

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

Primary # \_\_\_\_\_  
HRI # \_\_\_\_\_  
Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
NRHP Status Code **5**

Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 420a Trout Gulch Road

P1. Other Identifier: Bonner House

\*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 Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted a. County: Santa Cruz  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 1994 Revised T 11S R 1E B.M. Mt. Diablo

c. Address 420a Trout Gulch Road City Aptos Zip 95003

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S 598079mE 4092809mN

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

Assessor's Parcel Number: 041 021 05

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

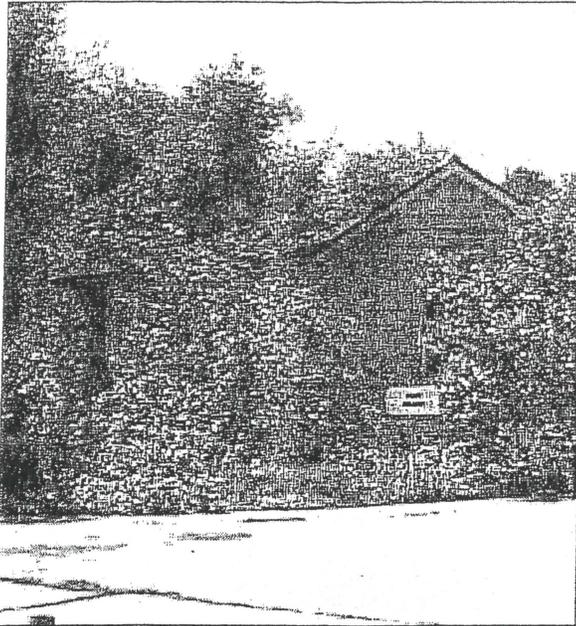
CONTRIBUTING BUILDING (NR 5D)

The Bonner House is sited at 420a Trout Gulch Road. The Bonner House is a small building now used as a residence. Possibly constructed prior to 1884, this single-story house is an example of the National Style characterized by its lack of ornamentation and side-facing gable roof.

This residence of frame construction, displays Channel Rustic siding. The square floor plan is contained beneath a side facing gable roof and shed roof that covers a historic addition; the roofs are sheathed in composition shingles. A three-quarter front porch wraps around the south and west elevations. Fenestration is unknown as is the foundation type and materials since the majority of the house is shielded by vegetation and a fence. However, from what is visible, most of the original windows have been replaced and the house has been added on to; however, those additions may have achieved historic significance in their own right. Visible from the rear elevation is what appears to be a possible historic addition with full or partial basement.  
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\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2, HP39 - lumber office

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



P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #)  
Photo of the northwest elevation.  
June 2002, K. Oosterhous

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

potentially pre 1884

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
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P.O. Box 305  
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\*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address)

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Charlene Duval (Consultant)

\*P9. Date Recorded: 06/02 Rev 3/7/03

\*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)  
Reconnaissance

\*P11. Report Citation: (Site survey report and other sources or enter none) None

\*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)

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420a Trout Gulch Road

Recorded By: K. Oosterhous & C. Duval

Date: 8/31/02 Rev 3/7/03

Continuation

Update

This building is set in the commercial center of Aptos, which is comprised of both historic and non-historic income producing businesses. It is also a contributing resource to the Aptos Village Historic District. Despite the new construction, this area of Aptos still possesses a sense of place. Overall, this building possesses integrity of location, setting, design, feeling, association, workmanship, and materials as it remains true to its historic design and appearance.

#### History

The origins of the small building located at 420a Trout Gulch Road is difficult to determine. It may be a small building that could have been constructed sometime before 1888 that was identified as a "lumber office," associated with F. A. Hihn's Aptos Mill and Lumber Company, shown on the Sanborn Map of 1888. In 1892, that building was still being used as a lumberyard office, but by 1908, it was noted as "vacant." By 1929, the building had been converted to a "dwelling." At some point, the building may have been moved further north on the property, as its location appears to have shifted somewhat from its original location on early maps. By the early 1950s (and maybe much earlier) until at least the late 1960s, the property was owned and occupied by Clarice E. Bonner (1874-1972), sister of adjacent property owner to the south, Elma Winslow Silvear, and daughter of early Aptos resident Elijah Winslow. Former Valencia Street resident, Vonnie Davis Watters, thinks that Elmer and Clarice Bonner may have constructed the house. It is possible that the building was constructed of recycled materials, as were many buildings in the village, which gives it the appearance of a nineteenth century structure. Further research is needed to fully understand the age of this building

#### Sources

Polk's Watsonville City Directory  
1967 Trout Gulch Road.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps  
1888- Aptos.  
1929

Santa Cruz County  
n.d. Assessor's Map, T11S, R1E, Sec 18, [after 1945].

Watters, Vonnie Davis  
2002 Personal communication with C. Duval regarding buildings in Aptos.