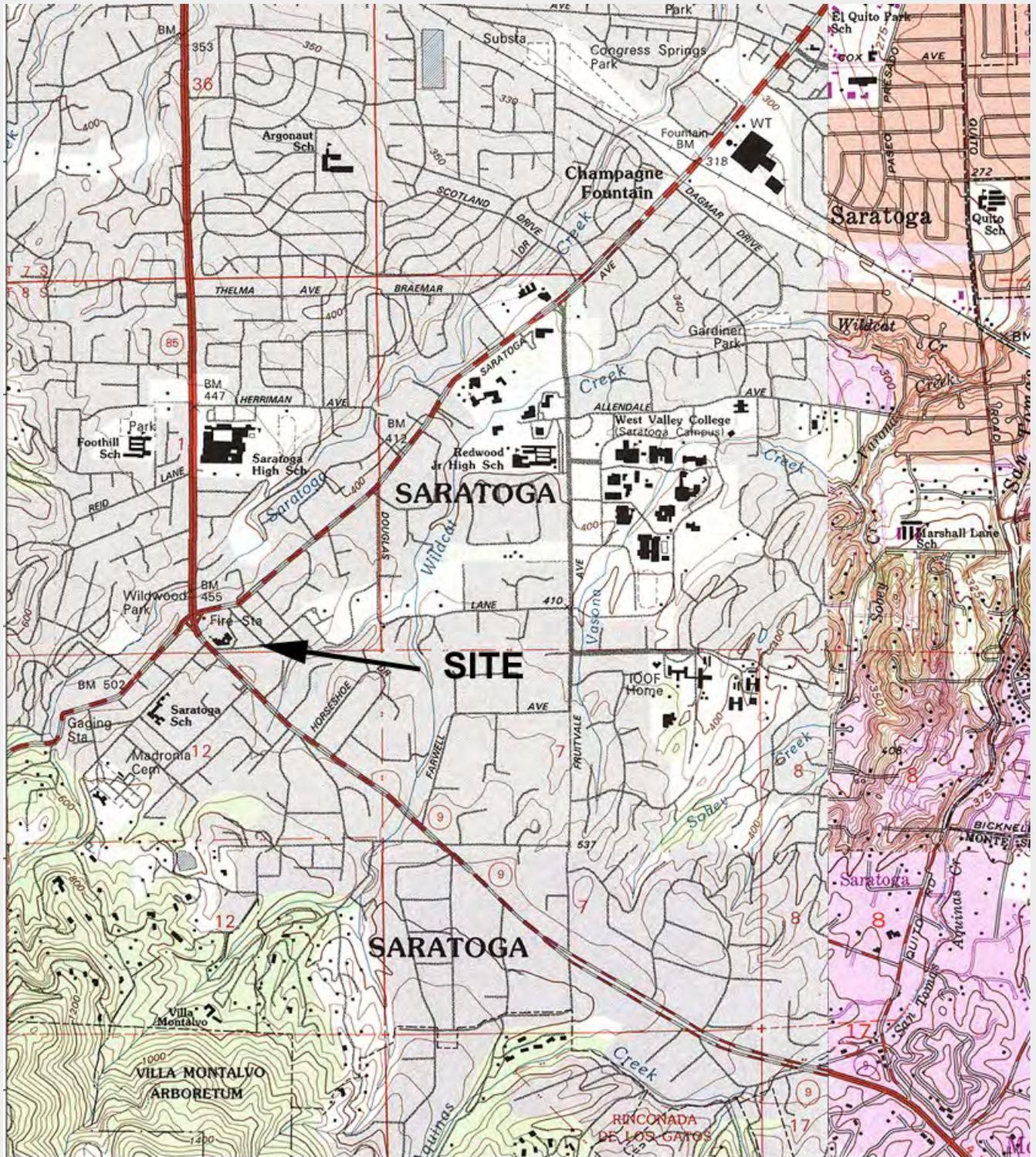
B13. Remarks: Designated Landmark Structure

*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)





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

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Historical Background

Mrs. John Bell (Mrs. E.R.H. Bell or Emily Ruth Harris) built this home shortly after the death of her husband. She lived here as a widow with her three daughters. Her husband was the brother of Mr. David Bell of "Bellgrove" on Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd. The Bells were all from Minneapolis. Mrs. John Bell purchased the land from her brother-in-law, since the David Bells and G.A. Woods owned most of the land in this area at the time.

Integrity

Although its windows were altered and subsequently restored, the house retains much of its character-defining architectural design, workmanship and materials, as well as a historic location and compatible setting, and the property continues to represent the overall historical associations and feelings of the residence.