

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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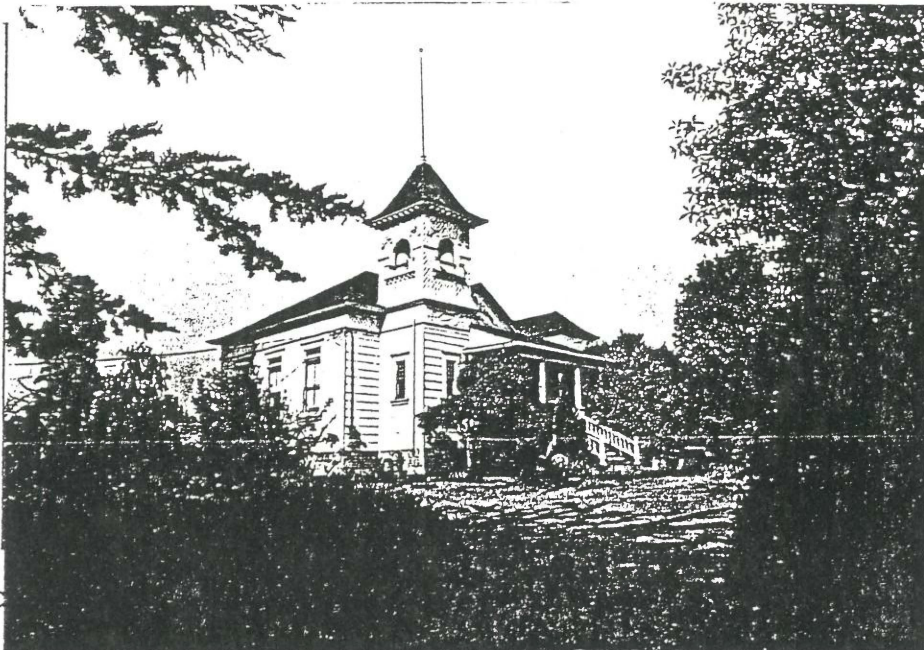
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Spencer Home
2. Historic name: Green Valley School
3. Street or rural address: 1080 Green Valley Road Eureka Canyon
City Watsonville Zip 95076 County Santa Cruz
4. Parcel number: 109-232-01
5. Present Owner: Kay and Burt Spencer Address: 1080 Green Valley Road
City Watsonville Zip 95076 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: School

DESCRIPTION

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

This is a one story building with a cross-gable roof and a steeple bell tower on the south side set flush with the south and west walls. There is wood and shingle roofing and plain boxed cornice roof trim. The main windows are flat with lugsills at the bottom and two horizontal sashes with transom window divisions. Between the main windows and the lintel with molding trim, are three eyebrow-shaped windows with three vertically divided panes. The eight paneled main wood door is in the center of the gable end, flush against the wall. Straight wood stairs lead to the porch. The main door and front stairs have been replaced by the present owners. The main porch is enclosed; wood columnar pillars, resting on square wood blocks, supports the one story porch roof. The porch railing and stairs were redone with banisters from a 100 year old building on Beach Road. Special patterns of leaves and other appropriate designs are found on the steeple tower. Decorative patterns inscribing the name and date are on the front gable. A storage closet has been added to the east side of the building, and there is a detached garage and privy. The roof has been shingled with fiber glass shingle, while the outside exterior is asbestos siding for fire protection purposes.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1898
9. Architect W.H. Weeks
10. Builder A.D. Cloud
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 200 Depth 300
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
May 1986

13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: Interior
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 Private development _____ Zoning _____ Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

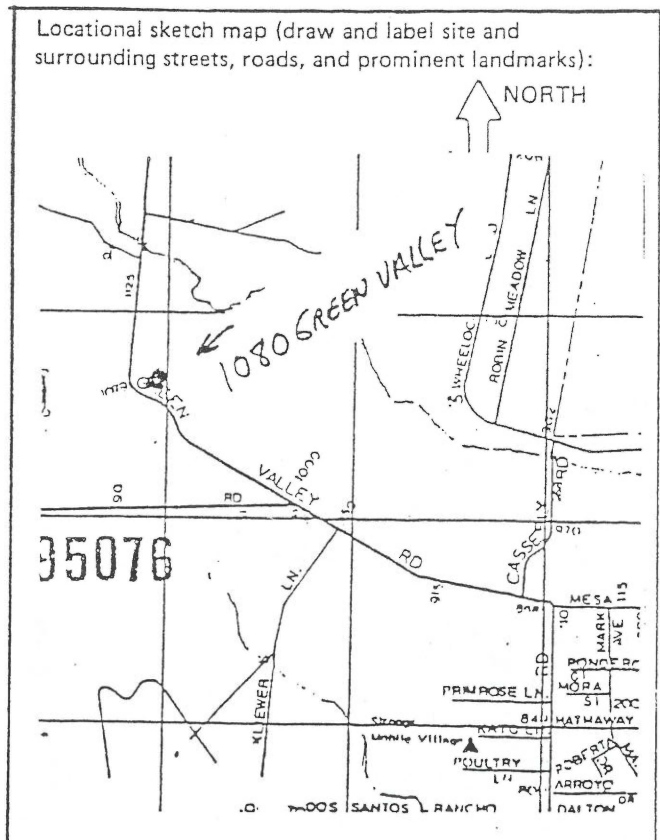
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
The Green Valley School District was established in 1871 by an act of the Board of Supervisors to divide the Oak Grove District into two parts, the Corralitos and Green Valley districts. The original school building was built in 1868, and after it burned down, this building was erected in 1898 on C.H. Cornell's property by William W. Weeks, a prominent local architect. A unionization election in 1946 formed the Salsipuedes District by consolidating the public schools in the area. At this time, the Green Valley School was absorbed into the new district. The last class graduated in 1947, and after being abandoned for a few years, the Spencers purchased the property for \$3,200. The Spencers have made few external changes. The original school bell is believed by the Spencers to be in a Mission School in Africa. The present bell was given to the Spencers by William Peters, Mrs. Spencer's father, having come from an old school on the Canadian border.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education 1

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

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ADDENDUM—1994

PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Date: April 31, 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: Schools

Property type: School building