

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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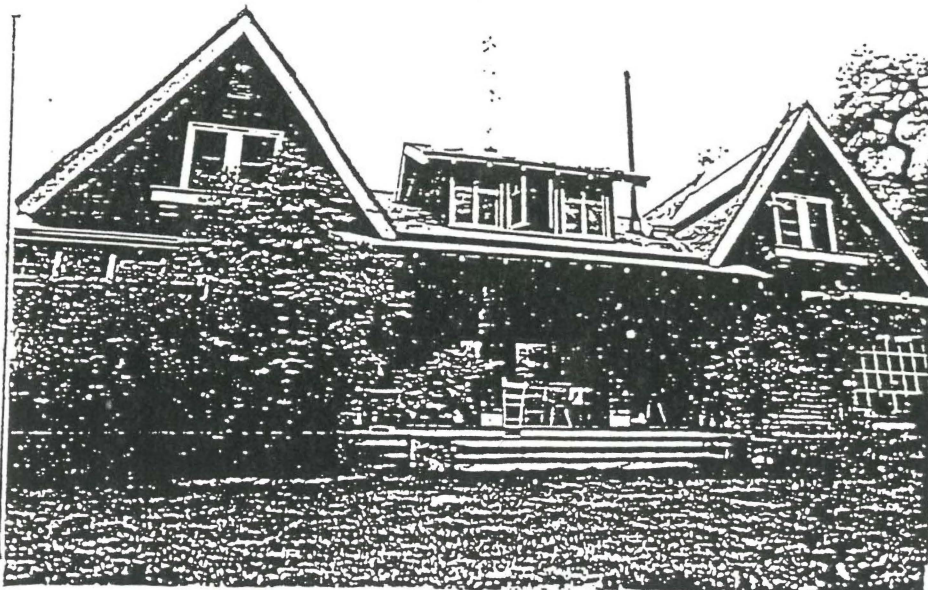
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Hubert Wyckoff
2. Historic name: Helen Wilder
3. Street or rural address: 243 Corralitos Road Eureka Canyon  
 City Watsonville Zip 95076 County Santa Cruz
4. Parcel number: 10818134
5. Present Owner: Florence Wyckoff Address: 243 Corralitos Rd.  
 City Watsonville CA Zip 95076 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

The site consists of a cluster of residential buildings all designed in variants of Craftsman and/or Shingle style. The three structures all exhibit interest but the large shingle-style "Wilder House" is clearly the most distinctive structure in the group. This building consists of a two storied wooden residence constructed on an elongated rectangular plan and designed in an Eastern Shingle style. The multi-planar roof is double cross gabled. Asphalt shingles cover the roof a strangely angled dormer centers both mid roof planes. A shed roof accents the entry porch, while a grand recessed veranda centers the rear facing facade. This space is supported by tall narrow wood shingled columns. The porch is raised four wooden steps above the expansive back yard lawn. The exterior walls are themselves sheathed in wood shingles. Fenestration consists of a wide variety of rectangular forms



8. Construction date: Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1909
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
 Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
 or approx. acreage 5
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
May 1986

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good Y Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: 1918 courtyard was enclosed to make living room w/fireplace
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built-up \_\_\_  
Residential \_\_\_ Industrial \_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_ Agriculture \_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known \_\_\_ Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Y Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

The unique home located at 243 Corralitos Road in Watsonville was built at the turn of the century by Helen Wilder. She was the daughter of a successful Hawaiian planter and she brought the romantic island styles with her to her home in Watsonville.

The house was purchased in 1915 by the prominent Wyckoff family of Watsonville. The Wyckoff family has included Cyrus Newton Wyckoff, a pioneering engineer in the area, Bert Wyckoff, a noted local attorney and Ralph Wyckoff, an architect associated with the influential W.H. Weeks.

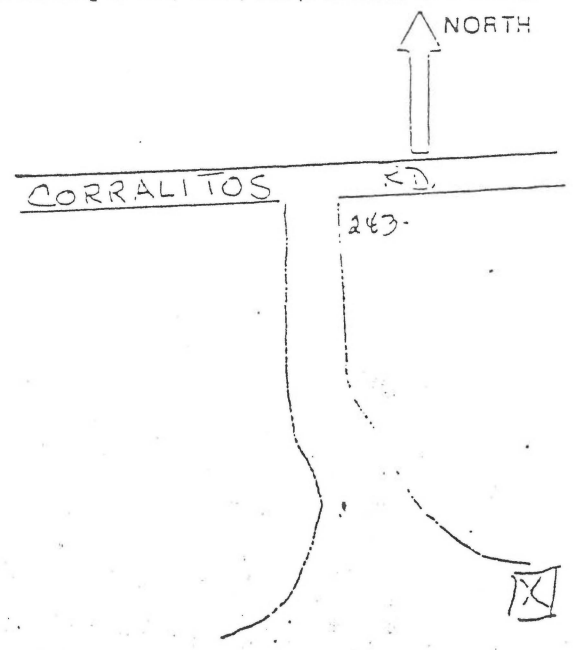
The Wyckoff family made additions and alterations to the house in 1918 in the then highly popular "Art Nouveau" style. An ante-courtyard was enclosed at that time to make a living room with a fireplace. The house is now occupied by Mrs. Hubert Wyckoff and has remained continually in the family since its purchase. Architecturally, the home is outstanding.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
Historical Museum Files  
Sanborn Maps 1908  
A Field Guide to American Houses, McAlister

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



consisting of large plate glass, double hung, and casement windows. Detailing is supplied by multi-panes and diamond shaped muntins. Distinctive round arches add significance to the entry. The brick stair also adds to the building. The residence is in excellent condition. Landscaping is both mature and luxurious. Noteworthy, particularly are the roses and large trees which surround the house. The other buildings are less distinguished but well cared for Craftsman design. The complex is a very important addition to the urban heritage of Santa Cruz County.

## ADDENDUM 5/1/96:

The other buildings are less distinguished but well cared for Craftsman design, with the barn structure to be included (at the request of the owner) with the residence as a historic resource on this site.

Wyckoff Home (243 Corralitos Rd.)

ADDENDUM—1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: April 31, 1994

Result of Inspection: No change.

CONSULTANT'S PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Should be rated 5 because of its architectural significance within Context 2.

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

Context: 2 (architecture)

Property type: house