

State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code NR5

Other Listings
Review Code

Reviewer

Date

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*Resource Name or #: #003

P1. Other Identifier: Uriah Thompson House

***P2. Location:** Not for Publication Unrestricted

***a. County:** Santa Cruz County and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

***b. USGS 7.5' Quad:** _____ **Date:** T ; R ; _ of _ of Sec ; M.D. B.M.

c. Address: 2930 Childers Lane

City: Santa Cruz

Zip: 95062

d. UTM: Zone: mE/ mN (G.P.S.)

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)
APN 031-091-01

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

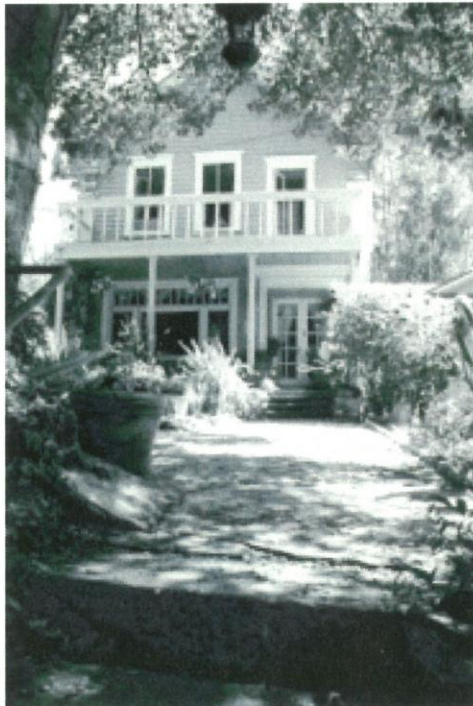
Two story Queen Anne style farmhouse, rectilinear in plan with a one story addition. Front gable with boxed eaves, horizontal wood siding with wood trim. Second story porch and rail probably replaced. Two-over-two wood frame sash windows and a glazed panel double door have crowned lintles (composite of crown and dental molding) and the windows have plain sills. Corner pilasters with crowned capitola, four porch posts have a raised panel. The porch deck is wood board and the steps have been replaced. The dwelling is sited on a brick foundation above grade with stone retaining walls and steps leading to the entry. Mature plantings and trees. It was constructed in the 1880s for Uriah and Katherine Thompson who were one of the earliest farmers in the Live Oak area.

Significance: The property retains the original features including material, elements, forms and setting of a late nineteenth century Live Oak farm house and meets the County of Santa Cruz criteria for a historic resource NR5.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** (List attributes and codes) HP2; NR5

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

P5a. Photo or Drawing



P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) front view

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** Historic Prehistoric Both

est. 1865

***P7. Owner and Address:**
Johnson, Eugene H., Trustee
1067 Parkway Drive
Pebble Beach, CA93953

***P8. Recorded by:** (Name, affiliation, and address)
Sheila McElroy
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One Sutter St. # 910
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with Ross Gibson

***P9. Date Recorded:** 7/28/04

***P10. Survey Type:** (Describe)
reconnaissance survey

***P11. Report Citation:**

***Attachments:** NONE Location Map Sketch Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record
 Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record
 Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List):

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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- B1. Historic Name:
B2. Common Name: Uriah Thompson House
B3. Original Use: Farmhouse
B4. Present Use: Residence

*B5. Architectural Style: Queen Anne

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
Est. 1880s

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

*B8. Related Features:

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: farming development/person

Area: Santa Cruz

Period of Significance: 1880s-1945

Property Type: farmhouse

Applicable Criteria: SC C1&3

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

Thompson is considered the first farmer in Live Oak having purchased 180 acres there in 1858 and developing a model farm. He apparently purchased the first thrasher in the region and harvested all the crops in the mid-country area. The residence was constructed for Uriah W. Thompson, and his wife Charlotte, sometime in the 1880s. It features a solarium that for years was used as a music room. After cattle raising he turned to wheat and general farming. He was an active participant on the Live Oak School Board the Santa Cruz Farmer's Club and the Granger movement as well as others. Uriah and Charlotte were highly respected and honored members of the community. His son Henry Thompson who was raised in the home was a well respected opera singer with the McCaull Opera Company and the Cleaveland Minstrels. The property is surrounded by mature trees and plantings and retains the original features including material, elements, forms and setting of a late nineteenth century Live Oak farm house and meets the County of Santa Cruz criteria for a historic resource NR5.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP1

*B12. References:

Deeds of Partitions 12/15/1858, John James, et al, to Uriah Thompson; *History Journal* #4, 1998 Society of Pioneers of Santa Cruz County; *Santa Cruz Sentinel* 3/10/1883; 2/8/1916, 8/20/1900, 5/16/1903. *Santa Cruz evening News* 4/15/1930; *A Field Guide to American House*, McAlester and McAlester, 1997.

B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator:

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