

Britt/Rowe

**108 N. Santa Cruz Ave.
Los Gatos, CA 95030**

MAY 7, 2025

TO: Los Gatos Historic Preservation Committee
FROM: David Britt, BRITT/ROWE
RE: 16805 Loma Street, Los Gatos

Dear Committee members,

Thank you for your consideration of removing the existing single family structure located at 16805 Loma St. As the applicant and design professional hired by the property owner, I have been tasked to analyze the potential historic significance of this building relating to the existing architectural design. After studying the building, here are my findings.

The building can be classified as a "side gabled roof bungalow", popular in the era it was constructed. As to further classification as to a subset of this style, there are no distinguishing features that I can identify. This is most likely because any identifiable architectural features such as decorative trim, stylized columns, and window mullion patterns are assumed to have been removed from the structure many years ago. In my research I attempted to determine a style, if any through printed and online research outlined below:

1. Printed: "A field Guide to American Houses" Page 452 - photocopy attached.
2. Online: "Guide to Bungalow Varieties" photocopy of webpage attached.

Working in the town as a residential design professional, it has always been my pleasure to work on projects in the historic inventory, and have completed several remodel/additions to many. A project of BRITT/ROWE's located at 184 Villa Ave. is a good example. Unfortunately because of the lack of architectural significance of the existing structure at 16805 Loma Street, I find it difficult to present a remodel/addition where I would have to speculate "what it might have been".

Lastly, thank you for your commitment to preserving the unique built environment that makes the town of Los Gatos the envy of Santa Clara Valley.

Sincerely,

David Britt, BRITT/ROWE

low-pitched gabled roof (occasionally hipped) with wide, unenclosed eave overhang

roof rafters usually exposed

porches, either full- or partial-width, with roof supported by square columns



decorative (false) beams or braces under gables

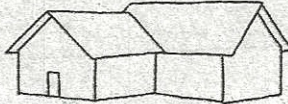
columns or column bases frequently continue to ground level (without break at level of porch floor)

FRONT-GABLED ROOF



pages 456-7

CROSS-GABLED ROOF



pages 458-9

SIDE-GABLED ROOF



pages 460-2

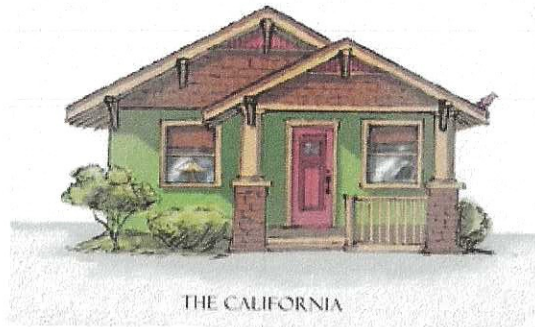
HIPPED ROOF



page 463

PRINCIPAL SUBTYPES

Page 452 "A field guide to American Houses"



THE CALIFORNIA

THE BUNGALOW VARIETIES

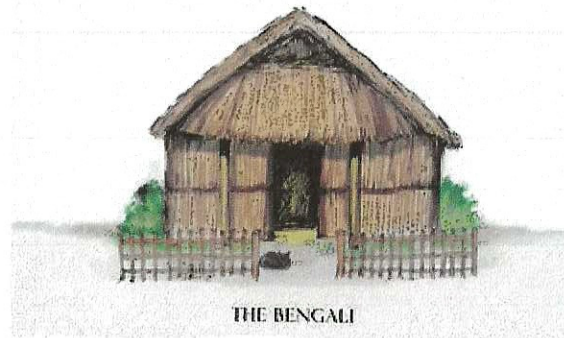
INSPIRED BY HOMES OF BENGAL, INDIA ("BENGAL" BECAME "BUNGALOW") THIS HUMBLE ABODE FOUND EAGER BUYERS IN AMERICA FROM 1910 TO 1930, AND ITS FORMS AND DETAILS EXPRESSED THE POPULAR AESTHETIC STYLES OF THE DAY.



THE CHICAGO



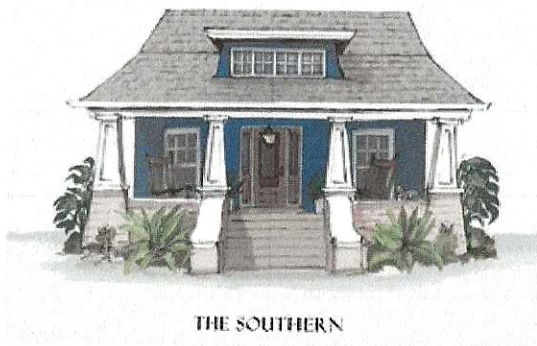
THE MILWAUKEE



THE BENGALI



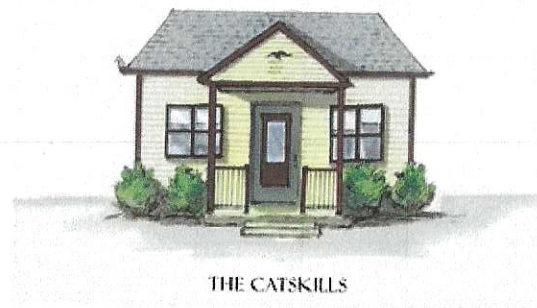
THE DETROIT



THE SOUTHERN



THE MEDITERRANEAN REVIVAL



THE CATSKILLS

BY WONDER CITY STUDIO, RAVENSWOOD, CHICAGO, ILL.

Web page :
"Guide to Bungalow Varieties"

***This Page
Intentionally
Left Blank***