

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

Primary # _____

HRI # _____

Trinomial _____

NRHP Status Code 3

Other Listings _____

Review Code _____

Reviewer _____

Date _____

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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by Recorder): SCC05R

P1. Other Identifier: None

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted *a. County Santa Cruz
and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Soquel Date 1954 Revised 1994 R1W T11S Mt Diablo B.M.

c. Address: Soquel and State Park Drives City Aptos ZIP: 95003

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large/or linear resources) 10S 596879mE 4093266mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

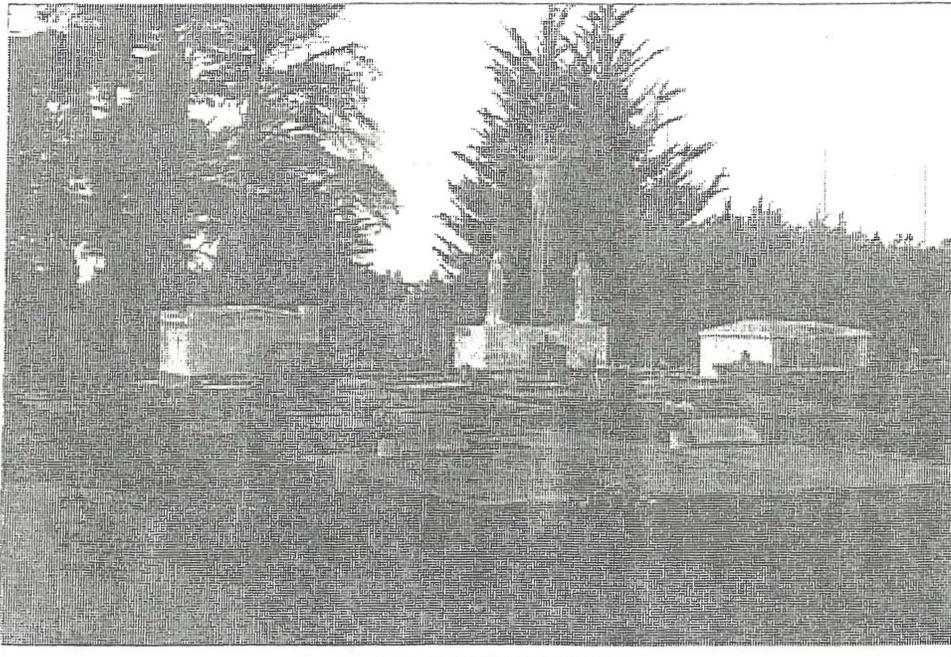
Assessor's Parcel Number: 039-421-07

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

This historic cemetery sits in an urban setting adjacent a church center and surrounded by contemporary commercial uses. The only structure that is associated with the cemetery was a wooden chapel that was found to be unsafe in 1925 and was torn down in 1930. A number of concrete monuments exist although most remain in a deteriorated condition. The monuments and concrete plots and abutments provide a definable landscape that reinforces the historical character of the site.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP40, HP26 (Cemetery, Monument/mural/gravestone)

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



P5b. Description of Photo:
(View, date, accession #)
February 2001
View from northeast

*P6. Date Constructed/Age_Sources:
August 1875
1988 DPR

*P7. Owner and Address:
Resurrection Catholic Church
7600 Soquel Drive
Aptos CA 95003

*P8. Recorded by:
A. Engle/C. Duval
Dill Design Group
110 North Santa Cruz Ave
Los Gatos CA 95030

*P9. Date Recorded: March 2001

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)
Survey Update

Report Citation: (City survey report and other sources, or enter "none".)

Dill Design Group, Historic Inventory Update Year 1, for the County of Santa Cruz, March 2001.

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

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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*NRHP Status Code: None

*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder): SCC05R

B1. Historic Name: Mt. Carmel Cemetery
B2. Common Name: Aptos Catholic Cemetery
B3. Original Use: Cemetery
B4. Present Use: Cemetery

*B5. Architectural Style: None

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
First burial 1875.

*B7. Moved? No Date: N/A Original Location:

*B8. Related Features: Resurrection Church

B9. Architect: None b. Builder: Rafael Castro

*B10. Significance: Theme Religious Area Aptos

Period of Significance Property Type Cemetery Applicable Criteria A and B
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

The cemetery contains a monument to Rafael Castro and was once the site of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, built by Rafael Castro for Father Mestres. The old wooden chapel was found to be unsafe in 1925 and was torn down in 1930. The cemetery contains between 43 and 48 graves. The earliest burial was that of John Scheller, in August 1875. Don Rafael Castro was the grantee of Rancho Aptos in 1833. Castro gave two acres of land for a church and cemetery in 1868. Resurrection Catholic Church was dedicated on October 17, 1875. The cemetery contains the family plots of the Castros and the Aranos. Its primary importance is as a burial ground for the area's early settlers. Also, its grave monuments and markers are significant as representative of their period.

Ordinarily, cemeteries are not considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places unless their significance derives from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events. The historic Mt. Carmel Cemetery is associated with important early personages prior to statehood, and is directly linked to them through the donation of the land for the cemetery by Rafael Castro. While having local significance, the cemetery may be eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and B based on its association with Rafael Castro as well as due to its relationship of the broad patterns of local and history. It would therefore also qualify for local listing as an NR-3.

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

*B12. References

60-Year-Old Catholic Chapel At Aptos Being Demolished, Santa Cruz News, 10/31/1930.
Lisher, J.F., Historic Resources Inventory Form, 1988.

B13. Remarks: None

*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: March 2001

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(This space reserved for official comments)



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 5
UTM: A _____ C _____
B _____ D _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Aptos Catholic Cemetery / Calvary Cemetery
2. Historic name: Carmel Cemetery
3. Street or rural address: Soquel Drive (at Soquel and State Park Drives) (Aptos area)
City Aptos area Zip 95003 County Santa Cruz
4. Parcel number: _____
5. Present Owner: Resurrection Catholic Church Address: 7600 Soquel Drive
City Aptos Zip 95003 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Cemetery Original use: Cemetery

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: _____
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
Appears to embody little alteration from its original condition. Cemetery is in fair condition, but reflects little maintenance or upkeep.



Construction date: August, 1875
Estimated X Factual _____

Architect _____

Builder Rafael Castro

Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 2

Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) _____

1. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair X Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
2. Alterations: none
3. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings X Densely built-up ___
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ___
4. Threats to site: None known X Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism X
Public Works project ___ Other: ___
5. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
6. Related features: ___

SIGNIFICANCE

3. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The cemetery contains a monument to Rafael Castro and was once the site of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, built by Rafael Castro for Father Mestres.

The cemetery contains between 43 to 48 graves. The earliest burial was that of John Scheller, in August 1875. The last burial was that of Rafael Castro, on June 3, 1939

Don Rafael Castro was the grantee of Rancho Aptos in 1833. Castro gave two acres of land for a church and cemetery in 1868. Resurrection Catholic Church was dedicated on October 17, 1875.

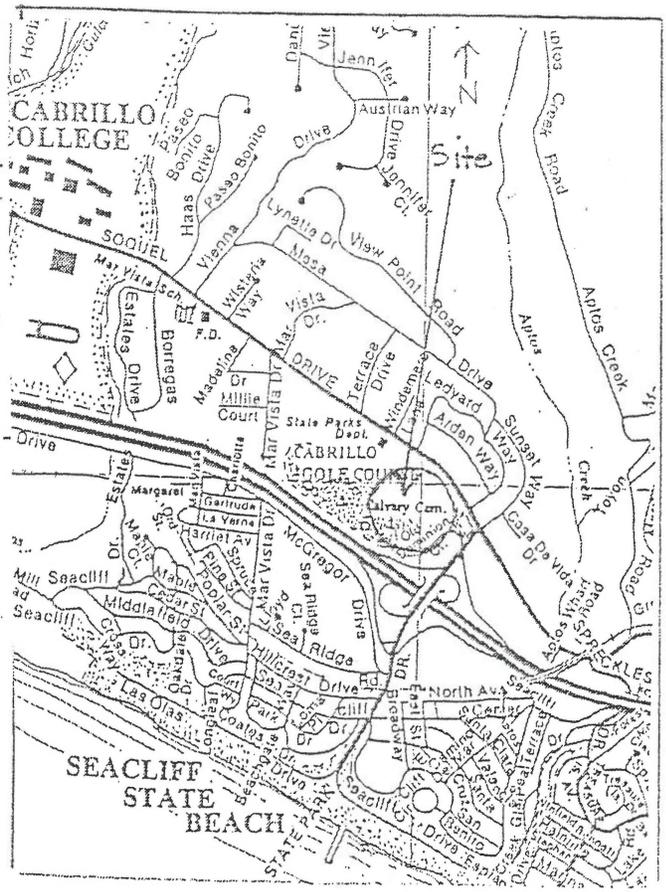
The cemetery contains the family plots of the Castros and Arano's.

The cemetery's primary importance appears to be as a burial ground for the area's early settlers. Also, its' grave monuments and markers are probably significant as representative of their period.

0. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture ___ Arts & Leisure ___
 Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement X
 Government ___ Military ___
 Religion ___ Social/Education ___

1. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates). "Santa Cruz County Place Names" by Donald T. Clark. "Santa Cruz County Parade of the Past" by Margaret Koch. Cemetery Records of Santa Cruz County, by the Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County.

2. Date form prepared June 21, 1988
 By (name) John F. Lisher
 Organization Santa Cruz County Historical
 Address: 118 Cooper St Trust
 City Santa Cruz Zip 95060
 Phone: 425-2540



Calvary Cemetery

ADDENDUM—1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: February 2, 1994

Result of Inspection: No apparent changes.

CONSULTANT'S PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS:

No change.

(Change of rating pending public hearing before the Historical Resources Commission with final approval by the Board of Supervisors).