

From: [Rebecca Bustos](#)
To: [Robert Mayer831](#)
Subject: RE: Historic Home Plaque Needed - 1490 Santa Clara Street
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 3:00:00 PM

Hi Rob,

Your e-mail request is sufficient. I can add the item to the "Other Business" portion of the September agenda.

I'll look into your material preference before the meeting.

Thank you,

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From: Robert Mayer831 <mayer.robert@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 1:59 PM
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Hi Rebecca,

Steve Le informed me that you are now the Planning Liason for HLC. My wife keeps reminding me to ask the City about how I can obtain the house plaque for our Circa 1863 Mills Act Home at 1490 Santa Clara Street? I would prefer the older wooden plaques compared to the new metal one, but not sure if this is an option?

Can you let me know how this is handled? Thank you!

Rob

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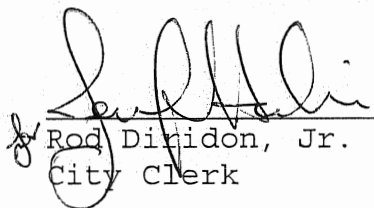


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EXTRACT OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF
THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA
FOR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2007

. . . . "MOTION was made by Caserta, seconded and unanimously carried, that, per the Director of Planning and Inspection's memo (08/22/07), the Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Historic Property Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract) with Robert L. Mayer for the property at 1490 Santa Clara Street, which will qualify the property for tax incentives." . . .

I, the undersigned City Clerk of Santa Clara, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Excerpt of the Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of the City of Santa Clara, held on August 28, 2007.


Rod Didon, Jr.
City Clerk

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____

HABS _____ HAER _____ JR _____ SHL _____ Loc _____
UTM: A 10/593220/4 1490 B _____
C _____ D _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: none
2. Historic name: none
3. Street or rural address: 1490 Santa Clara
City Santa Clara Zip 95050 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 269-35-15
5. Present Owner: James Ruf Address: 2800 San Emidio
City Bakersfield Zip 93304 Ownership is: Public _____ Private x
6. Present Use: residence Original use: residence

DESCRIPTION

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

1490 is a 1½-story Gothic Revival style house with gabled roof in a cross-axial form. The house is sheathed in shiplap siding with corner boards at the building ends. The facade is symmetrical with a shed roof porch running the length. The most notable design feature of the style is the steeply pitched facade gable. Fenestration is generally simple sash, and double-hung. A small one-story addition is located to the right of the facade which contains a hipped roof and tripartite window with leaded glass. This addition appears to have been added after the turn-of-the-century. The house is in fair condition.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1880s Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 75 Depth 110
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
April 1979

1867 WRITTEN
IN WALL

13. Condition: Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ☒ Deteriorated ____ No longer in tence ____
- Alterations: addition right of facade
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: _____

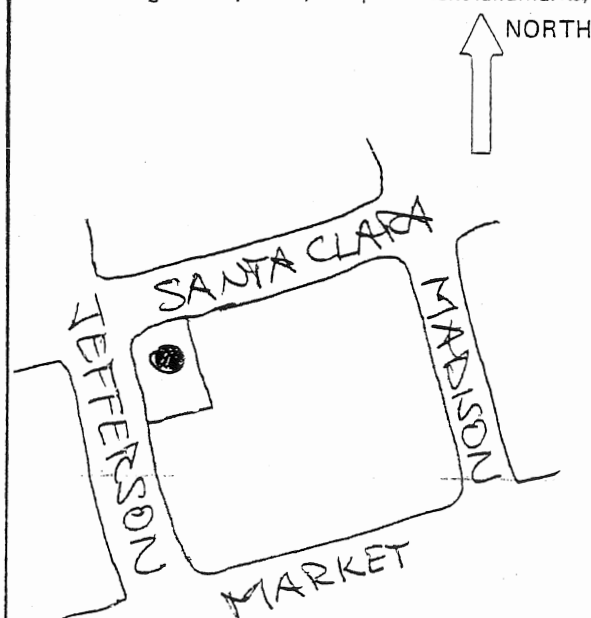
SIGNIFICANCE

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

This structure is locally significant for its architectural style-- Gothic Revival. Representing one of the earlier styles of homes during the 19th century in Santa Clara, 1490 is one of the few remaining Gothic Revivals left in the city. Examination of city directories and Sanborn maps show that this house was originally numbered 1480 Santa Clara, but renumbered around 1939. Early directories do not give a listing for the original owner.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture ☒ Arts & Leisure ____
Economic/Industrial ____ Exploration/Settlement ____
Government ____ Military ____
Religion ____ Social/Education ____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1891-1930
City Directories, 1889-1925
22. Date form prepared Feb. 1981
By (name) Urban/Rural Conservation for
Organization City of Santa Clara
Address: 1500 Warburton Ave.
City Santa Clara Zip 95050
Phone: 984-3111

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



Outhouse:

The original outhouse was attached to the main house by the rear addition and is distinct from the rest of the house with its vertical beadboard siding. The original drain and water lines indicate where the fixtures were located. The original clawfoot tub was probably moved from "outhouse" to "inhouse" back in 1915 based on the date of the newspapers found under the linoleum of the bathroom floor (Santa Clara Journal, San Francisco Bulletin). The cast-iron mounting bracket for the sink remains on the wall and the sink has been resting peacefully in the basement, patiently waiting to be refinished and placed into its rightful location again.

Living Room:

The living room features a brick fireplace with simple wood mantel. The brick chimney has numerous cracks and is not safe to burn wood. The entire downstairs has oak flooring over redwood sub-floor.

Kitchen:

There are no original fixtures or appliances remaining in the kitchen but there is a brick chimney that indicates where the original stove was located.

Stair:

The stair to the second floor is narrow at 2'-7" inches wide, has no handrail and has some head clearance issues. Once upstairs the hallway upstairs is narrow at 2'-0" wide with an extremely low, and unstable guardrail.

Upstairs:

The original structure was comprised of (4) approximately 9'x10' rooms upstairs that currently houses 1 large bathroom and 3 small bedrooms. One of the bedrooms is dangerously accessed from mid-stair and currently serves as a walk-in closet. All of the bedroom doors are 1-1/4 inch thick and have rim-locks on them. The rear addition houses what is considered the master bedroom with a small wall closet.

At 1-1/2 stories, the upstairs rooms are carved out of the attic/roof with low 4'-6" plate heights and ceilings sloping to 8'. This low ceiling height may have been practical when taking baths were the norm, however taking a shower can be quite a challenge if you taller than 5'-5".

10 YEAR PLAN:

I understand that the Mills Act requires a 10 year plan with an outline of improvements/restorations I will make to the house. With the house in such disrepair, I plan to totally re-do the entire house over the next 2-3 years, however here is a 10-year plan for restoration:

Year 1-3:	Replace brick foundation with concrete foundation and build full daylight basement.
Year 4:	Replace damaged brick chimney with metal flue and brick veneer chimney, new hearth.
Year 5:	Replace wood shingle roofing with comp. shingles and gutters to match guesthouse.
Year 6-7:	Repair / replace wood windows and siding as required to match throughout.
Year 8:	Paint exterior of house.
Year 9:	Convert (e) "outhouse" to new full bath downstairs w/ vintage clawfoot tub, toilet and sink.
Year 10:	Rebuild white picket fence at street frontage to match existing, install brick path to entry.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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