

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): Bonney-Abernathy House

P1. Other identifier: HP-91-01

*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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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: 21060 Saratoga Hills Rd. 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)

north side of Saratoga Hills Road off Reid Lane.

APN# 503-29-102

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

This property is not visible from the public right-of-way. City records and aerial photographs indicate that this is a one-and-one-half-story Craftsman-style house built of redwood with horizontal lap siding. It is at grade at the rear and raised at the front. The roof is hipped with two low-sloped shed dormers and exposed rafter tails. A large screened porch at the entrance was an addition, built in the 1930s. A more recent addition is a deck on the north side off the dining room, forming a carport below. An open porch at the rear of the house was enclosed to make a sunroom. There are old stone terraces and rock walls behind the house; these have been expanded and a deck added. Also on the property is the original carriage house with a hip roof similar to the residence, and an aviary. There are remnants of an old carriage road circumventing the property up a hill to a three-sided open shed that was used in the past for gatherings. The tank house came down in 1983.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)



P5b. Description of Photo:

(View, date, accession #)

View facing northwest, 2012, provided by property owner.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic Prehistoric Both
c1913-1920, about 95 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:

Waltonsmith Trust et al
21060 Saratoga Hills Rd.
Saratoga CA 95070

*P8. Recorded By: (Name, affiliation, and address)

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Archives & Architecture, LLC
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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) Bonney-Abernathy House

B1. Historic Name: (Dover) Bonney-Abernathy House

B2. Common Name: 21060 Saratoga Hills Rd.

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Craftsman

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

Constructed circa 1913-1920). Deck/carport underneath, enclosed porch.

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

Original Location: n/a

*B8. Related Features:

Related features: Carriage house, stone terraces, aviary, big sycamore trees, basement.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture

Area: Congress Springs / Pierce Road

Period of Significance: c1915

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 Bonney-Abernathy House is listed on the Saratoga Heritage Resources Inventory, included as a part of HP-91-01. 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 Craftsman style, type and period;

The Bonney-Abernathy 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 Craftsman house-type within Saratoga's *City of Homes* period, 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, 1989.

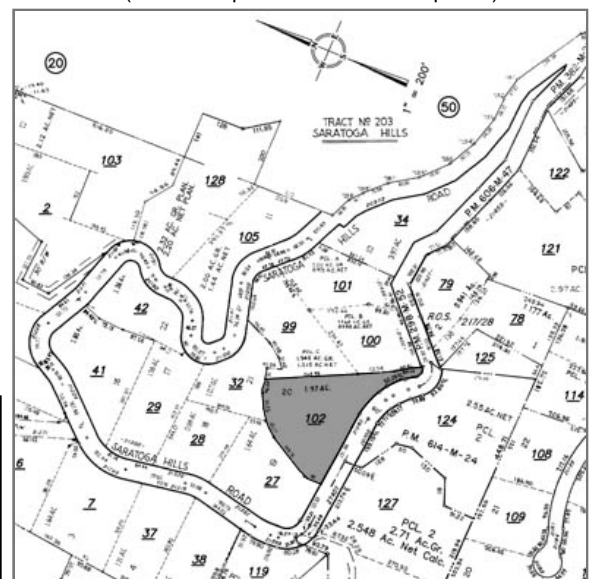
B13. Remarks: Listed Heritage Resource

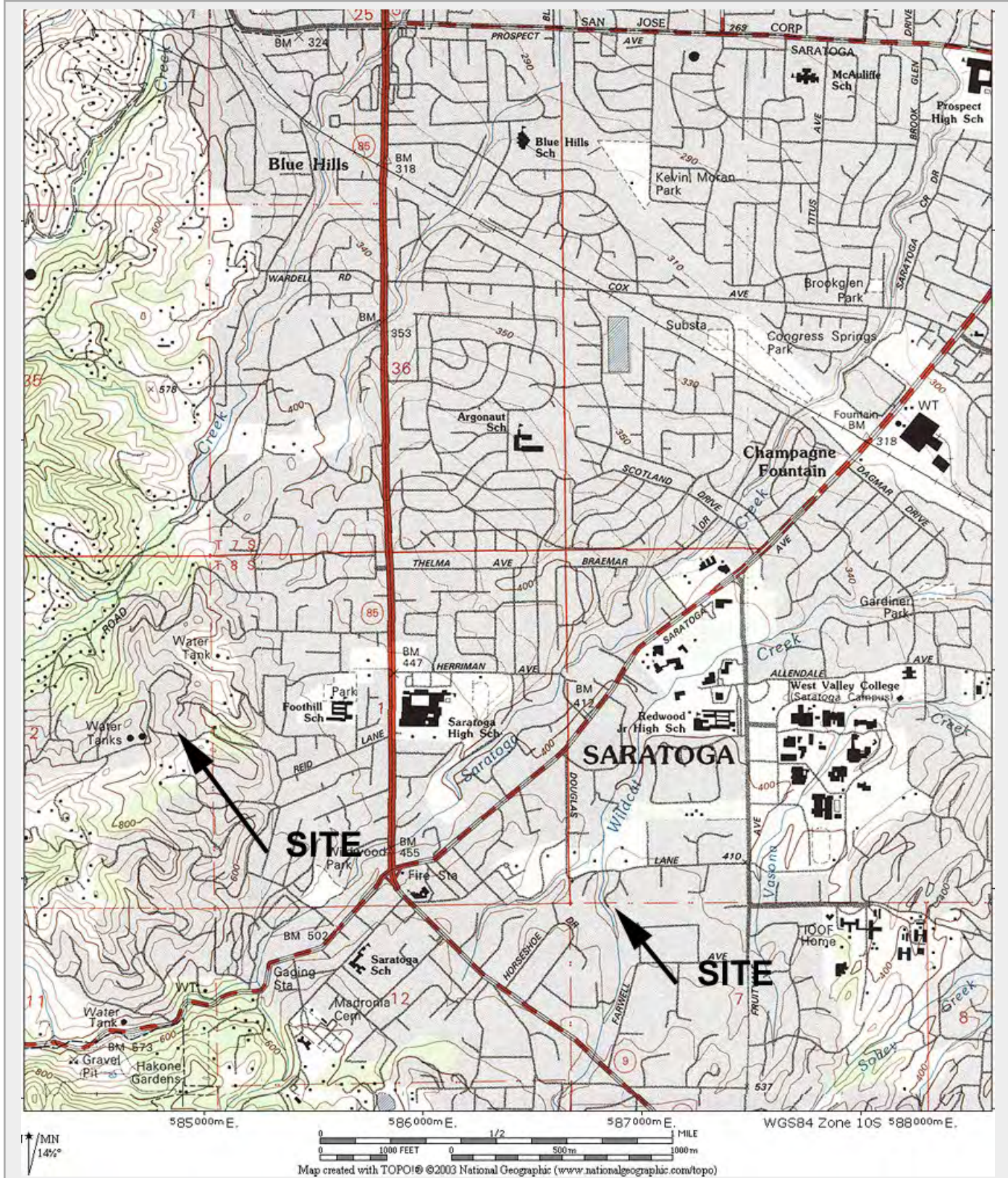
*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)





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 first known owner of this property were Ed Gloyd and John Dover, who came to Saratoga from Dayton, Ohio in the 1890's and purchased 40 acres. They raised prunes, apricots, peaches and grapes and lived on the ranch. Gloyd then sold his share to Dover; the Craftsman house was built sometime between 1913 and 1920 and may have been the first house on Saratoga Hills Road (formerly Shumer Road). John and Bertha Dover lived on the ranch with their children, then sold the property to Bruce Bonney, a diamond expert with Shreve Jewelers in San Francisco. They used this house, with it's view of the hills and Santa Clara Valley, as a summer residence. The Bonneys owned the house until 1921 when Frank and Nettie Abernathy purchased the house and 55 acres. Frank was a prune grower and manager of Sorosis Orchards. They had two daughters, Frances and Florence. After Frank died in 1946, 45 acres were sold to a group of naval officers, including Captain Lewis of Los Gatos and Admiral Fred Crisp. They subdivided the land and sold the house to Fred and Elsie Melani, who in turn sold it in 1968 to the current owners. The house now sits on a little over an acre of land.

Integrity

The integrity of this property cannot be determined for this survey.