

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

Page 1 of 2

*Resource Name or #: #008

P1. Other Identifier: Winton Ayers 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 Location:** Not for Publication Unrestricted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: 3211 Roland Drive

City: Santa Cruz

Zip: 95626

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

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)
 APN 032-011-27

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

The two storey residence is irregular in plan with a steep main gable, and additional insecting gables and sloped roofs. The gable ends each have a gable brace of cross beam, vertical slats and double brackets. The upper portion of the front elevation has shingle siding and the lower portion has drop siding. The sun porch and addition have board and batten. Entry porch has detailed, double square columns, joinery detail as capitals. The framed entry has multi-pane glazed upper portion and large plate with sill, and multi-pane side lights. The picture window most likely recent. Rear addition has scrolled bracket on side of balcony, and tripart windows in upper inglenook. It is sited with mature trees and planting. The residence is an excellent example of the Craftsman style applied to an earlier, probably Italianate style, farmhouse. It was first owned by Winton Ayers who was a farmer, poultry man and bulb grower. The later construction was completed by owner Walter Lynsky who farmed wheat.

Significance: The property retains the original features including material, elements, forms and setting of an early twentieth-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

1870s/1919

***P7. Owner and Address:**
 Robertson, Gary S. U?M
 3211 Roland Drive
 Santa Cruz, CA 95626

***P8. Recorded by:** (Name, affiliation, and address)
 Sheila McElroy
 Circa: Historic Property Development
 One Sutter St. # 910
 San Francisco, CA 94104
 with Ross Gibson and Phil Reader

***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

Page 2 of 2

*NRHP Status Code NR5

*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 008

- B1. Historic Name:
B2. Common Name: Winton Ayers House
B3. Original Use: Farm house
B4. Present Use: Residence

*B5. **Architectural Style:** Craftsman style

*B6. **Construction History:** (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
1913

*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: 1913-1958

Property Type: farm

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.)

In 1913 Watson Ayres and his wife Genevieve purchased eight acres of property fronted on the railroad tracks from A.D. Pena, the current Roland Drive being a small lane which ran up to their front door. The land had originally been a part of Rancho Arroyo del Rodeo, the rancho granted to Don Francisco Rodriguez in 1834. The Rodriguez heirs sold it to John Daubinbiss and John Hames who parceled it off - a section going to Missourian Uriah Thompson and his wife Catherine Rice. Following Uriah's death, the widow began selling off her holdings. Once settling down on the land the Ayres began planting a large orchard and vegetable garden. The produce was sold to local buyers for shipment to the San Francisco market. Later, like so many other Live Oak farmers, he switched his acreage to bulbs and put in a large poultry unit, at one point maintaining 10,000 birds. Watson and Genevieve were very active in the Live Oak community. Watson remained on the property until 1958. The property is surrounded by mature trees and plantings and retains the original features including material, elements, forms and setting of an early twentieth 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) HP2

*B12. **References:**

RL Polk Directories Santa Cruz Co., 1916/17 - 1958; US Census, Branciforte District, 1930; Book of Deeds, Santa Cruz County book 253, P184, Angeline Pena to WW Ayres, 7/13/1913, Real Estate Flyer, Pacific Coast Realty, 2004; Santa Cruz Evening News 3/1/1922, 12/3/1937; A Field Guide to American House, McAlester and McAlester, 1997.

B13. Remarks:

*B14. **Evaluator:**

Sheila McElroy

Circa: Historic Property Development

One Sutter St. # 910

San Francisco, CA 94104

Research: Phil Reader

*Date of Evaluation: August 16, 2005

(This space reserved for official comments.)

