

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code

Other Listings
Review Code

Reviewer

Date

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*Resource Name or #: 1415 Benton Street

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted

*a. County:

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad:

Date: T ; R ; ¼ of ¼ of Sec ; M.D. B.M.

c. Address: 1415 Benton Street

City: Santa Clara

Zip: 95050

d. UTM: Zone: ; mE/ mN (G.P.S.)

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate) Elevation: APN 052-154-090

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

The single-family house is located on the corner of Benton and Madison Streets. The house faces south and sits on a raised foundation. The square-in-plan house has a hipped roof with a flat top, a narrower rear extension, and a rear shed roof addition. The primary façade has a centered, cross-gable pediment with oriel-shaped vent. The symmetrical primary façade has centered wood steps that lead to a porch with a roof supported by turned posts. The entrance door is offset to the left. Two double-hung vinyl clad windows sit in the left bay, and a single pane vinyl clad window sits in the right bay. The façade facing Madison street has a double-hung vinyl clad window, a paired double-hung vinyl clad window, a greenhouse window, and a swing-out vinyl clad window. The left side façade facing the adjacent house has a double-hung window. The rear façade has an aluminum slider and a wood personnel door. The detached garage has swing-out wood doors, and the garage side wall facing the house has an aluminum slider and a wood personnel door. The house is clad in asbestos siding, except for the shed roof addition which is clad in vertical wood siding. The garage has horizontal wood siding and a shed roof with slants down over the doors. The building appears to be in good condition.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2 Single family property

*P4. Resources Present: ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5a. Photo or Drawing (Photo required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



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

Primary façade on Arlington.
June 2018

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and

Sources: 1895 ☒ Historic

☐ Prehistoric ☐ Both

Historic Resources Inventory 1981

*P7. Owner and Address:

Leah and Mike Eschrich
1415 Benton Street
Santa Clara, CA 95050

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address)

Richard Brandi
125 Dorchester Way
San Francisco, CA 94127

*P9. Date Recorded:

June 2018

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Intensive

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter

"none.") None

*Attachments: ☐ NONE ☐ Location Map ☐ Sketch Map ☒ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record
☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record
☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (List):

DPR 523A (1/95)

*Required information

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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*NRHP Status Code 3CS

*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 1415 Benton

B1. Historic Name:

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

*B5. Architectural Style:

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

The building has an estimated construction date of 1895. The 1915 Sanborn map shows a garage that was located farther back to the rear of the lot where the present garage stands. See continuation sheets.

*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date:

Original Location:

*B8. Related Features:

None

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: NA

*B10. Significance: Theme:

Area:

Period of Significance: 1895

Property Type: HP2 Single family

Applicable Criteria: C

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

See Continuation sheet.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) None

*B12. References:

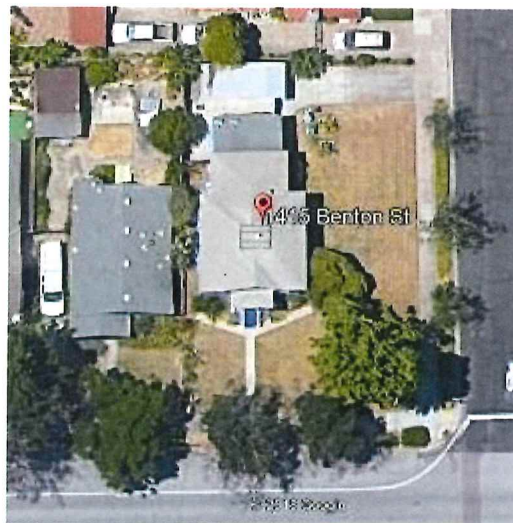
Historic Resources Inventory form dated January 10, 1981, Sanborn maps, building permits at Santa Clara Building Department, Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1984).

B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator: Richard Brandi

*Date of Evaluation: June 2018

(This space reserved for official comments.)



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B 10. Significance

The house is an example of a modest, vernacular style house with Greek Revival elements.
According to a Historic Resources Inventory form completed in 1981:

original condition: 1415 Benton St. is a single-story wooden residence constructed on a rectangular plan and designed in a vernacular cottage style which evokes some Greek revival detailing. The structure exhibits a truncated hipped roof which is sheathed in composition shingles and is distinguished by a centered facade gablet with a small hipped roof front portico. The roof has a boxed cornice, exaggerated eave and large plain frieze. The residence is sheathed in wide ship lap. The facade is characterized by a centered portico that is raised 5 wooden steps above the ground level and that is supported by two small wooden turned posts and an ornately carved balustrade with large newel posts. Fenestration is simple, symmetrically placed and generally double hung. Exceptions include a centered oreil shaped vent under the gable and a six-light front window (probably a recent alteration). The lot has minimal landscaping which is well cared for and has 2 large mature trees on the east side. A small, wooden detached garage is located at the rear.

Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance of the site.
The site is significant due primarily to its architecture and to the good condition of the residence. The house is a fine example of a small workingman's cottage which exhibits the vernacular attempts at adding a minimum of architectural ornament upon a small, unassuming wooden box. The building is simple and straightforward. It reflects a common solution to the need for inexpensive housing in the late 19th century for the working class. The house has been well maintained and recently painted to make it appeal as one of the finest little wooden cottages remaining in the old quad area of Santa Clara.

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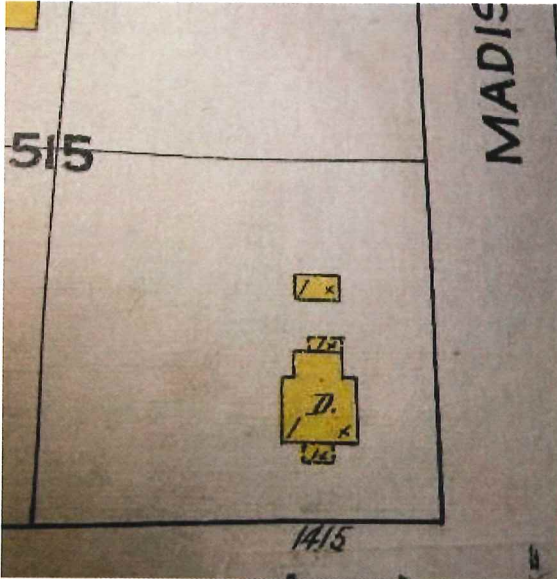
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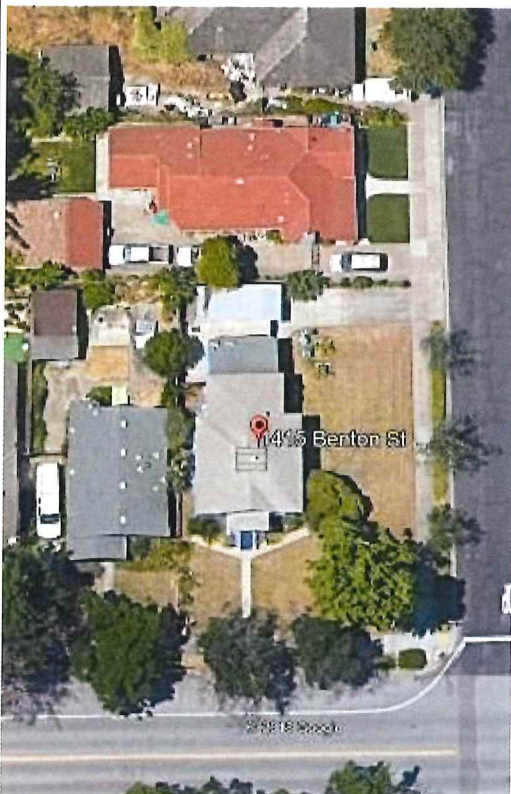
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The 1915 Sanborn map shows the house with a porch that runs partially across the rear. This was replaced by a full-width shed addition at an unknown date. An auto garage was located further away from the house, to the rear of the lot than is the current garage. It is not known when the current garage was constructed.



1915 Sanborn map



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The house is a listed historic resource by the City of Santa Clara. Visible changes from the photo in the 1981 evaluation include a change from a multi-pane window to a single pane window on the front façade and the use of asbestos siding that (probably) covers the shiplap siding.



Photo from the 1981 Historic Resource Inventory sheet.

These changes do not change the house's historic status, and the house retains its historic integrity. The inventory form did not address the garage. Based on the 1915 Sanborn map, the current garage appears to be of a later construction and does not appear to be historically significant.

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Photos of Site



Façade facing Madison Street.



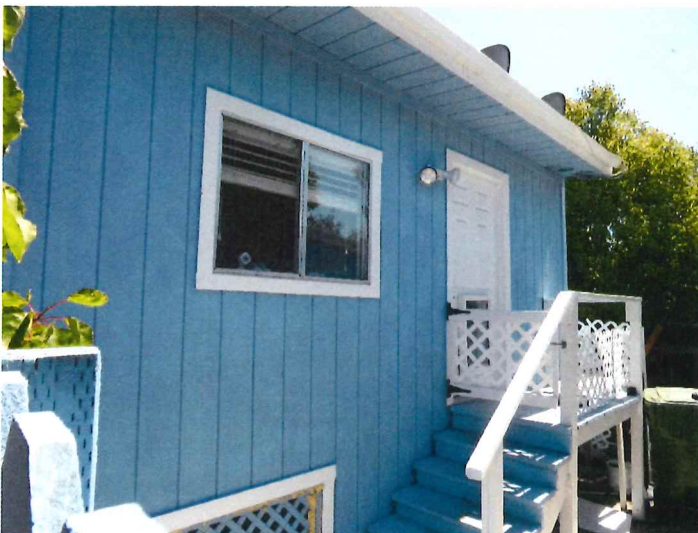
Façade facing Madison Street.

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Garage



Rear of house

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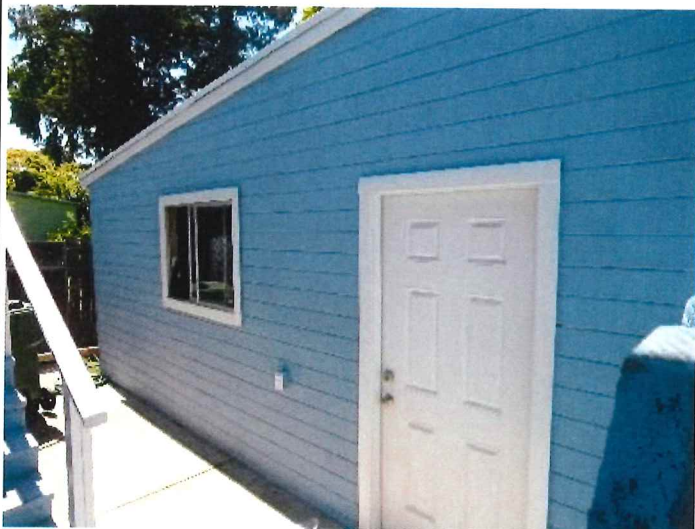
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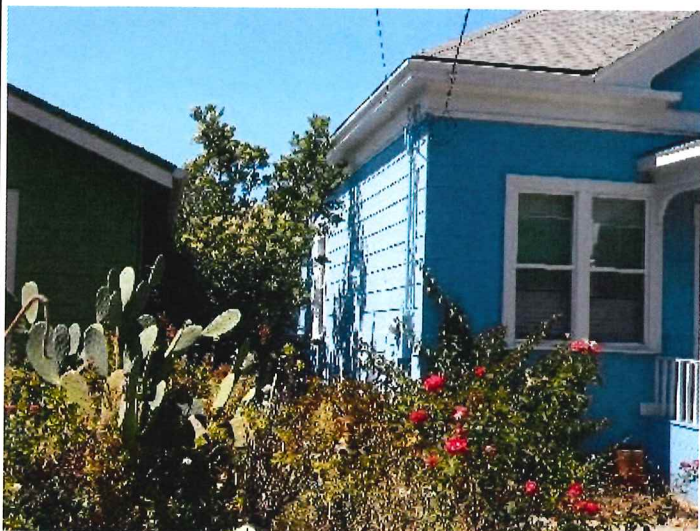
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Side of garage.



Left side façade.