

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Rydell Residence
2. Historic name: Ocean View School
3. Street or rural address: 201 Pine Flat Road Bonny Doon Area  
City Santa Cruz, CA Zip 95060 County Santa Cruz
4. Parcel number: 06308206
5. Present Owner: Roy Rydell Address: 201 MAPLE STREET  
City Santa Cruz, CA Zip 95060 Ownership is: Public                      Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: School

DESCRIPTION

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

This single story pitched roof school house has been moved and modified to a multi-level residence. A rectangular form constructed in wood with wide horizontal board sheathing, the building is elevated over a partial basement. The front facade, covered by a pyramidal overhanging porch roof, includes the entry door set between side lights with a transom above. Additions have been incorporated into the original structure in most sides. Windows have been replaced and a series of trellises, singular decks and alcoves transform the Utilitarian structure into a very attractive residence.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated                      Factual 1884
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage                      Depth                       
or approx. acreage 1
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
April 1986

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: many alterations to structure, added wing and dormers
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 X Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site? \_\_\_ Moved? X Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: Extensive landscaping

SIGNIFICANCE

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

The Ocean View School was built in 1884, when the Ocean View School District was formed to serve the families in the Bonny Doon area of Santa Cruz County. For many decades the school functioned as a typical one room school house, although it did not have water or electricity.

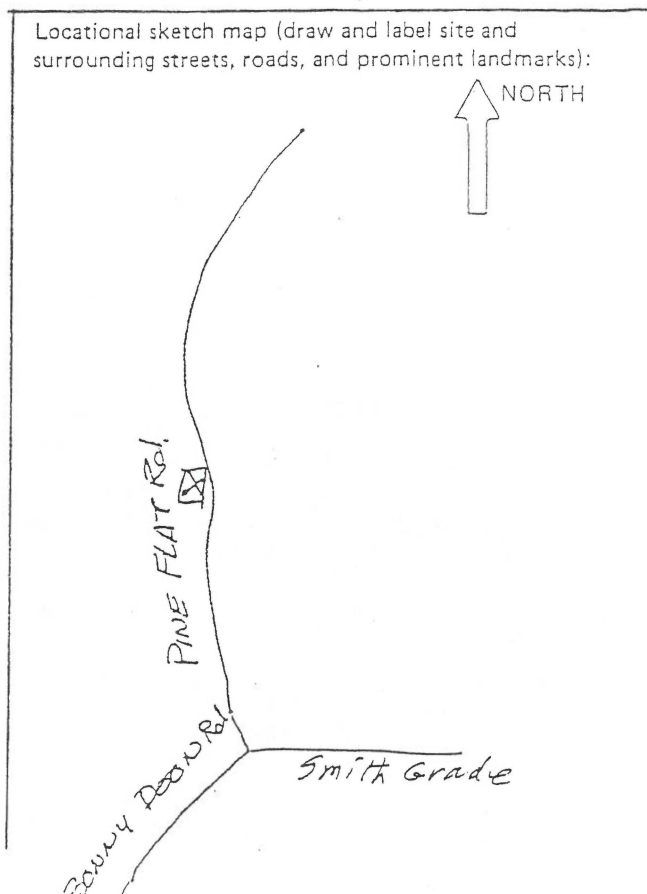
In 1950 the property was purchased by well known landscape architect Ray Rydell. Rydell designed landscaping designs for the University of California Santa Cruz, the Santa Cruz City Hall and the Alfred Hitchcock estate. Rydell is a consultant and frequent contributor to Sunset Magazine. His design for his home at the Old Ocean School has been said to be the birthplace of historic preservation in Santa Cruz County. The site is an early example of the adaptive re-use of an historic building.

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

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

Interview with Micki Ryan, 10/85  
Going to School in Santa Cruz, Koch  
Interview Roy Rydell, 9/85  
Interviews conducted by C. Matthews.

22. Date form prepared April 1986  
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ADDENDUM—1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: April 14, 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).

Context: 3 (schools)

Property type: school building