

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) Four Pines

B1. Historic Name: Thorsch House

B2. Common Name: 14199 Saratoga Ave.

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

*B5. Architectural Style: National

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

Constructed c 1900. Attic finished in 1944. In 1990 an exact replica of the original house was added to the west, presenting an appearance of twin attached bungalows.

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

Original Location: n/a

*B8. Related Features:

None known.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture and Shelter

Area: Heritage Lane

Period of Significance: c1900

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.)

Four Pines is listed on the Saratoga Heritage Resources Inventory, included as a part of HP-91-01. It qualified under Criteria c and e:

- c) the property embodies distinctive characteristics of the National style, type and period;
- e) the property embodies unique physical characteristics that represent an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood.

Four Pines does not appear eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources, as the house lacks sufficient integrity to its original form to qualify.

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

*B12. References:

Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission, Historic Resources Inventory form, 1989.

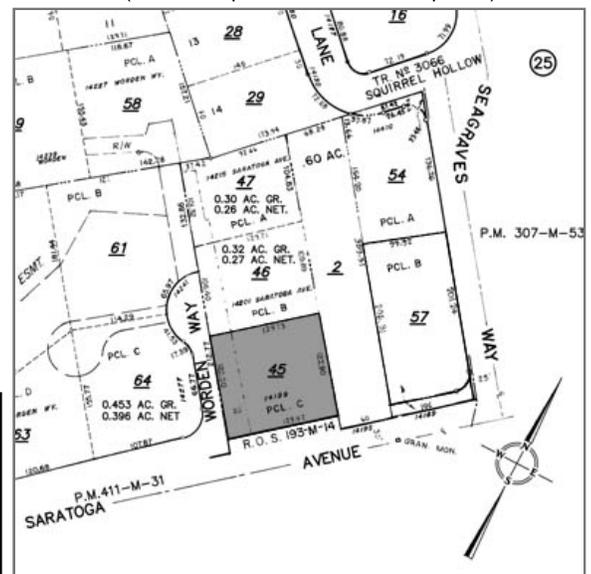
B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

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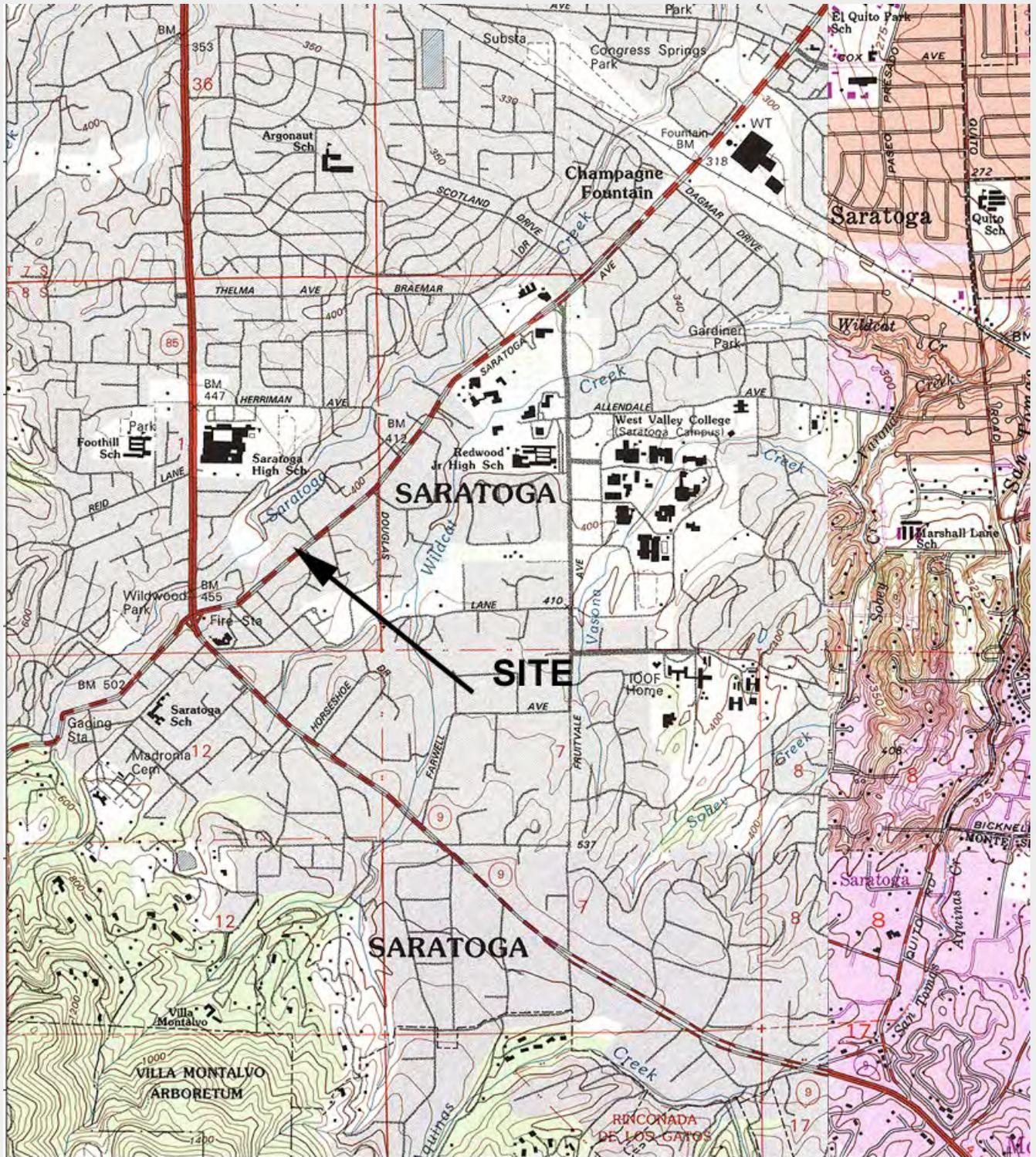
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Historical Background

Little historical information has been located regarding this property. Earlier accounts associate this property with Mr. H. Morgan. Identification of the Morgan family with early Saratoga is not clear. In 1900, the large family of William H. and Mary H. Morgan were residing in Saratoga with their seven children. It could not be determined if they lived on Saratoga Avenue at this property. William H. Morgan was a laborer who had been born in 1850 in Pennsylvania. His wife Mary was born in California in 1863. The original house features materials and forms related to the early twentieth century.

It appears that the property was called Four Pines due to a sign on a post found on the property.

Integrity

From the public right-of-way, little visual integrity remains of the nineteenth-century residence reportedly encapsulated in this house. Although altered by a twin addition, the current house has design, materials, and workmanship that are representative of an early-twentieth century bungalow. With a compatible setting and original location, and the property continues to embody some historical associations and feelings.