

State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No
Nat. Register Status 5s1

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Local designation

1. Historic name Larkin Valley School
- *2. Common or current name
- *3. Number & street 488 Larkin Valley Road Cross-corridor
City Rio del Mar Vicinity only Zip 95076 County Santa Cruz
4. UTM zone A B C D
5. Quad map No. Parcel No. 049-161-01 Other

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category building If district, number of documented resources

*7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

This is a truncated hip-shaped building with a slightly concave rounded roof. There is wood overlapping clapboards and wood shingles. The main windows are flat with plain mouldings, lugsills, two sashes, two panes and double hung movement. On the high rounded truncated hip there are decorative wood brackets supporting the projecting eaves with frieze. On the low flat truncated hip are projecting eaves, exposed rafters and a wood rain gutter. The main entrance was originally on the south side leading to the cloak room but that door has been blocked off. Cement stairs lead to a partially enclosed porch supported by two square wood posts. The building has one brick chimney. Although additions to the rear of the old school have been made, the original structure is intact and maintains its distinctive appearance.



8. Planning agency County Planning
9. Owner & address
Roberts, Wallace and Katherine
488 Larkin Valley Rd.
Watsonville, Ca 95076
10. Type of ownership private
11. Present use residen.
12. Zoning RA
13. Threats none known

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*Complete these items for historic preservation compliance projects under Section 106(36CFR800). All items must be completed for historical resources survey information.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- *14. Construction date(s) 1916 F Original location Same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date changing of entrance placement, additons to rear (no dates)
- 16. Architect unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) HP 15 educational building

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Institutions Area Santa Cruz County
 Period 1850-1940 Property type school Context formally developed? Yes
- *19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

The Larkin Valley School District was established in 1875 and this school was built in the summer of 1916 with the combined labor of community members. The school was remodeled in 1939 adding a second room for an additional grade and teacher. When the Freedom School District was formed by consolidating the schools in the area in 1946, the Larkin Valley School became a social center and the meeting place for the local farm center. The building was converted into a private residence in 1956. Although there are other historic schools in the County that are less altered, the structure still maintains its distinctive appearance and is significant historically.

20. Sources

County of Santa Cruz Survey of Historic Resources
of Historic Resources
 S.C. County Historical Resources Commission and Planning Dept., 1989.

County of Santa Cruz Survey of Historic Resources Update and Context Statement.
 S. C. County Historical Resources Commission, 1994.

Sketch Map North

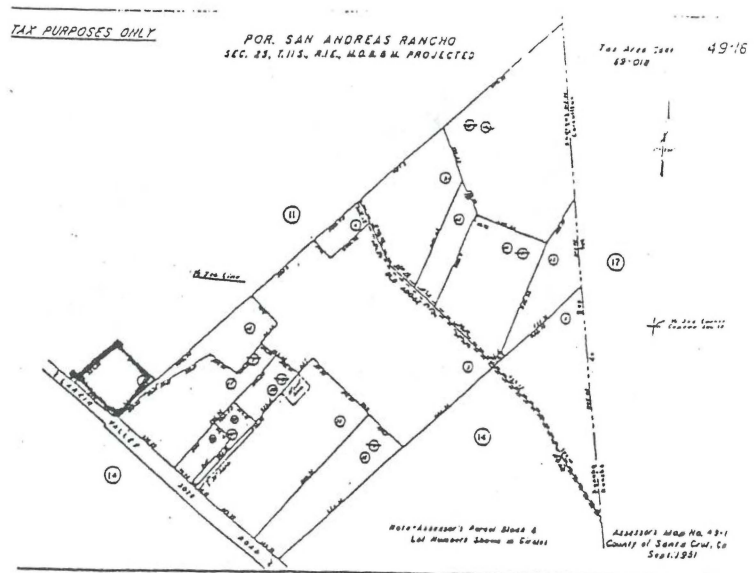
21 Applicable National Register criteria NA

22 Other recognition NA
State Landmark No. (if applicable)

24. Survey type Comprehensive

25. Survey name County of Santa Cruz Survey of Historic Resources Update

*26. Year form prepared 1995
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Larkin Valley School (488 Larkin Valley Road)

ADDENDUM—1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: June 15, 1994

Result of Inspection: No apparent changes.

CONSULTANT'S PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Change from 6 to 5 because of importance within Context 3 (Schools).

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

Context: 3 (schools)

Property type: school building



488 Larkin Valley Road (Present entrance)



488 Larkin Valley Road (original entrance)

