

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

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No
Nat. Register Status 5 (s1)

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Local designation

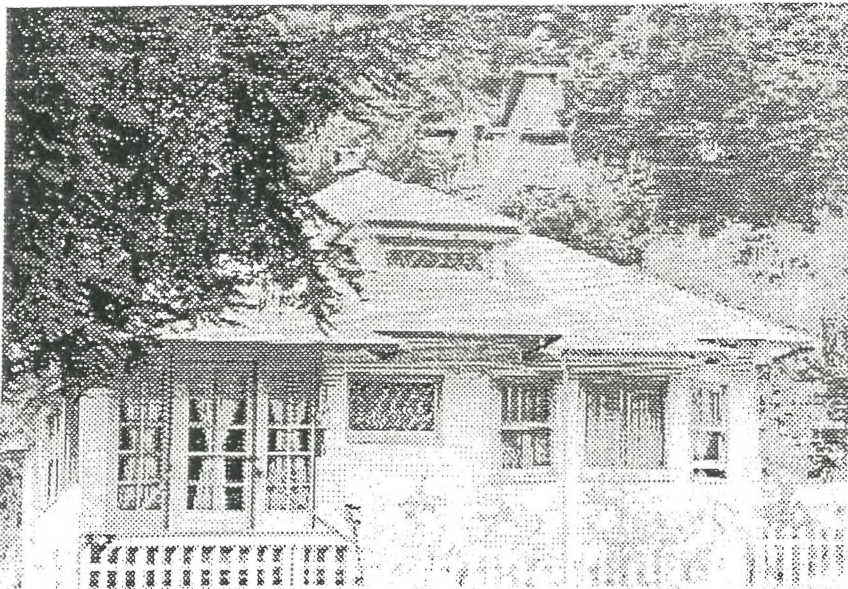
1. Historic name None
- *2. Common or current name None
- *3. Number & street 1491 Branciforte Dr. Cross-corridor
City Santa Cruz Vicinity only _____ Zip 95065 County Santa Cruz
4. UTM zone A B C D
5. Quad map No. Parcel No 068-171-12 Other

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 one story wood frame building has a pyramidal roof with centered front dormer also with a pyramidal roof. The facade has a set of three doors at the corner with multipaned windows a fixed window with diamond paned design and a bay with three windows, two rectangular double hung on either side of a square fixed window. Siding is clapboard and the roof is composition shingle. It appears that the door may have been replaced and the railings on the porch have been replaced by metal pipes which now serve that purpose. The house is surrounded by a white picket fence and there is a rustic garden with flowers, fruit trees and several redwoods.



8. Planning agency County Planning
9. Owner & address
Weeks, Barry W. and Catherine
1491 Branciforte Dr.
Santa Cruz, CA 95065
10. Type of ownership private
11. Present use residence
12. Zoning A
13. Threats none apparent

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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) 1910E Original location Same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date Possible replacement of front door, iron pipe railing on porch.
- 16. Architect unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) HP 2

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Architecture/Agriculture Area Santa Cruz County
 Period 1850-1940 Property type residence 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.

This structure, is another example of the turn of the century farm house that were once common in rural areas of the county. Like others, it is a simple hipped roof form that has been adorned in a distinctive way. In this case the primary decorative element is the diamond pattern used a the front window and repeated in the dormer. The addition of a bay with three windows lends further interest to the facade. Although the glass paned doors may have been a later addition (no doubt to let more light into the front room) they do not detract from the basic structure or design features of the house. The property is further enhanced by the fruit trees and gardens which add to the rural flavor. The property draws its significance from the fact that the number of farm houses situated on large plots of land and still cultivated, even on a limited basis, are becoming increasingly rare in the County.

20. Sources

County of Santa Cruz Survey
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.

21. Applicable National Register criteria NA

22. Other recognition NA

State Landmark No. (if applicable)

23. Evaluator Susan Lehmann

Date of Evaluation 8-1-95

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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