

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

Primary # _____
HRI # _____
Trinomial _____
NRHP Status Code _____

Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by Recorder): SCC04R

P1. Other Identifier: 289

*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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted *a. County Santa Cruz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 Watsonville West Date 1954 Revised 1994 Mt Diablo B.M.

c. Address: 1258 San Andreas Road City Aptos ZIP: 95076

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large/or linear resources) 10S 602163mE 4087547mN

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

Assessor's Parcel Number: 046-062-07

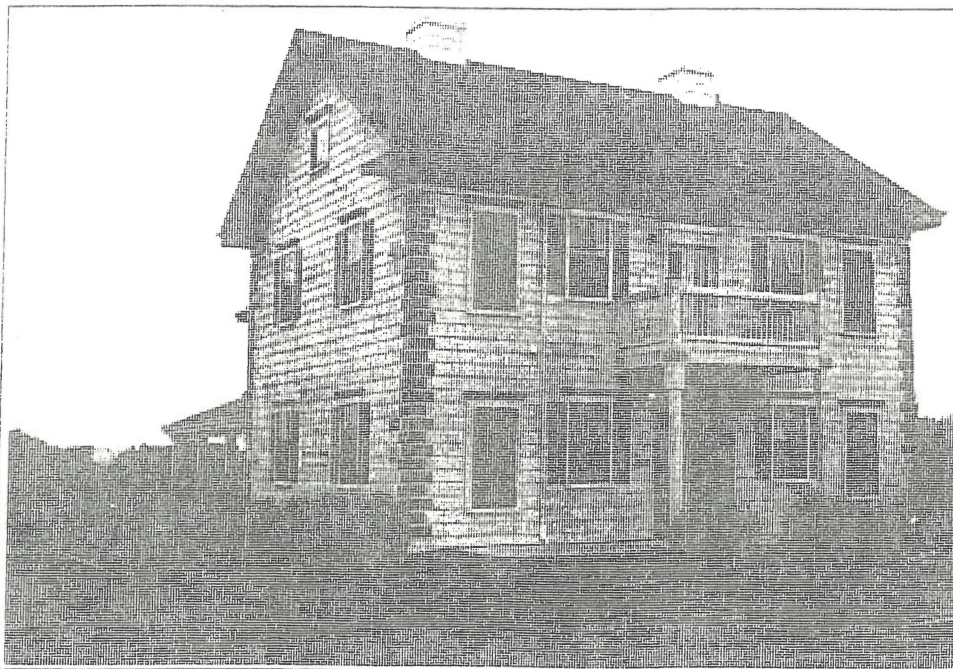
*P3a. Description:: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

A two-story T-shaped building, this structure was designed originally as a large residence in the Greek Revival style that had been popular in the 1850s and early 1860s. The rear of the building had originally been one story in height and was expanded to two stories during a recent renovation. The main historic two-story volume has side gables and a moderately-pitched roof that has been recovered with asphaltic composition shingles. The eaves are enclosed and the lower ends of the rake have short returns. The building corners, feature quoins, an uncommon Greek Revival detail but common to 1870s residences in California. Two symmetrically-placed chimneys at the peak of the roof have been replaced with wood. The building is clad with channel rustic drop siding that rises the full height of the walls. The front door appears to be original, as well as the sidelight and transom frame. No evidence remains of a water table. A centrally-located two-story porch, supported by two square posts, has replaced the full-width two-story porch that was lost in the most recent move. The rear wing has an open veranda that is supported by four square posts. The original windows have been replaced with double-hung bronzed aluminum sliders. Many of the window openings have been moved as well. The shutters have been replaced by synthetic replicas.

The site is improved with parking and recreational components that support its use as a Bed & Breakfast.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP5 - Hotel/motel

*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 south east

*P6. Date Constructed/Age Sources:

1872

1986 DPR

*P7. Owner and Address:

Brian W. Denny trustees
1258 San Andreas Road
La Selva Beach, CA 95076

*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

1. 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: 35

*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder): SCC04R

B1. Historic Name: Thurwachter House
B2. Common Name: T-Wester House
B3. Original Use: Single family residential B4. Present Use: Bed & Breakfast
*B5. Architectural Style: Adam
*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
Built 1872, relocated and remodeled in 1997.

*B7. Moved? Yes Date: 1997 Original Location: 2083 Beach Road

*B8. Related Features: None

B9. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Allen, Kingsley King

*B10. Significance: Theme Residential architecture Area La Selva

Period of Significance 1872-1970's Property Type Residential Applicable Criteria None

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

The historic Thurwachter House, now known as the Inn at Aptos Beach, was constructed in 1872 on 2083 Beach Road by Frederick and Catherine Thurwachter. Reportedly modeled after Abraham Lincoln's house in Springfield, Illinois, the house was built by a contractor with the last name of Allen. Kingsley King constructed the chimneys. Frederick Thurwachter, born in Germany, came to Santa Cruz County in 1854. In 1866, he bought 113.5 acres on Beach Road where he planted Belle fleur apples, barley, and potatoes. He married Catherine Sweeney, a native of Ireland. The Thurwachters are credited with being among the first to bring European farming techniques to the Pajaro Valley. The couple lived in this house until 1914; Catherine passed away in January and Frederick in March of that year. Ownership of the house transferred to one of their daughters, Ella Thurwachter, who was also a notable farmer, pioneering the agricultural production of navy beans. Photographer Ansel Adams was an acquaintance of Ella's brother-in-law, Roy Folger, and took many photographs of the house during an afternoon visit. Ella Thurwachter died in the 1970s, and the house and land were sold to an agricultural company. Darrell Darling bought the house, which was in decline, in the 1990s and began the process of preserving the building and converting it into a bed and breakfast. The house was eventually moved north to its current location on San Andreas Road. In 1997 Susan Van Horn and Brian Denny who completed the renovation and named it the Inn at Manresa Beach purchased the house. Now known as the Inn at Aptos Beach, the building has 3200 square feet, two sitting rooms, a central staircase, a "hidden" stairway, and four bedrooms upstairs. The building was previously reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Officer who found that the building appeared to be eligible as a separate property. The significance of the building derives from its association with a significance personage of Pajaro Valley and due to the nature of the architectural design. The building has lost much of its original fabric, however, and no longer appears to meet the threshold for integrity due to renovations in the recent past. It would therefore appear to only qualify for local listing as an NR-5 and would no longer be eligible for the National Register.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2 - Single family residential

*B12. References

- Aptos Chamber of Commerce Historical Archives.
- Bamburg, B., Historical Resources Inventory Form, 1986.
- Johnson, J., Old Homes, former Estates Turned into Bed and Breakfast Inns, *The Mid County Post*, 7/5 1999.
- Lewis, B., *Watsonville, Memories that Linger*, 1986.

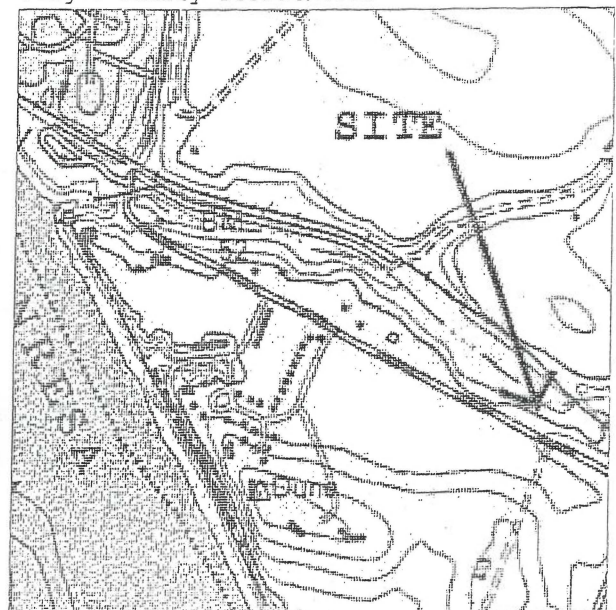
B13. Remarks: None

*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: March 2001

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HABS 95076 HAER Loc ✓ SHL No. 408 2831 NR Status 5

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

T-Wester House

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Thurwachter House
3. Street or rural address: 1258 San Andreas
City Watsonville, CA Zip 95076 County Santa Cruz
4. Parcel number: 046-062-07
5. Present Owner: DARRELL; DARLING Address: 314 W CLIFF DR
City SANTA CRUZ, CA Zip 95076 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

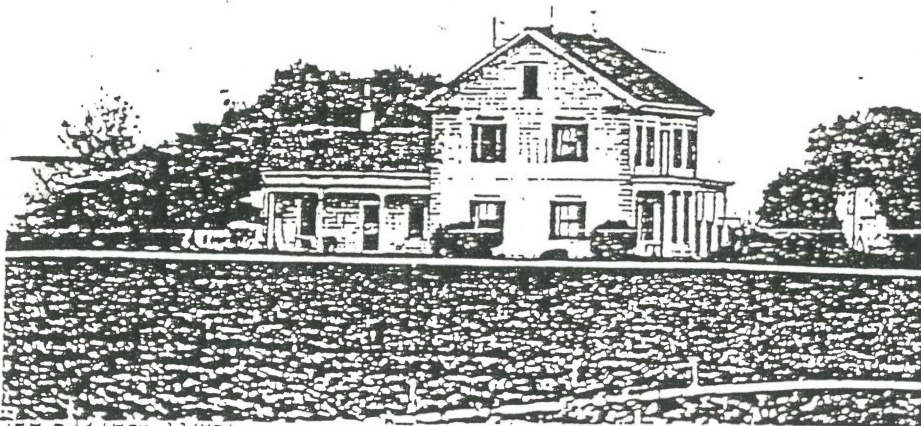
7a. Architectural style: Greek Revival

7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its known as the "T-wester House", this farmhouse stands alone, on the southside of Beach Road 0.9 miles from the western city limits of Watsonville. The main part of the structure is a 30' by 40' rectangle of two stories (lower 11' high and upper 10' high) which is the "cross" of a T shape, the "leg" being one story 18' by 30' wing to the rear. Exterior is flush boards with quoins at corners of the main section. The shingle covered roof is a medium gable with two interior chimneys. The gable ends of the roof are projecting with end boards and frieze. Eaves are boxed cornice and plain frieze extending around corners approximate 2'. Windows have flat openings with trapezoid shaped lintels. Upper floor has 2 double hung sash windows on either side of a door with windows which opens onto the balcony with balustrade which forms the top of an open veranda across most of front of house. Six square posts support the balcony from the top of three plain ground floor straight steps. The windows are shuttered. Two ground floor windows are on either side of the center front paneled door which has transom and side window panels. The ends of the main part of structure have two windows on each floor, also shuttered, and a narrower unshuttered single window at a third level within the gable (probably an attic area). An open veranda is along the northside of the single story rear wing.

1872

Estimated _____ Factual _____

9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Allen
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 100
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)



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

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Register Pajaronian, 23 Feb. 1981....the following is from an article written by Betty Lewis: ..."Frederick Thurwachter was born in Germany in 1833 and came to America in 1850. In 1854, after four years in New York, he came to California and lived in Soquel for five years. He then moved to the Pajaro Valley, where he married Catherine Sweeney, a native of Ireland. He purchased a ranch on Beach Road in 1866 -- 113 1/2 acres which were planted Bellefleur apples, barley and potatoes.

The two story house with its veranda running across the upper floor, boasts chimneys built by Kingsley King, father of Pajaro King, the first white child to be born in the Pajaro Valley...."

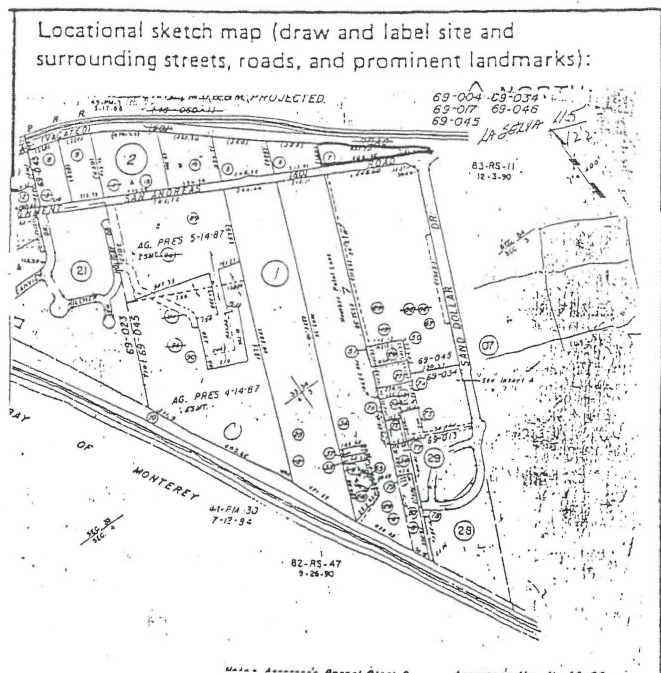
This building is significant for its association with Frederick Thurwachter, one of the early immigrants to begin commercial farming and apple ranching. The house is equally significant as an excellent example of 1872 construction and design.

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

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

Pajaro Valley Historical Association
 Betty Lewis, Historian
 Jane Borg

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 Phone: (408) 971-1421



2083 Beach Rd. (Thurwachter House)

ADDENDUM—1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: March 31, 1994

Result of Inspection: House to be moved to 1254 San Andreas Rd.
Designation moved to new address.

CONSULTANT'S PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS:

The historic designation has remained intact in spite of the proposed move because of the structure's architectural and historical significance. No change should be made unless the proposed restoration compromises the integrity of the structure.

(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: farmhouse