

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION PLANNING DEPARTMENT

701 OCEAN STREET, 4TH FLOOR, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060 (831) 454-2580 FAX: (831) 454-2131 TDD: (831) 454-2123 TOM BURNS, DIRECTOR

February 4,2004

AGENDA: February 11,2004

HISTORIC RESOURCE PRESERVATION PLAN

Applicant: Dale Kersten Owner: Dale Kersten Application No.:04-01H APN: 077-081-09

Location:South side of Fairview Avenue, about 70 feet west from Fillmore

Avenue, Ben Lomond

Historic Name: Ben Lomond Hotel Club House

Current Name:..... None

Existing Site Conditions

Parcel Size: . 37,803 square feet

Land Use: Residential

Planning Policies

Planning Area: San Lorenzo Valley

Zone District: R-1-10-L

General Plan Land Use Designation: Urban Low Residential Community, Specific, or Town Plan: Ben Lomond Town Plan

General Plan Resources and Constraints:......Watersupply Watershed, Biotic

Resource, and Archaeological

Resources

Coastal Zone: No

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

According to the application, the proposal is to "[r]estore the original porch as close to the original detail as possible including: hand lathed support posts, tongue and groove porch decking, and bead board ceiling."

II. DISCUSSION

A. Background and Site Description

The existing house on this parcel is listed in the County's Historic Resources Inventory (HRI) with a historic rating of NR3, which the County Code defines as "[a] property eligible, in the opinion of the County Historical Resources Commission, to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places." The house was upgraded from NR5 in 2002. The rating of NR5 is defined as "[a] property determined to have local historical significance." Please refer to the attached pages from the Historic Resources Inventory for information about the historic and architectural significance of the building.

The house, although located on a large lot (between 0.8 and 0.9 of an acre), is situated at the northeast corner of the lot approximately 8 feet from the east property line and approximately 15 feet from the north property line. The lot varies from 156 feet to about 200 feet deep and is about 200 feet wide. The lot is flat.

B. Proposal

The proposal involves replacing-in-kind a previously removed wrap-around covered porch and is the subject of building permit application 50640M. That application was routed to the Historic Resources Commission staff for review and that is the genesis of this Historic Resources Preservation Plan.

C. Purview of the HRC

Your Commission is requested to consider an Historic Resource Preservation Plan to address the proposed alteration to an existing designated historic resource. In so doing, your Commission will be considering the effect of the proposal on the historic integrity, significance, and setting of the existing historic building.

D. Historic Preservation Criteria

General Plan Policies 5.20.3 and 5.20.4 require that development activities on property containing historic resources protect, enhance, and/or preserve the "historic, cultural, architectural, engineering, or aesthetic values of the resource as determined by the Historic Resources Commission" based on the Commission's review and approval of historic preservation plans. Chapter 16.42 of the County Code implements those General Plan Policies.

County Code Subsection 16.42.040(a) and Section 16.42.070 are applicable to the proposal. Subsection 16.42.040(a) states, in relevant part, that

[n]o person shall make or cause any material change to the exterior of an historical structure. ...unless such action is in conformance with a valid Historic Resource Preservation Plan approved by the Historic Resources Commission

Subsection **16.42.070**, Historic Preservation Criteria, requires that alteration of historic resources and new construction on historic properties meet certain criteria. Those criteria are listed below, each followed by a discussion of the applicability of the criterion and how the proposal does or does not meet that criterion.

Alteration Criteria

 Every reasonable effort shall be made to provide a compatible use for a property which requires minimal alteration of the building, structure or site and its environment, or to use a property for its originally intended purpose.

No change in use is proposed. The building has been used as a house for decades. According to the Historic Resources Inventory (HRI), this is the only building remaining from the Ben Lomond Hotel that is on its original site.

2. The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible.

The distinguishing original qualities or character of the building are its shiplap siding, cross-gabled, steeply pitched roof, and the fact that it is the largest and only building remaining from the Ben Lomond Hotel that is on its original site. There have been additions over time, but the dates of these additions are unknown. Originally, the building was L-shaped but shed additions at the front (west side) resulted in a square footprint. On the west side of the house a sun porch with multi-lite fixed windows was added at some unknown time. The proposed work would increase the height and lower the slope of the sun porch roof and extend the roof farther away from the house to cover the open porch. It does not appear that the proposal would significantly alter historic material or distinctive architectural features.

3. All buildings, structures, and sites shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations that have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier or later appearance shall be discouraged.

The application indicates that the proposed alterations are to restore the original porch as close to the original detail as possible. However, the HRI does not mention or indicate that such a porch existed. The photos in the HRI do not show a porch like that

proposed: they do show some type of roofed area on the north side of the house, but the poor quality of the those photos and the locations from which they were taken make it difficult to discern the details. The proposed work includes details such as the new hand-lathed posts that appear as though they were from the time of the original construction.

Changes which may have taken place in the course of time are evidence of the history and development of a building, structure, or site and its environment. These changes may have acquired significance in their own right, and this significance shall be recognized and respected.

According to the HRI the house was built in or about 1889 apparently "originally configured in a L-shape but was later expanded within the L to create a square building footprint with shed additions at the front." Other additions include "[a] front sun porch. . .framed with multi-lite fixed windows" and "[a] secondary one-story addition at the side. . .designed to match the original building. . . ." The proposed work would affect the front sun porch by altering its roofline, but would otherwise not disturb that addition. The significance of that addition, as a sun porch, may be compromised by the proposal. However, the sun porch per se is not historically significant, nor is its use simply that of a sun porch.

5. Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure, or site shall be treated with sensitivity.

The proposed alterations would not adversely affect the original style of the building.

6. Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced, wherever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on accurate duplications of features substantiated by historic, physical or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural design or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.

According to the application, the replacement is necessary because of the unsafe condition of the porch and that once repairs were begun it became evident that the entire porch needed to be replaced. The application also indicates that the work proposed will "match the historical detail (as close to the original as possible) as it once was" including "the use of matching the materials, look and craftsmanship. . . ."

7. The surface cleaning of structures shall be undertaken with the gentlest means possible. Sandblasting and other cleaning methods that will damage the historic building material should not be utilized.

No surface cleaning is proposed.

8. Every reasonable effort shall be made to protect and preserve archaeological resources affected by, or adjacent to any project.

While the Ben Lomond area generally is an archaeologically sensitive area, not work is proposed that would disturb any known archaeological resource.

9. Alterations and additions to existing properties shall not destroy significant historical, architecturalor cultural elements or materials, and shall be compatible with the size, scale, color, materials, and character of the *property*, neighborhood or environment.

The work proposed appears to be compatible with the size, scale, color, materials, and character of the property.

10. Whenever possible, new additions or alterations to structures shall be done in a manner so that the essential form and integrity of the structure would be unimpaired.

Replacement of a previously existing porch in a similar manner would not impair the essential form and integrity of the structure. Here, the information available does not conclusively establish the historical existence of the porch. However, the structure has had additions over the years and, according to the HRI, the building "appears to have integrity but the components remain obscured within the site" and the building "retains discernable integrity of the original structure." The main feature of the original structure that characterizes its integrity is its Victorian-era cross-gabled, steeply pitched roof. The proposed work does not involve that roof and so it does not appear that the work would impair the integrity of the building.

III. CONCLUSION

Information in the HRI regarding the historic building at 225 Fairview Avenue does not include any reference to a wrap-around porch as proposed in the application. This does not necessarily mean that the application cannot be approved. Additions and alterations that respect the original integrity of a building are allowable. Here, the building has already had probably at least three additions or alterations. One changed the L-shape to a square footprint, one was a small matching addition on the east side of the house, and the third (not necessarily in time) was the sun porch that apparently did

not match the roof of the house. With this application, it appears that the original integrity of the house will still be maintained with the proposed work, whether the porch existed originally or not.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Therefore, it is RECOMMENDED that your Commission take the following actions:

- A. Adopt the following Findings:
 - 1. The Historic Resource Preservation Plan, as conditioned, is consistent with General Plan Objective 5.20 and General Plan Policies 5.20.3 and 5.20.4 and with the purposes and goals of County Code Chapter 16.42; and
 - 2. The Historic Resource Preservation Plan, as conditioned, is in conformance with the requirements of Section 16.42.070 (Historic Preservation Criteria) of the County Code; and
 - 3. The Historic Resource Preservation Plan, as conditioned, will preserve and maintain the cultural and historical heritage of the County and/or further cultivate the knowledge of the past.
- B. Approve the Historic Resource Preservation Plan as submitted

Exhibits

- **A.** Applicant's Historic Resource Preservation Plan Submittal
- **B.** Historic Resources Inventory pages for the subject site
- **C.** Additional photos

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HISTORICAL RESOURCE PRESERVATION PLAN APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the following regarding your proposed project and return it to the Planning Department. You may submit this application by mail or you may drop it off in person at the Planning Department General Information Desk (GID). You do <u>not</u> need to make an appointment to drop off the completed application. There is <u>no</u> fee for this application.

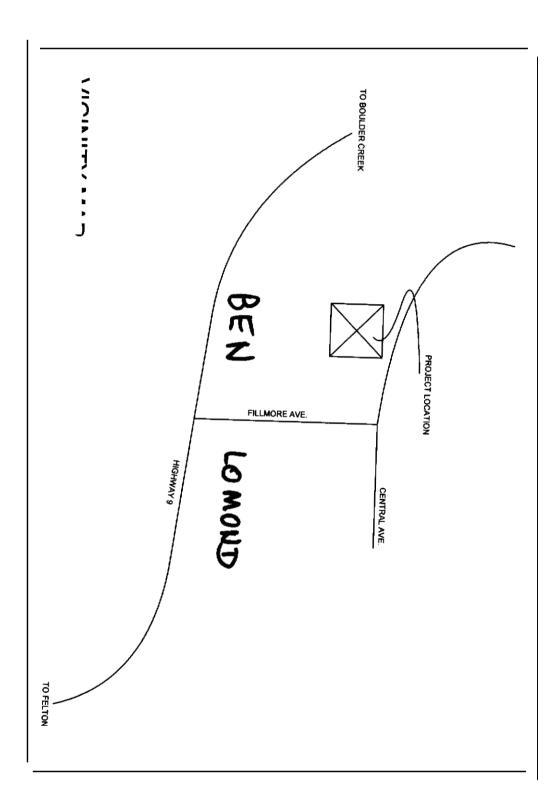
Please be clear, complete, and concise. This information will be used to evaluate your project. Use additional sheets if necessary. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION WILL DELAY THE PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION.

Owner Dale Kersten	Applicant Name: Dale Kersten
Address: 225 Fairview Ave. Ben Lomond CA 95005	Address: 275 FAIR VIEW AVE. Ben Limond, CA 9500
Phone Number: 821.376.3777	Phone Number: \$31-376.3777
Assessor's Parcel Number(s): 077.09	1.09
Site Address: 225 Fair New A	HVE.
Historic and/or Common Name:	
Present Use:	Proposed Use:
Type of Project Alteration Sign Review Relocation Demolition	New Construction Restoration Historic Site Ground Disturbance
1. Please describe the proposed project.	
Restore original po	rch as close to the
<u>Original detail as po</u>	Solble including:
hand lathed suppo	rt posts, tongue and my and bead board
groove porch deckir	og and bead board
Celling.	

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCE PRESERVATION PLAN APPLICATION FORM (con't.)

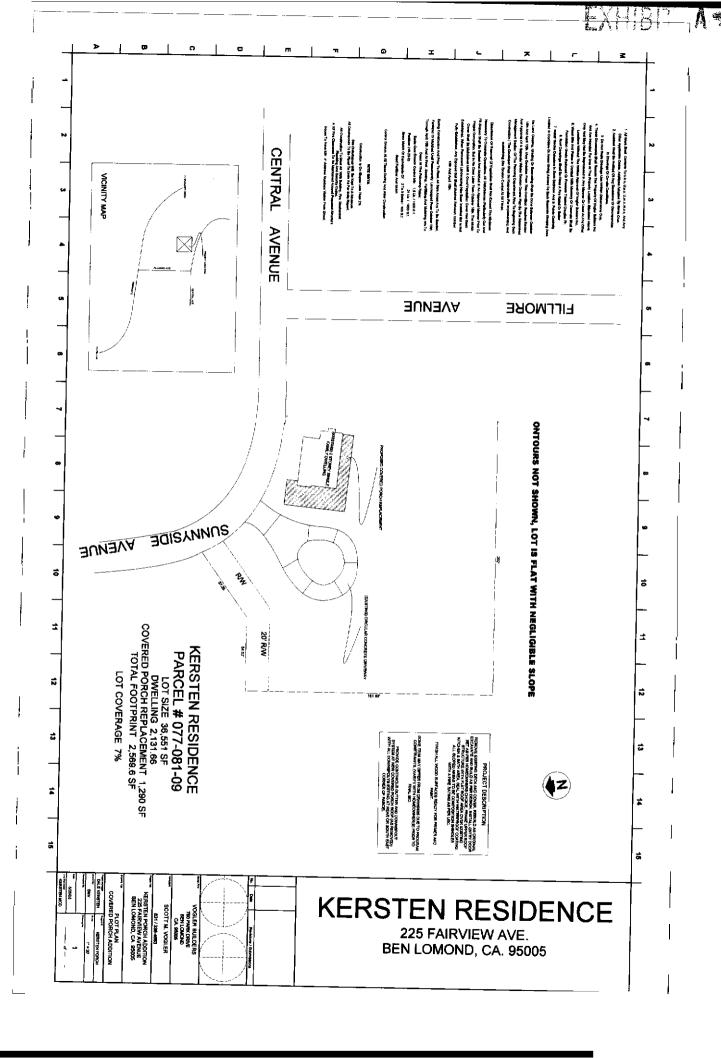
2.	Please explain the reason for this project.
	The existing porch was truly an unsafe
	Condition which had to be corrected for the
	Safety of my family. The project was initially
	Started as a safety regair. Once into the
	repair we realized the entire porch needed to
	be refurbished.
3.	Please describe how the project will comply with the Historic Preservation Criteria contained in Section 16.42.070 of the Historic Resources Preservation Ordinance (see
	enclosed information).
	The porch is being constructed to match the
	historical detail (as close to original as possible) as it once
	was when initially built. We have invested much
	into the use of matching the materials, look
	and craftmanship to keep the preservation
	of the law loing is while at the same time
	abiding by all local and county building
	INDOCO O
4.	Please provide any additional information about the history and/or architecture of the
	property/site.
	we purchased this house approximately 2/2 yrs. ago not completely understanding what a historical structure
	not completely understanding what a historical structure
C	intailed. The House itself was over grown with trees
and	nd ivy while the interior was stripped of fixtures, Mabinetry Must of its original detail work. We have spent many
VVI O	Most of its original detail work we have spent many
	of the property of the party of
Signs	nture of Owner or Authorized Agent Date

hours and invested a lot of Money into reestablishing the Character of the house. The renovation of the porch needed to be completed, Simply because of the unsale living condition it represented to my children.



()

တ



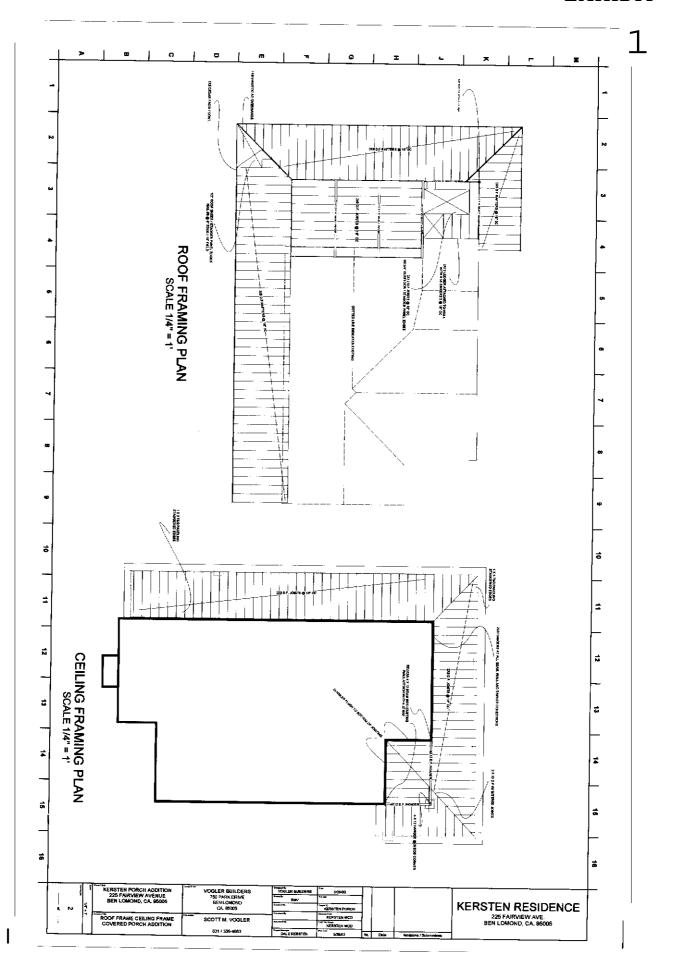
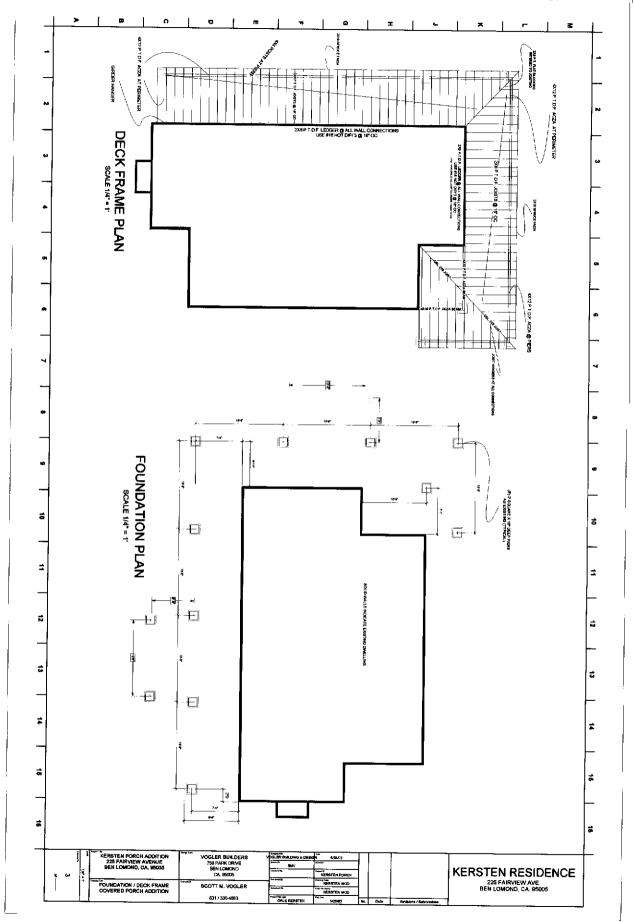


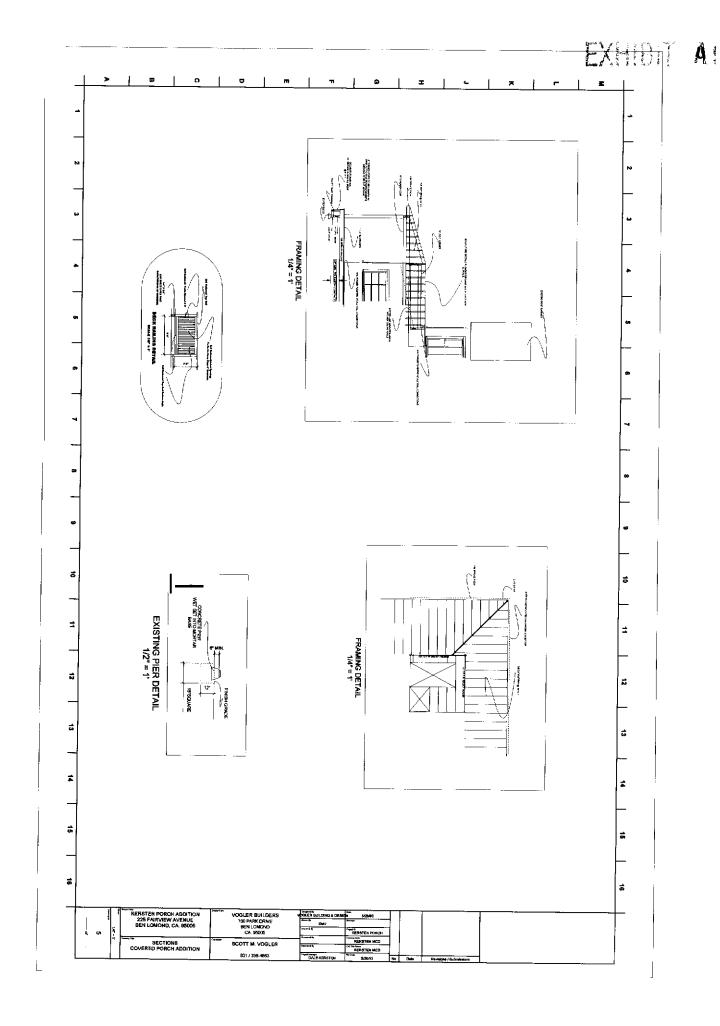
EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT A*



ELEVATIONS COVERED PORCH ADDITION

SCOTT M. VOGLER



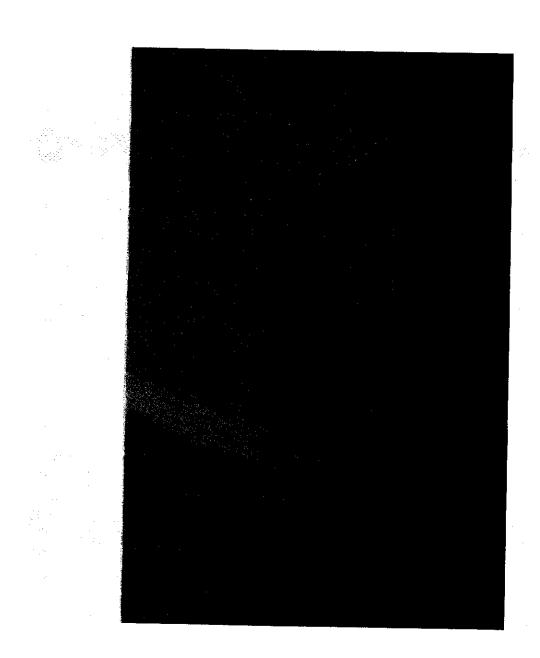
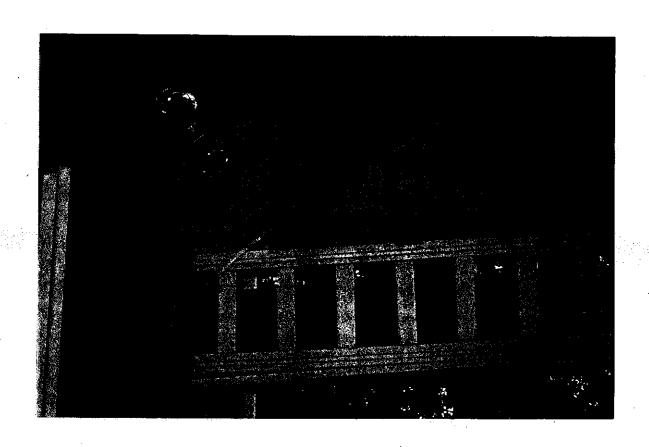


EXHIBIT AT



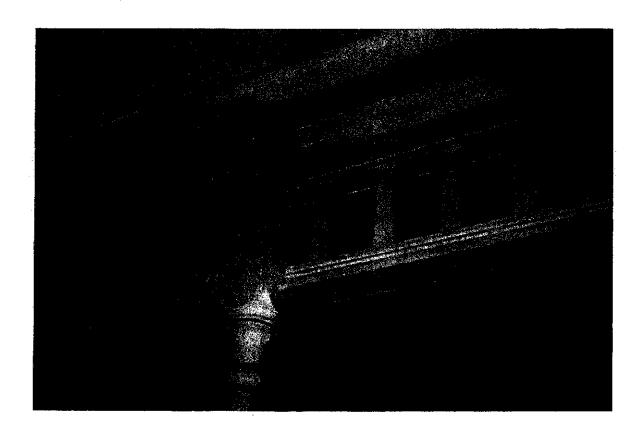
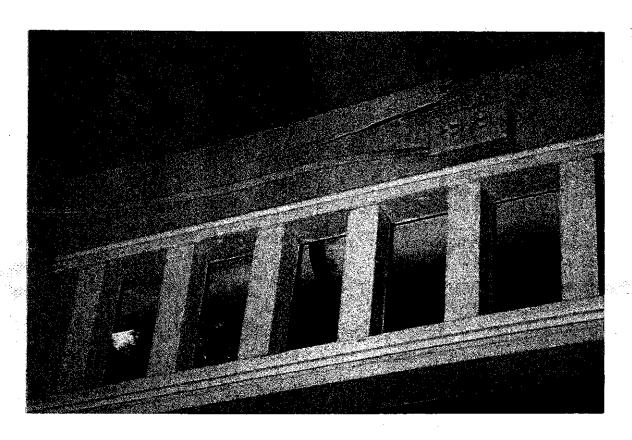
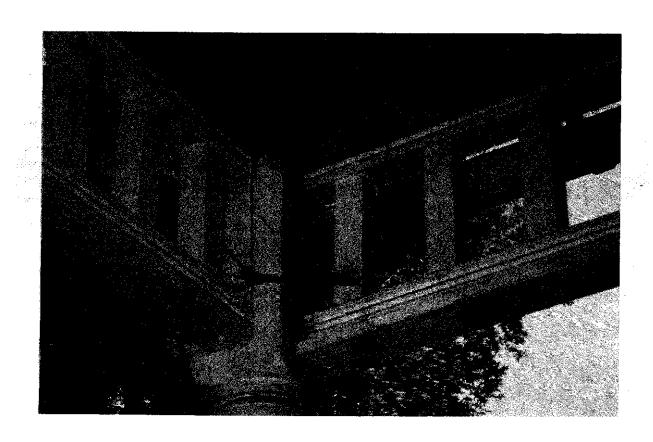


EXHIBIT A *





	FXHIRIT B
State of California - The Resources Agency	
DEPARTMENTIOF PARKS AND RECREATION. HRI# PRIMARY RECORD Trinomial	
MRHP Status C	ode
Other Listings Review Code Reviewer	

Page 1 of 2 'Resource Name or # (Assigned by Recorder): SCC12R

P1. Other identifier: 113

*P2. Location: Not for Publication X Unrestricted *a. County and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Felton Date 1991 R2W T10S Mt Diablo 5.M.

c. Address: 225 Fairview City Ben Lemond ZiP: 95005

d UTM: (Give more than ore for large/or linear resources) 10S 580780mE 4105090mN

e. Other Locationai Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

Assessor's Parcel Number: 077-081-99

*P3a. Description:: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials. condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

This two-story Victorian-era building has a cross-gabled, steeply pitched roof. It appears that it was originally configured in a L-shape but was later expanded within %heL to create a square building footprint with shed additions at the front. Cladding consists of channel rustic drop siding, and shingles face the primary facade within the gable area. A wood band of projected molding bisects the first and second floors, and additional decorative cross bracing, reflective of the Stick Style, is set within the primary gable. Fenestration consists of two over two double-hung wood windows. A front sum porch has been added, which is framed with multi-lite fixed windows. A secondary one-Story addition at the side of %hebuilding was designed to match the original building but does not have matching windows. The building appears to have integrity but the components remain obscured within the site.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (Listattributes and codes) HP2 ~ Single family property

*P4 Resources Present: X Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isoiates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession#) Marc?. 2001

Taken from nortt

*P6. Date Constructed/Age .Sources: c1890

1986 DPR

*P7. Owner and Address:
Jennifer & Dale Kersten
225 Fairview
Ben Lomond CA 95005

*P8. Recorded by:
A. Engle/C. Duval
Dill Design Group
110 North Santa Cruz Ave
Los Gatos CA 95030

*P9, Date Recorded March 2001

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)
Survey Update

*1. Report Citation: (City survey report and other sources, or enter "none".)

Dill Design Group, Historic Inventory Update Year 1, for the County of Santa Cruz, March 2001.

*Attachments: NONE Location Map Sketch Map Continuation Sheet X Building, Structure and Object Record Archaeological Record

District Record Linear Feature Record Milling State Record Rock Art Record Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List)

DPR 523A (1/95)

'Required information

Page 2 of 2

NRHP Status Code:

SCC12R

*Resource Name or#

B1. Historic Name: Ben Lomond Club House

B2. Common Name: None

63. Original Use: Hotel Club House Single family residential B4, Present Use:

*B5. Architectural Style: Folk Victorian

*86. Construction History: (Construction date, aiterations, and date of aiterations)

Built c1889

*B7 Moved? No

Date: N/P Original Location:

(Assigned by recorder):

*B8. Related Features:

Ben Loncod Cattage, cistern, fountain, flagpole

B9. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10 Significance: Theme Social, Arts, Recreation Area 3en Lomond

Period of Significance c1889-1914 Property Type Residential Applicable Criteria A

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

The Ben Lomond Hotel Ciub House was built about 1889 and was part of the Ben Lonsad Hotel, built by D. W. Johnston. The hotel vas built to encourage prospective buyers to purchase lots in Ben Lomond, then a new town being developed by James Pierce, owner of the Pacific Manufacturing Company in Santa Clara. The hotel was the first and most elegant of the three hotels built in Ben Lomond. It had several cottages, a bowling alley, and featured boating on the lake created by the dammed river. There were several owners over the years including Col. John T. Sullivan (1898), Frederick Cody (1901) who remodeled the hotel and built cottages for EO guests, Levi and E. M. Scott (c1909); W. H. Sowell (39101; W. G. Record (1911); Thomas Hatfield and J. J. Kasparek (1911); and E. H. Cocpfr and Ellsworth Beeson (1911). In 1914, Walter W. Everton (alias Bert Blackwell), the hotel watchman, burned down the hotel, at the direction of cwners Cooper and Beeson for rhe \$15,000 worth of insurance held on the structures. Only the clubhouse and some of the cottages were saved. The hotel was never rebuilt. Also known as the "Koue Summer House," the Ben Lomond Hotel Club House is the only building remaining from the Ben Lomond Hotel that is on its original site and retains discernable integrity of the original structure.

The building appears to qualify for the National Register under Criterion A, as it is associated with the broad patterns of local history and remains a significant example of those events. It has been previously reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Officer who found that it may become eligible for listing as a separate property. it is currently listed locally as an NR-5, and would qualify locally for listing as an NR-3.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes:

(List attributes and codes)

HP5 - Hotel/motel

*B12. References

Bamburg, B., Historical Resources inventory form, 1986.

FSCPL, Index to the Mt. Echo, 1999.

Hines, B., Rusticating in the Santa Cruz Mountains, July 2000.

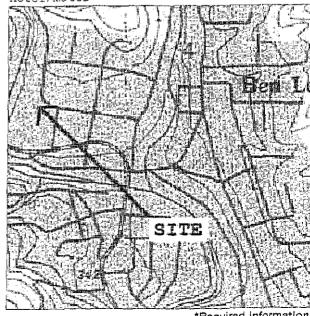
Kennedy, B., Hotel Ben Lomond research notes.

B13. Remarks: None

'814. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi "Date of Evaluation: March 2001

NORTH

(This space reserved far official comments)



*Required information

State of California — The Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

	EXHIBIT	B Ser No ——	_113	
HABS_	HAERLoc	SHL No.	NR Status_	5
UTM:	A 10/5 8078	80.4105090	C	
	8		D	

	FICATION Common name:Koue	Summer House	
2.	Historic name:Ben-l	omend Hetel Club House	
3.	3. Straet or rural address:25 Fairview Avenue		
	CityBen_Lomond	Zip <u>05005</u>	
4.	Parcel number: 0770811		
5.	Present Owner.	Koue Aage & Elsa, trustees,	Address: 981 Paramount Roxa
	City <u>Dakeland</u> CA	Zip <u>9461D</u> Ownership is: P	
6.	Present Use:	Originai use: <u>Hote</u>	l Club House

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Victorian
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its

original condition:

The Hotel Ben Lomond is a large simple two story structure of a basically square plan. The roof is a T shaped medium gable, with a long shed extending from the center "leg" of the T. An exterior brick chimney with recessed panel decorative brickwork is directly centered in the peak of one of the gables. The structures is covered with shiplap with plain moldings around all of the 2 over 2 double hung windows. A projecting strip of cornice molding marks the first story level on the exterior. The roof eaves are slightly overhung and decorated with simple molding. One of the gable peaks is marked by a simple stick style pendant.

The grounds of this structure include a cistern, a flagpole and a fountain, referring back to the time when the structures served as a resort howl. Presently they are fairly overgrown.



Construction date: Estimated FactualFactual
Estimated raccost
Architect
unknown
Builder
lames Pierce
Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 125 Depth 200
or approx. acreage
Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
April 1986

FX	НΙ	R	IT	R
$\mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{\Lambda}$		ונו		U

13.	Condition: Excellent Good Fair X Deteriorate	ed No longer in existence		
14.	Alterations: shed, additions and remodelings	3		
15.	.Surroundings: [Check more than one if necessary) Open landScattered buildings Densely built-up Residential Industrial Commercial Other:			
16.	Threats to rite: None known — Private development — Zoning Vandalism Public Works project 'Other:			
17.	Is the structure: On its original site? Moved?	Unknown?		
18.	Related features;			
	NIFICANCE			
	The hotel Ben Lomond was built in 1889 to encourage prospective buyers to purchase lots in Ben Lomond, a new-town being developed by James Pierce. James Pierce had logged off Ben Lomond and shipped the wood to Pacific Manufacturing in Santa Clara. The Hotel Ben Lomond was the towns first Hotel and its most elegant Hotel of the three built. The Club House is the only building left on the original hotel site.			
	The Ben Lomond Hotel Clubhouse is signific the Ben Lomond Hotel that remains on its o interity of the original structure.	ant as the sole building remaining from riginal site and retains desernable		
		Locational sketch map [draw and label site and		
20. 21.	Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.) Architecture	surrounding streets. roads, and prominent landmarks): NORTH SUNNYSIDE		
	ye Ellis Research Field Guide to American Houses, McAlister	FAIRVIEW		
22.	Date form prepared By (name) April 1986 Organization The Firm of Address: BONNIE L. BAMBURG City 247 N. Third Street Phone Jose, CA 95112 (408) 971-1421	CENTRAL AVE		

EXHIBIT B :

Ben Lomond Hotel Club House (225 Fairview Avenue)

ADDEND_M_1994

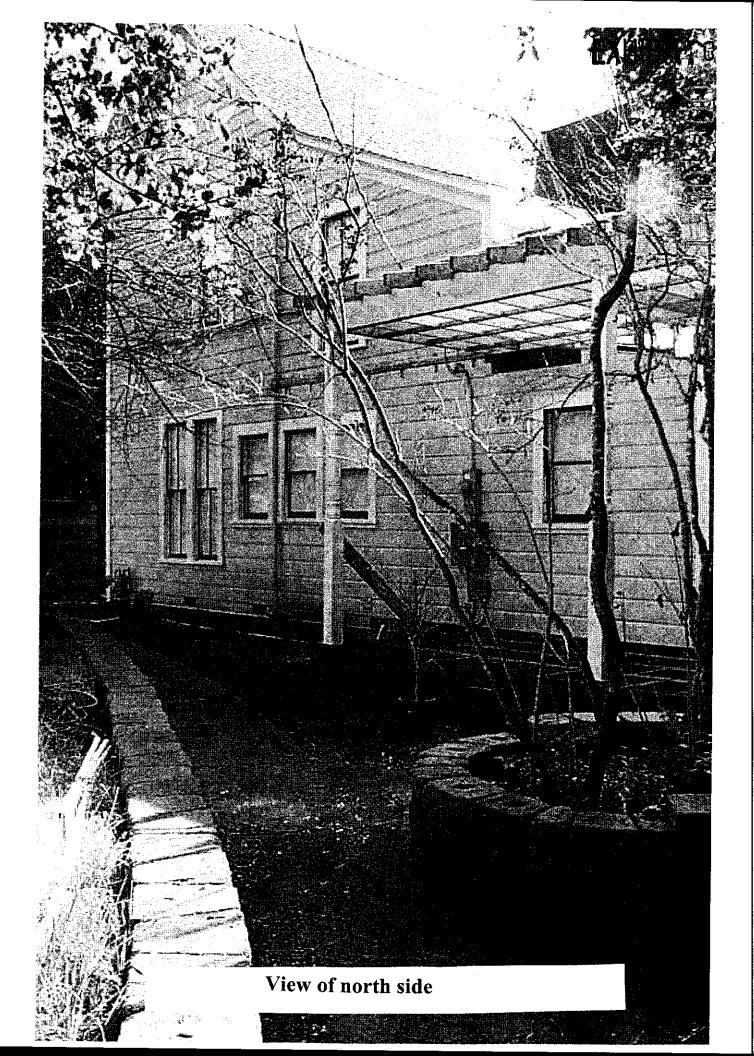
PHYSICAL INSPECTION

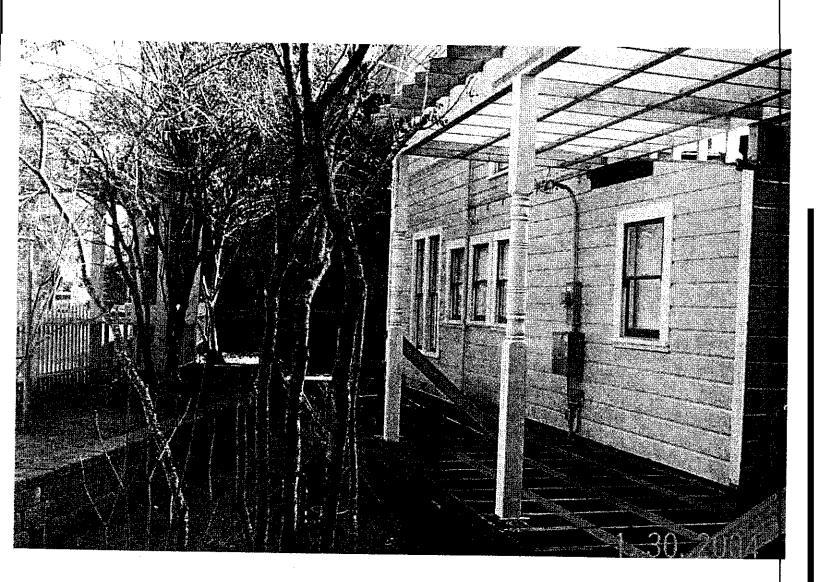
Date:

April 21,1994

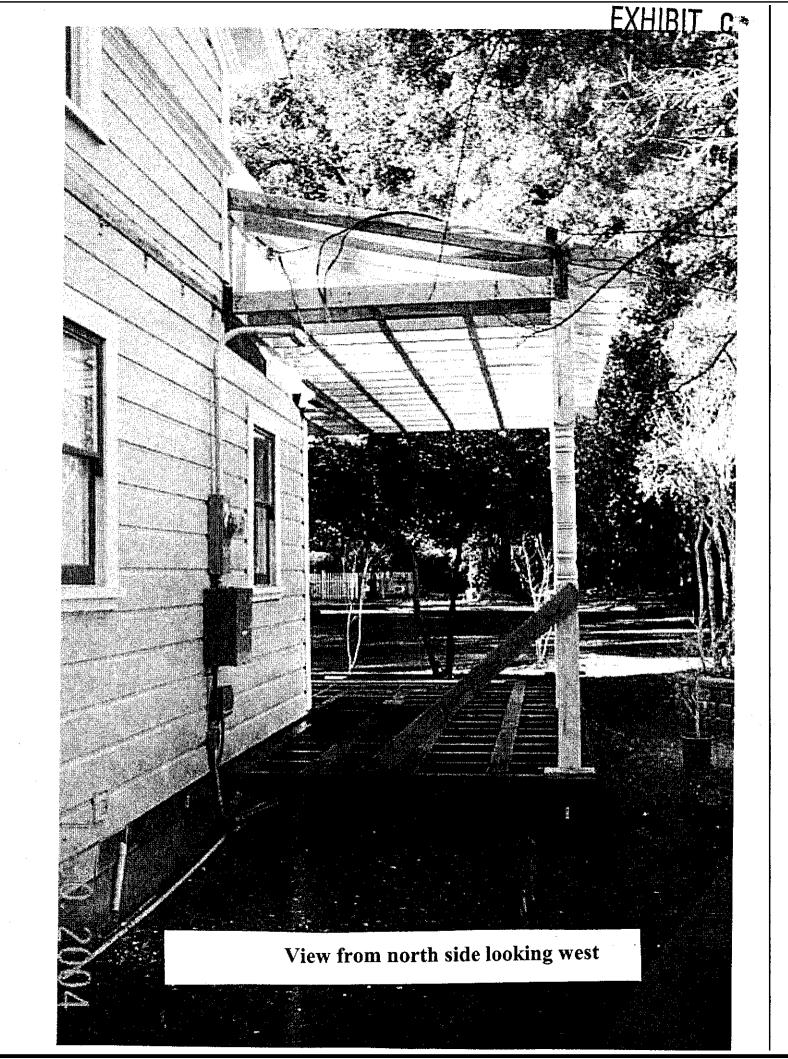
CONTEXT: 1 (Tourism)

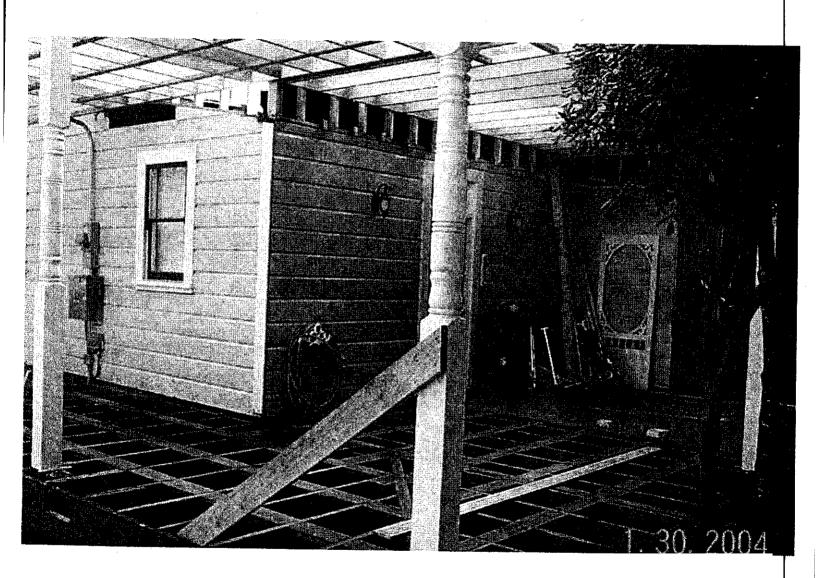
PROPERTY TYPE: Club house





View from north side looking east





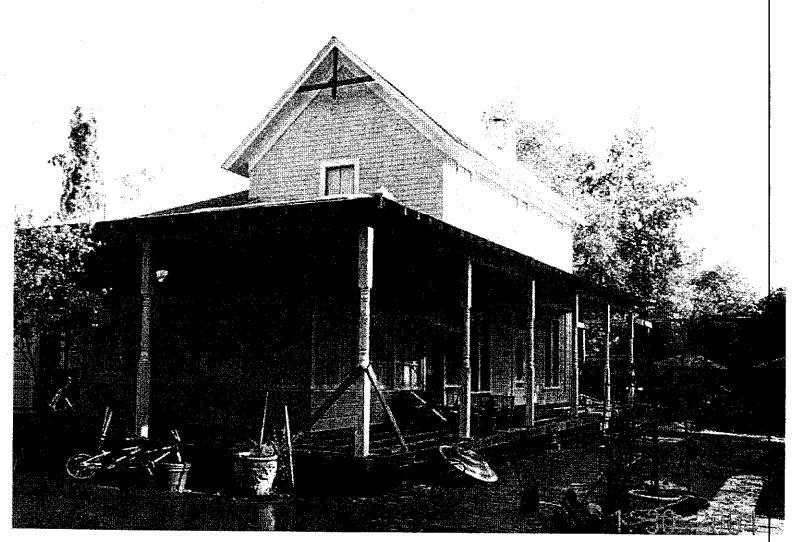
View from northwest



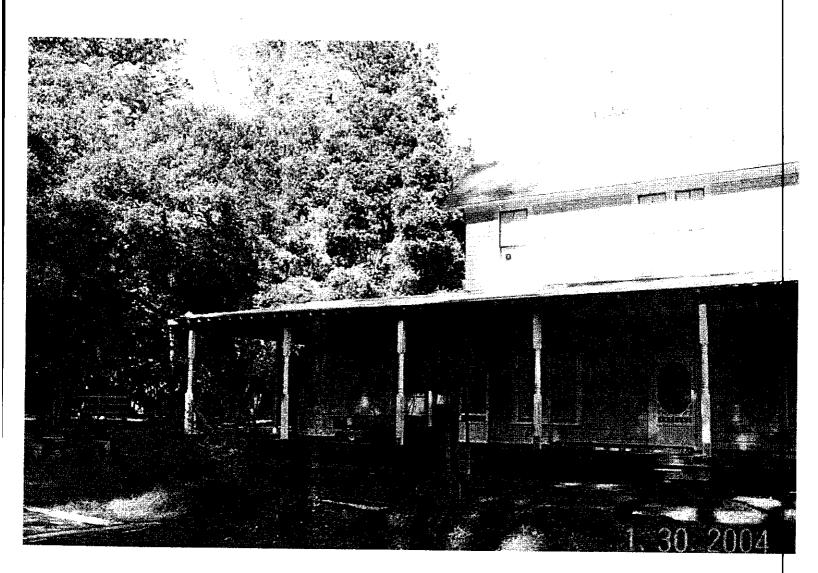
View from west



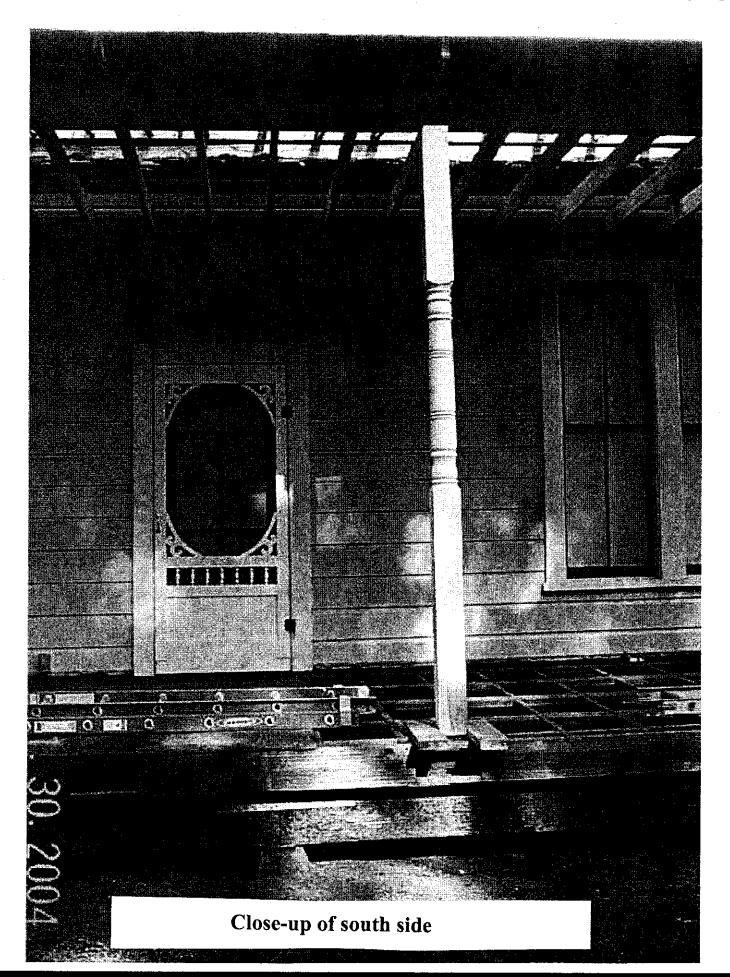
View from west

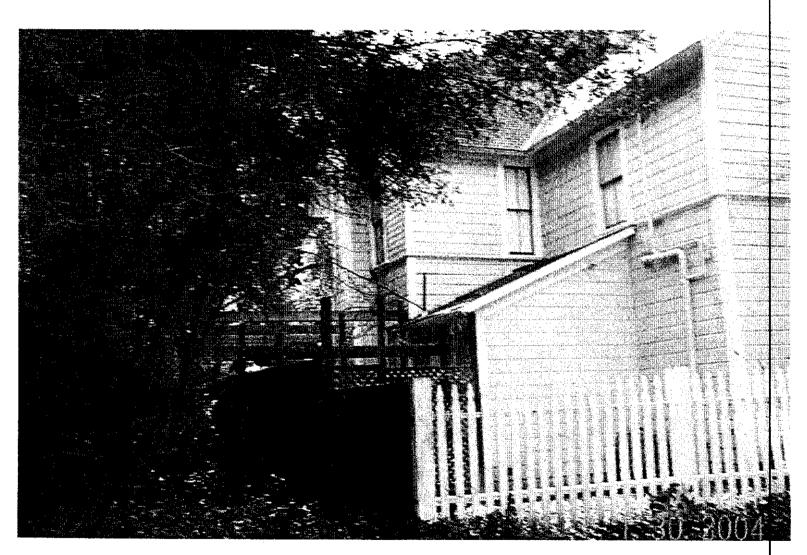


View from southwest



View from south





View of northeast corner