

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 2CS

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Carey House

B1. Historic Name: Wright House
 B2. Common Name: 15320 Peach Hill Rd.
 B3. Original Use: Single family residential B4. Present Use: Single family residential
 *B5. Architectural Style: Monterey Colonial
 *B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
 Constructed 1929.

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

*B8. Related Features:
 None known.

B9a. Architect: Birge Clark b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture Area: Glen Una
 Period of Significance: 1929 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.)

The Carey House is listed on the Saratoga Heritage Resources Inventory, included as a part of HP-88-01. It qualified under Criteria a, c, and d:

- a) the property exemplifies and reflects special elements of the cultural, social, economic, aesthetic, and architectural history of Saratoga;
- c) the property embodies distinctive characteristics of the Monterey Colonial style, type and period; and
- d) the property is representative of a notable design by architect Birge Clark.

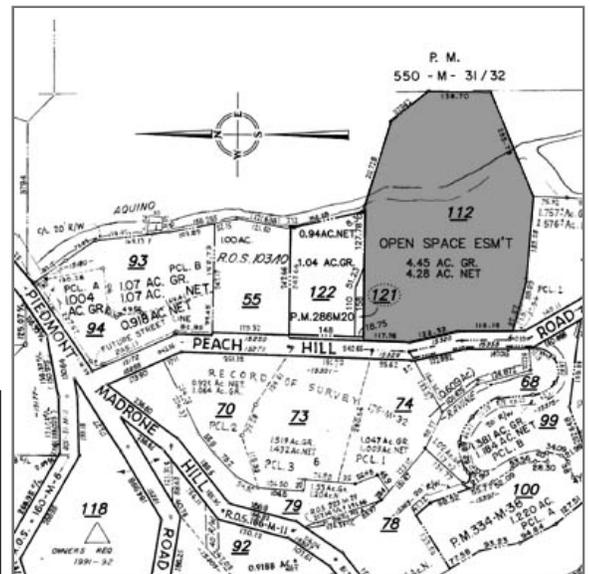
The Carey House also appears eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources under Criterion (3), as the house embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Spanish Eclectic style within Saratoga's *City of Homes* period, and represents the work of master architect Birge Clark.

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

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

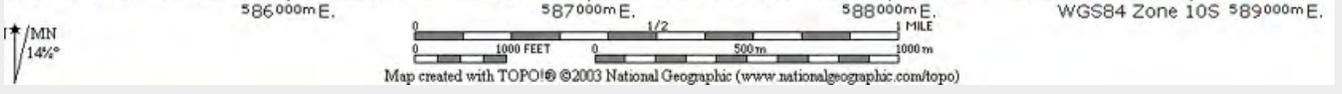
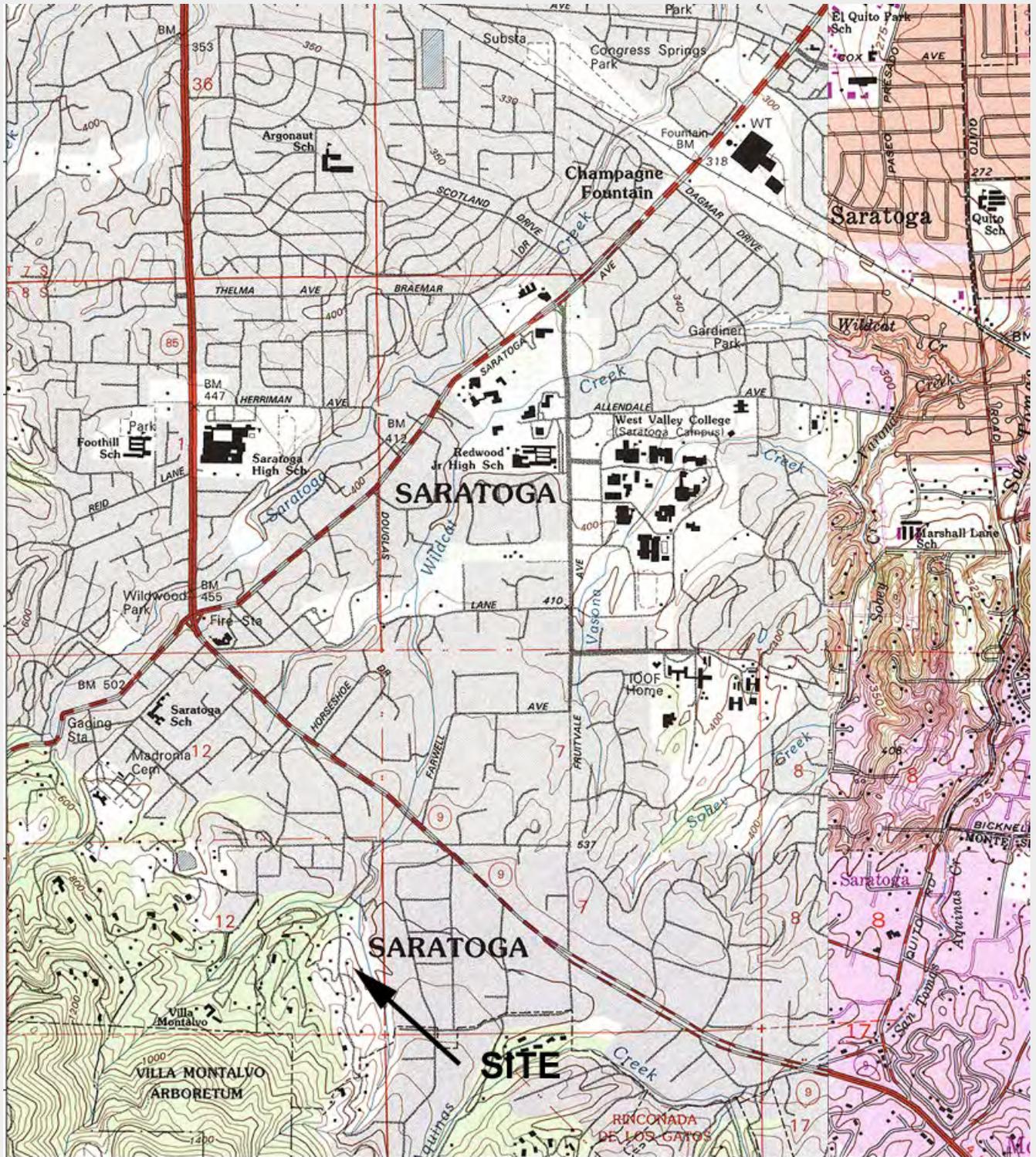
(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

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

(This space reserved for official comments.)



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Historical Background

This residence was constructed in 1929 for a cost of \$36,000. It was designed by architect Birge Clark. It appears that in 1930 the house was owned by the Wright family who apparently owned the residence until 1962, when it was sold to the Behel family. The Wright family ownership was not confirmed as a part of this recording. In 1983, the house was purchased by John and Teresa Carey.

Architectural Context

Palo Alto native, Birge Clark (1893-1989) attended Stanford where his father, Arthur B. Clark, headed the Art Department. After acquiring an architecture degree from Columbia University, Clark entered World War I, in which he was awarded a Silver Star. Returning from the war, Clark opened an office in Palo Alto where he was the only architect in the city between 1922 and 1930. He designed a large number of projects during this time in the greater Palo Alto area, including 98 private residences and over 200 total buildings over the 5 decades of his professional career. Clark is regarded as having designed virtually all of Palo Alto's commercial and civic buildings during the 1920's and the 1930's, and the overwhelming majority of those had been modeled in the "Spanish Eclectic" or "Early California" style with which his name is synonymous. Some of the most notable projects include the university houses on the Stanford campus (39 in all) and the President Hotel on University Avenue.

Integrity

The house retains its architectural design, workmanship and materials, as well as a compatible setting and original location, and the property continues to embody the historical associations and feelings of this residence.