

ARCHITECTURAL/CULTURAL SURVEY
LOS GATOS RESEARCH

File address 179 Loma Alta

PARCEL MAP INFORMATION

Parcel # 532-A-038 Lot size: 43 front ft. x 150 ft. deep

Lot shape: Rectangle / L Rectangle with small rear jog Other

Location: N / S E W side of LA St Ave / Other

distance to cross st: 96 ft. N S E / W from Alta Heights Ct

at NE NW SE SW corner of

HISTORIC INFORMATION ON PARCEL MAP

Old tract or subdivision name Johnson Adn Old Block # 4 Old lot # 25

FIELD SURVEY INFORMATION (handwritten in red)

Preliminary rating + Estimated age 19th cent Style L-plan # stories

Alterations 1 window alt.

Other

COUNTY ASSESSOR--PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS (paste on copy) Page Effective date

OWNERSHIP SHOWN ON MAPS

Source Name	Source Date	Source Page	Location of property, or Old tract/block/lot	Lot Size	Owner Name
	1891				
Blk Book	1908				
Survey	1941				

MISCELLANEOUS

National Register listed date

County Inventory 1979

Town of Los Gatos: Designation HD75 Recognition # 1

District Name

Previous Survey

Gebhard: page # illustration page #

Butler/Junior League

PHOTOS: Roll/frame # 085/20 Date 1 Mar 90



The corner of Miles and Edelan Avenue has two beautifully preserved Queen Anne residences. The A. Skinkle, Jr., house at 129 Edelan has a fine carriage house, and the Miles home at 130 Edelan features a curved porch and a scallop-shingled tower.

Among several attractive homes on the east end of Main Street, going up Loma Alta, Johnson and Alpine, is another interesting restoration at 75 Alpine, the 1885 Moser house. Mrs. Moser was a friend of Sarah Winchester, a frequent visitor. The carriage house adjacent has become a separate residence. Nearby at 107 Foster Road is the Herman Sund home built by the Swedish immigrant in 1884. At 122 Los Gatos Boulevard is a nicely restored cottage, once the summer house of Alma Spreckels of San Francisco. Not far from here at 42 Central Avenue the well known Florentine Village has existed since 1887 as a home, winery, and more recently a restaurant.

Two 1870's "school cottages" were private homes where classes were held at 179 Loma Alta and 269 Los Gatos Boulevard.

The 1875 home of Peter Johnson remains at 49 Los Gatos Boulevard. A native of Denmark, Johnson arrived in the county in 1861 and was the chairman of Los Gatos' Board of Trustees in 1892-94, when the town had only 1645 residents.

Unusual for Los Gatos is the Oriental-styled home built in 1909 at 16600 Cypress Way by Senator Sanborn Young and his wife, author and poet, Ruth Comfort Mitchell.

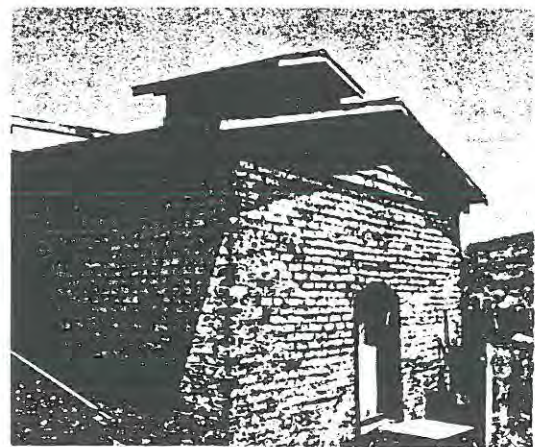
Also in East Los Gatos, the old tank house, guest house, and remodeled barn are all that remain of Colonel James Parker's ranch, now Hillbrook School at 16000 Marchmont.

A favorite landmark among the eucalyptus trees on the hill is the home at 17940 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road. Built by the Mitchells in 1890, it has come to be known as the Clarence Hamsher house, after Los Gatos' long-time historian who lived there after 1922. Restoration is under way on the house, carriage house, and tank house.



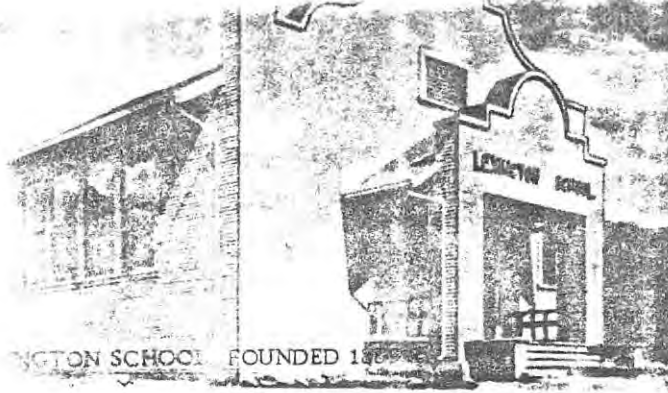
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This Queen Anne structure built by Cogswell in 1895 owes its long life at 115 North Santa Cruz to E. E. Place, who bought the house in 1920 for his furniture, funeral and ambulance business. Additions have been made, but the integrity of its style remains.



At the top of College Avenue, the Sacred Heart Novitiate and winery have been in operation since 1886 when the Jesuits bought the Harvey Wilcox property. The old winery building was destroyed by fire in 1934, but the stone aging cellars have survived, though enveloped by new structures. The covered walkways in the cloister area and the slaughter house (see photo) date from the earliest years. The only other pre-1920 buildings are the chapel, modernized dining room, and the Juniors' wing, built in 1915.

see also
LCo. HR Inv.
1975
Filed w/110 Loma Alta



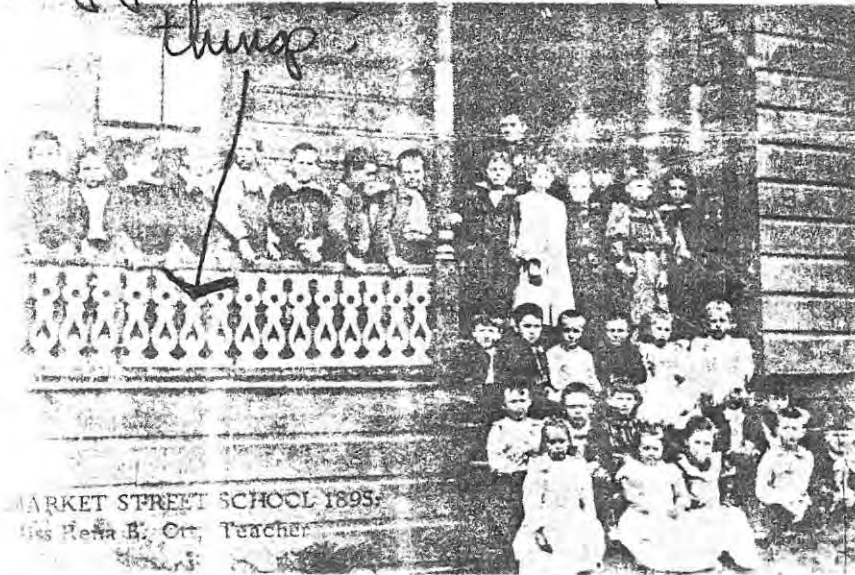
LEXINGTON SCHOOL FOUNDED 1860

2nd Graceland School, built at corner of Arnerich and Hick

179 Loma Alta

PRECEDATING THE FOUNDING OF THE LOS GATOS SCHOOL DISTRICT WERE THE LEXINGTON and Graceland. The Graceland district, founded in 1860, held its first classes in a church. The school above and it was consolidated with Los Gatos in 1938. The addition of the VINELAND and GUADALUPE district occasion for title of LOS GATOS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT being given to the combined areas. An district was to be added when LEXINGTON school joined the Los Gatos group. LEXINGTON was one of the first in the state, having been organized in 1859. In 1933, when the Wright School District lapsed, then Mr. Joseph Hancock was our County Superintendent of Schools, the area was made a part of the district. Therefore, it was this combined area that was taken in when the LOS GATOS UNION DISTRICT boundaries in 1949, and consolidated with the Lexington District.

I wonder what ever happened to these beautiful things

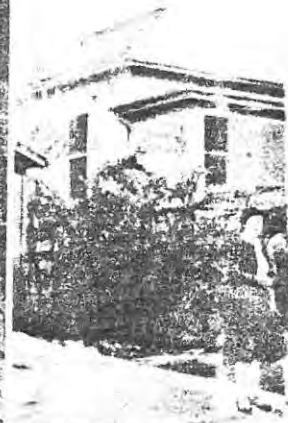


MARKET STREET SCHOOL 1895
Miss Rena B. Ott, Teacher

Miss Ott looked out on a dirt street and the surroundings when she posed with her class for this picture in 1895, as is shown on the right and above.

Market Street is now known as Loma Alta Street.

Modern Streets, sidewalks, new porch and a garage, fail to cloak the identity of the original building.



Mrs. Ella Case Ange the Market Street School Yearbook staff and Mrs. visit to her old school and a comfortable home at

The home is readily identified as Market Street school as it looked in 1895.



← This is for home people

SECTION 2.

The property listed is designated to be of historic, architectural, or aesthetic significance for the reasons listed below.

Property: Market Street School - 179 Loma Alta Avenue

Historic Designation No. HD-75-1

Classification (structure or landmark): Structure

Description of Item(s) Designated: The exterior of the wooden structure.

Description of the characteristics which justify the designation:

This Victorian-style wood frame one-story home containing five rooms and a basement is an historic home, which was converted into a one-room school house, and was known as the "Market Street School" from approximately 1894 to 1917. The first and second grades were taught here. One of Peter Johnson's sisters was an early teacher. There were a number of such primary schools in and about Los Gatos in the early days. The Vineland School at 269 Los Gatos Boulevard is the only other known structure of its type still in existence. The property is presently owned by the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Ray. Apparently, title was never in the School District, the one room being leased for school purposes. Loma Alta Avenue was formerly known as "Market Street".

Description of particular features that should be preserved in addition to items covered under Section 9-3.1 (site area, appurtenance, landscape feature, other). None

LOS GATOS HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

REVIEWERS' COMMENT SHEET

Building or District Name Loma Alta

Address(es) 179 Loma Alta

A. ARCHITECTURE

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|------------------|-------|---|----|---|----|
| 1. Building type | _____ | E | VG | G | FP |
| 2. Construction | _____ | E | VG | G | FP |
| 3. Style | _____ | E | VG | G | FP |
| 4. Architect | _____ | E | VG | G | FP |
| 5. Design | _____ | E | VG | G | FP |
| 6. Interior | _____ | E | VG | G | FP |

B. HISTORY

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| 7. Age | _____ | E | VG | G | F | P |
| 8. Person(s) | _____ | E | VG | G | FP | |
| 9. Event(s) | _____ | E | VG | G | FP | |
| 10. Patterns | _____ | E | VG | G | FP | |

C. ENVIRONMENT

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| 11. Scale/Massing | _____ | E | VG | G | FP |
| 12. Setting | _____ | E | VG | G | FP |
| 13. Landmark | _____ | E | VG | G | FP |

D. INTEGRITY

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| 14. Alterations | _____ | E | VG | G | FP |
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CUMULATIVE RATING

Reviewer K. Morgan Date 4/9/11

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See enclosed info. from Town Historic designation

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