

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Mangels' Ranch House
2. Historic name: Mangel's Ranch House
3. Street or rural address: 570 Aptos Creek Road
 City Aptos Area Zip 95003 County Santa Cruz
4. Parcel number: 04010148
5. Present Owner: FISHER, J. RONALD & JACQUELINE Address: P.O. BOX 302
 City APTOS CA Zip 95003 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Vernacular Ranch House
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Comprised of a full basement with two stories and an attic under a truncated hip roof with boxed cornices and brackets and crowned with a widow's walk, the house features a central gable with a bulls-eye window on each of the sides that provide a symmetrical balance and enhances the gracefulness of the proportions. Porches with split pilasters and balconies above run along three sides of the shiplap house that was constructed of one hundred percent heart redwood milled from timber that stood on the property. Today the house stands at the entrance to the Forest of Nisene Marks, a state park. Although the architect of the Spreckles' and Mangels' houses also is the one who designed the Spreckles' residence in Hawaii, he remains unknown. Except for the removal of the shutters and the enlarging and enclosing of the porches, the Mangels' Ranch House has changed little in the intervening years.



8. Construction date: Estimated 1880 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage _____ Depth _____
 or approx. acreage 3.85
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
May 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ✓ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known ✓ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? ✓ Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Claus Spreckles, who was instrumental in the development and expansion of California industry and agriculture, built the Mangels' Ranch House for his brother-in-law, Claus Mangels. It was Mangels who oversaw Spreckles' California interests.

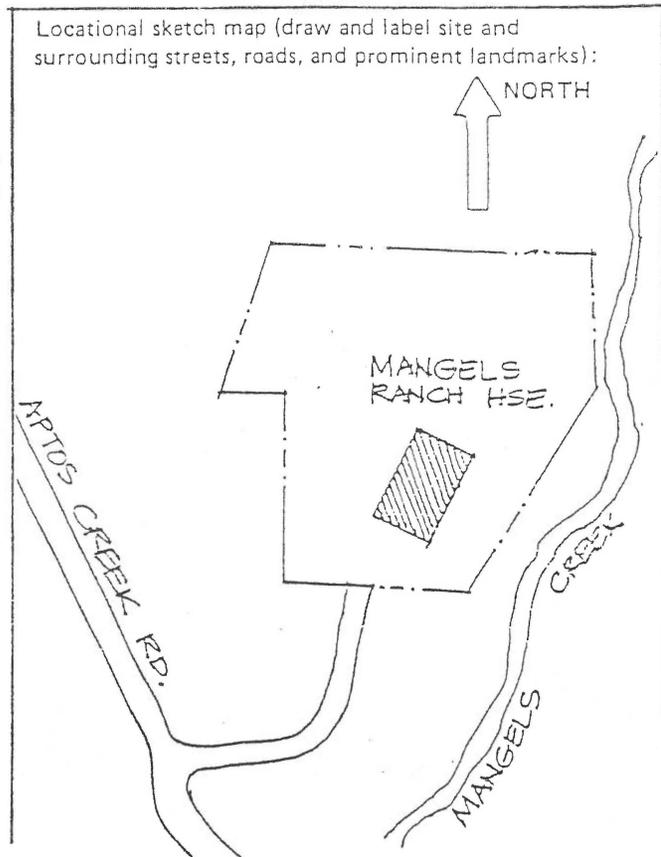
The Mangels' Ranch House built in the 1880s, is nearly identical to Spreckles' own Villa Deer Park (demolished), built on his nearby estate. Both houses were remarkable for the quiet restraint and lack of excess that could easily have characterized the country houses of these two men in a time when overly embellished architecture was a mark of affluence in this expansionist period in the history of our state. The Mangels' Ranch House is the only example of this architecture in the mid Santa Cruz County area.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Sanborn Maps 1888, 1906
Parade of the Past, Margaret Koch
A Field Guide to American Houses, McAlister

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ADDENDUM—1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: February 2, 1994

Result of Inspection: Structure appears to be unchanged.

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).

Context: 1 (agriculture), 2 (architecture)

Property type: ranch house