

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

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No
Nat. Register Status HR-3

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

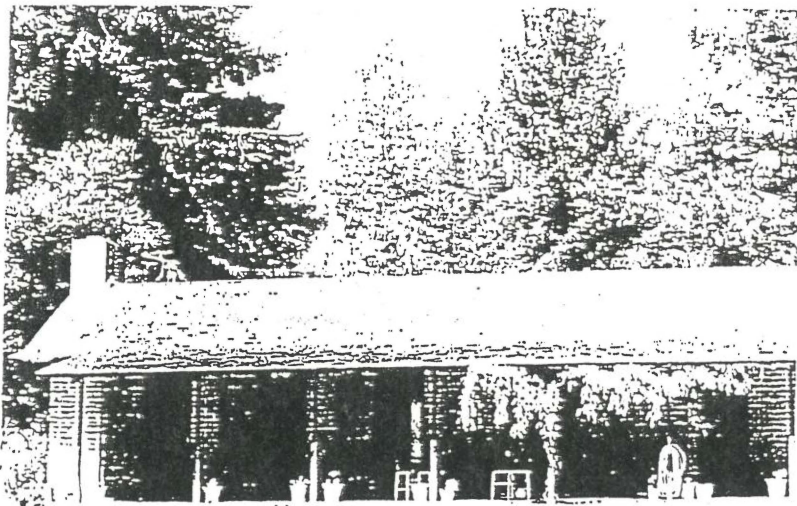
Local designation

1. Historic name John H. Gregory House
- *2. Common or current name
- *3. Number & street 701 Canham Road Cross-corridor
City Scotts Valley Vicinity only _____ Zip 95066 County Santa Cruz
4. UTM zone A B C D
5. Quad map No. _____ Parcel No. 094-051-07 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.

The home is a single story residence and is designed to an early California vernacular style. It is an utterly simple, steel reinforced adobe rectangle with a gabled shingle roof that extend to cover long porches on two sides. While being a relatively small house containing only a living room, kitchen, two bedroom and a bath, it was intended for year round living. The home has only five actual windows, with all other openings proportioned glass doors. Every space opens to the deck.



8. Planning agency County Planning
9. Owner: University Nat. Bank & Trust
Trustee
133 Mission St. Suite 220
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
10. Type of ownership private
11. Present use residential
12. Zoning RA-0-L
13. Threats none

Send a copy of this form to: State Office of Historic Preservation, P.O. box 942895, Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

*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) 1963 Original location same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date unknown
- 16. Architect William Wurster Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02-Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Architecture Area Santa Cruz County
 Period 1950 Property type single family prop 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 house draws its architectural significance from the fact that it is the work of William Wurster. Wurster was educated at the University of California Berkeley, became the Dean of the School of Architecture at MIT in the 1940's and returned to Berkeley to become the Dean of the College of Environmental Design in the 1950's. His pioneering work in architecture was primarily done in the 1930's. The uniquely California concept pioneered by Wurster was considered revolutionary for the times and brought him national recognition and numerous AIA Awards.

The John H. Gregory House is the last house designed by William Wurster as part of the Gregory compound and one of the last homes designed by Mr. Wurster. The home is designed to an early California vernacular and is an utterly simple, steel reinforced adobe rectangle with a gabled shingle roof that extend to cover long porches on two sides. While being a relatively small house containing only a living room, kitchen, two bedroom and a bath, it was intended for year round living. The home has only five actual windows, with all other openings proportioned glass doors. Every space opens to the deck.

20. Sources

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- S.C. County Historical Resources Commission and Planning Dept., 1989.
- County of Santa Cruz Survey of Historic Resources Update and Context Statement.
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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 1996
 By (name) Don Bussey, Planner
 Organization S.C. County Historical Resources Commission and County Planning Dept.
 Address 701 Ocean Street
 City & Zip Santa Cruz 95060
 Phone (408) 454-2123

Gregory House (701 Canham Road)

ADDENDUM—1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: November 17, 1993

Result of Inspection: The structure is located on a private road and permission was not obtained by the owner for access. Local architectural historian, Sarah Boutelle, has made a recent visit and reports that the structure has not been altered.

CONSULTANT'S PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS:

This structure, designed by William Wurster, should be rated 3 because of its importance within Context 3 (architecture). It is notable as the prototype of the California style ranch house that became the most popular architectural style of the 1940s through the 1980s. William Wurster is seen as one of California's most noted modern architect and this was his first major work in this style. The Gregory House is considered by virtually all California architectural historians as a landmark in the development of modern California residential architecture. By virtue of this fact, it is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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

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NR-5 per index

Context: 2 (architecture)

Property type: house

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