

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): Dresser 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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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 .2 W. ; Mount Diablo B.M.

c. Address: 14300 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)

 southeast side of Saratoga Avenue northeast of La Paloma Avenue. APN# 397-23-048

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

Heavily screened from the public right-of-way by hedges and other landscaping, this two-story house reportedly incorporates a National-style nineteenth-century house with simple gabled roofs and channel-rustic siding. Visible at the entry, is a Craftsman-style design that features a full-width porch with doubled heavy-timber posts and a long, low stone foundation with pedestals that support the posts. The porch roof acts as a second-floor balcony; this includes a heavy-timber Neoclassically inspired railing. The symmetrical front entry includes a central doorway that is flanked by what appear to be a pair of multi-lite French doors. Four carved sandstone posts stand at the entrance to this property.

*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 northeast, July 2009.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:
 Historic Prehistoric Both
c1870, about 139 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:
Mark Heath Trust et al
14300 Saratoga Ave.
Saratoga CA 95070

*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

DPR 523A (1/95)

* Required Information

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Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Dresser House

B1. Historic Name: Francis Dresser House

B2. Common Name: 14300 Saratoga Ave.

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

*B5. Architectural Style: National and Craftsman

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

Constructed circa 1870 according to previous records; much of the house is high-style Craftsman, indicating modifications in the early twentieth century.

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

*B8. Related Features:

Small stone cottage and pump house

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture

Area: Heritage Lane

Period of Significance: c1870-1970s

Property Type: Residential

Applicable Criteria: (2), (3)

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

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

The Dresser House also appears eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources under Criterion (2) and(3), as the house embodies the distinctive characteristics of the National house-type from Saratoga's *Early American* period, with modifications characteristic of the Craftsman era, and the house is associated with persons important to Saratoga's past.

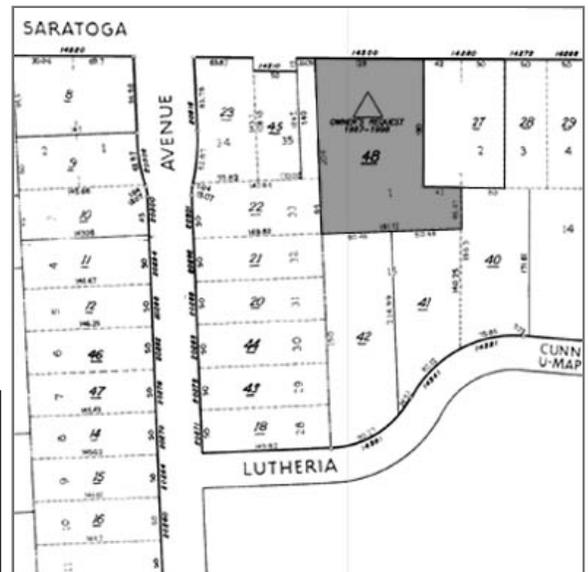
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B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes) None

*B12. References:

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

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)

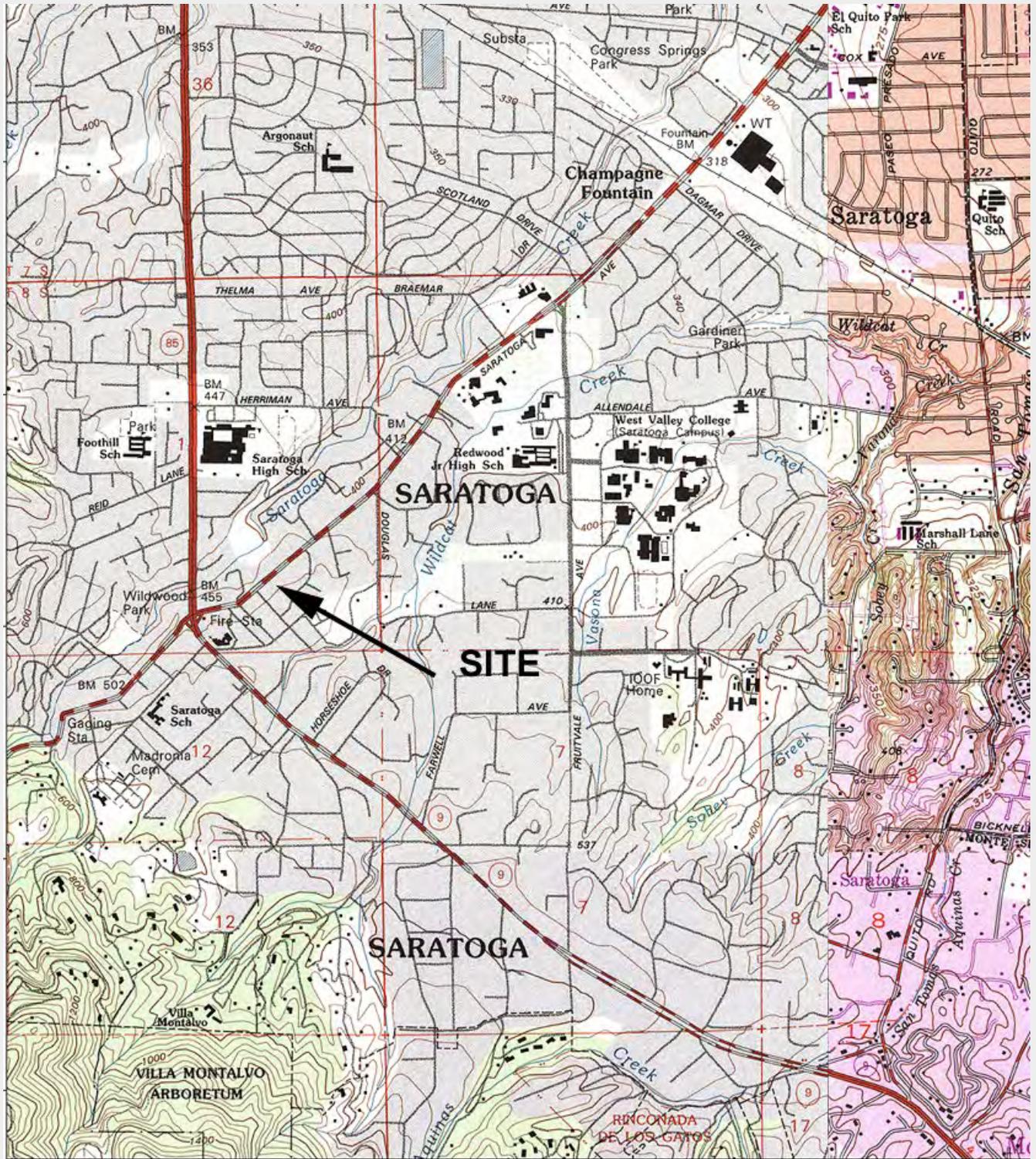


B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)



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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

The Francis Dressers acquired this property on June 14, 1870. Mr. Dresser built the residence and lived there until December 1879. It was sold to Emily Currier at that time and sold again in November 1881 to Joseph Cunningham. Members of the Cunningham family lived there until about 1973. The Dresser, Currier, and Cunningham families were pioneer families in the settling of Saratoga.

Integrity

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