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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

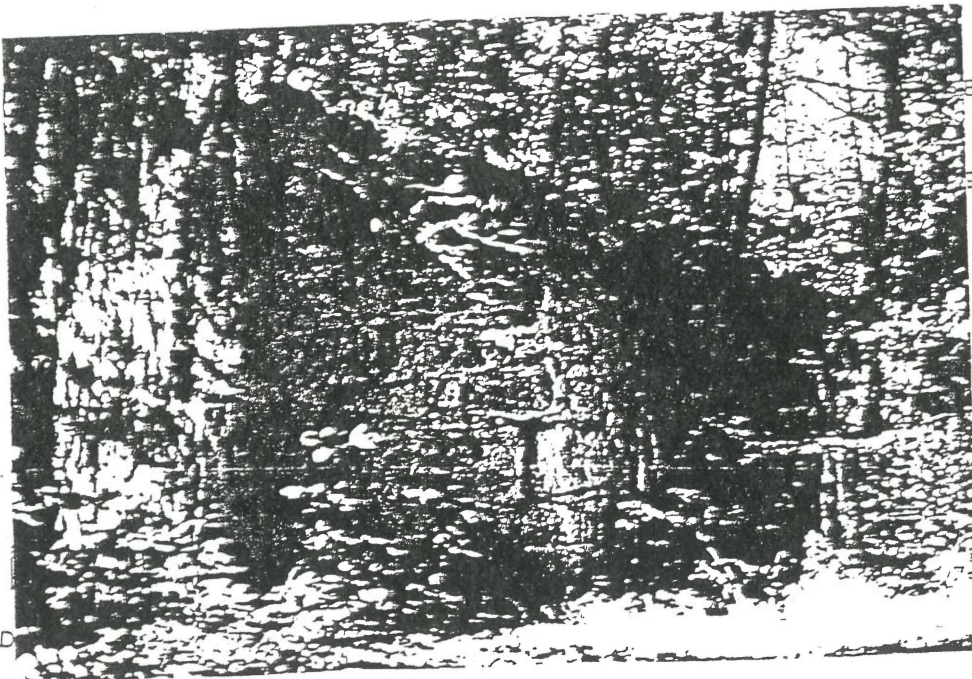
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Holmes Lime Kilns
2. Historic name: Holmes Lime Kilns
3. Street or rural address: On Ice Cream Grade, in Laguna Creek Bonny Doon Area
City Santa Cruz, CA Zip _____ County Santa Cruz
4. Parcel number: 080-241-18
5. Present Owner: Santa Cruz City Water Dept. Address: P.O. Box 682
City Santa Cruz Zip 95061 Ownership is: Public Private
6. Present Use: Abandoned Original use: Limekilns

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Lime Kilns, Masonry
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Stacked rock forms the walls of the kilns. Several kiln structures are in fair condition exhibiting their original construction and form. The brick loading area is the only missing element.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1890 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
April 1986

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

SIGNIFICANCE

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

From the 1870s through the 1900s, the quarrying of limestone was an important industry in Santa Cruz County. The lime produced revolutionized the building trades in California. One of the largest quarries was that of Charles S. Holmes, investor and financier in the Hawaiian trade. At the Holmes Lime Kiln quarries, the Limestone was mined and burned in large kilns to produce lime.

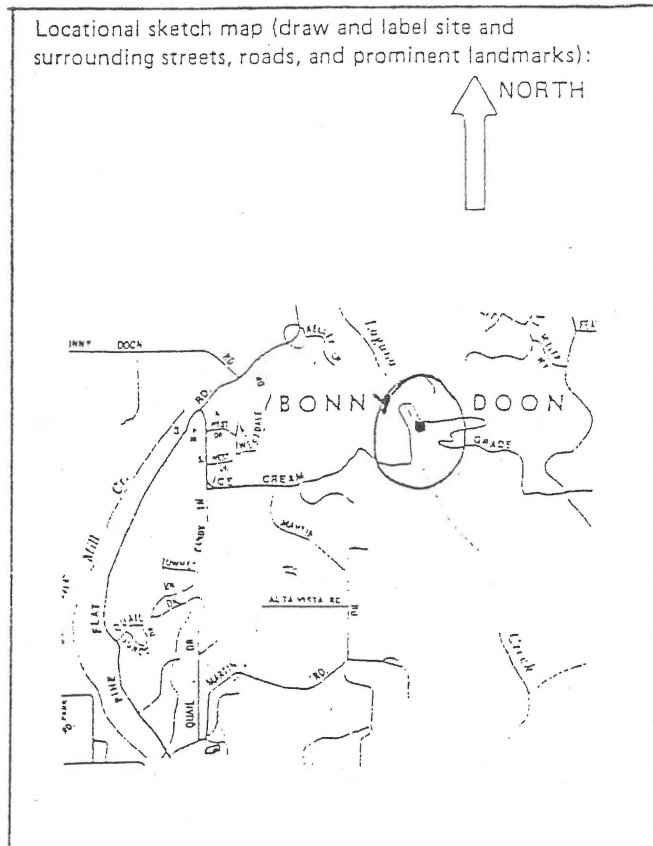
The site is significant as the location of one of the area's most important early industries.

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

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

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Holmes Lime Kilns (site)

ADDENDUM—1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: April 14, 1994

Result of Inspection: No change

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: 1 (lime kiln industry)

Property type: lime kiln