

Other Listings
Review Code

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Page 1 of 4 *Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder): Meason 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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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 .1 W. ; Mount Diablo B.M.

c. Address: 13991 Saratoga Ave. 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 Saratoga Avenue southwest of Herriman Avenue. APN# 397-25-104

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

This one-and-one-half-story cottage represents the National-style from the late-nineteenth century. The design features channel-rustic siding and a steeply pitched front-gabled roof with shallow boxed eaves. The 1/1 double-hung windows are trimmed with flat-board casings. The house sits uncommonly low to grade, so may have been relocated to this property without its expected high pony wall. It features a wrapping porch with a concrete floor; some of the porch, which likely dates from after the house's construction, appears to have been enclosed over time. The house is set back on its parcel; it was being painted during the field portion of this survey.

*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 northwest, July 2009.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic Prehistoric Both
c1880s, about 125 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:

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*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

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*NRHP/CRHR Status Code 5S3

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Meason House

B1. Historic Name: Meason House

B2. Common Name: 13991 Saratoga Ave.

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

*B5. Architectural Style: National (Pioneer)

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

Constructed circa 1880s.

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

Original Location: n/a

*B8. Related Features:

None known.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Willis Morrison

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture

Area: Heritage Lane

Period of Significance: c1880s

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.)

The Meason 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
- c) the property embodies distinctive characteristics of the National style, type and period.

The Meason House may also be eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources under Criterion (3), as the house appears to embody the distinctive characteristics of the National house-type from Saratoga's period of *Horticultural Development*, although the eligibility cannot be determined for certain due to the obscurity of the building from the public right-of-way.

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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.)

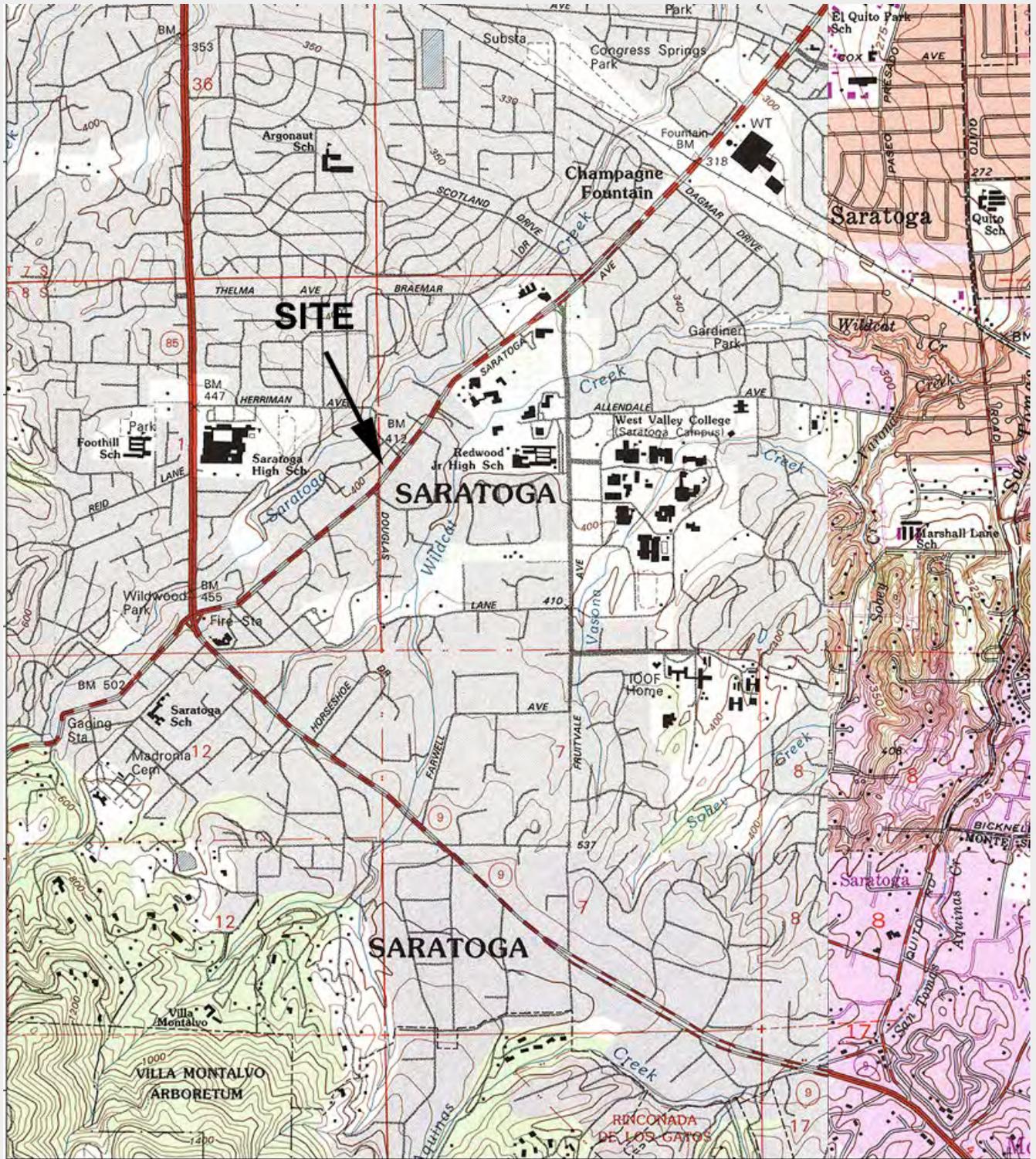


B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)



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0 1000 FEET 0 1/2 500m 3000m MILE
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CONTINUATION SHEET

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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 house was built in the 1880's for the Meason family by Willis Morrison, the father of Mrs. John Cox of the pioneer Cox family. The Measons, Morgan, and his two sisters Hannah and Ester were living on Saratoga as of the 1880s census. The Measons were all born in Pennsylvania, and at this time the women were in their 60s, while Morgan Meason was 71 years in age. Little more is known about the Measons.

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.