

APPENDIX 1: NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS

The list shown below provides for a vast array of possible evaluation codes. Be sure to read the entire list before deciding on the one to use.

Take special care that evaluations for districts and their components fit together properly, i.e., be consistent but not identical.

The first number indicates the status generally:

1. Listed in the National Register.
2. Determined eligible for the Register in a formal process involving federal agencies.
3. Appears eligible for listing in the National Register in the judgment of the person(s) completing or reviewing the form.
4. Might become eligible for listing.
5. Ineligible for the Register but still of local interest.
6. None of the above.
7. Undetermined.

The definitions are refined as follows:

- 1S-1B. Listed in the National Register as follows:
- 1S. Separately listed.
 - 1D. Contributor to a listed district.
 - 1B. Both 1S and 1D.
- 2S1-1B4. Determined eligible for listing in the National Register as follows:
- 2S1. Determined eligible for separate listing by the Keeper of the National Register.
 - 2S2. Determined eligible for separate listing through a consensus determination by a federal agency and the State Historic Preservation Officer.
 - 2D1. Contributor to a district determined eligible for listing by the Keeper.
 - 2D2. Contributor to a district determined eligible for listing through a consensus determination.
 - 2B1. Both 2S1 and 2D1.
 - 2B2. Both 2S1 and 2D2.
 - 2B3. Both 2S2 and 2D1.
 - 2B4. Both 2S2 and 2D2.
- 3S-3B. Appears eligible for listing in the National Register as follows:
- 3S. Appears eligible for separate listing.
 - 3D. Contributor to a district that has been fully documented according to OHP instructions and that appears eligible for listing.
 - 3B. Both 3S and 3D.
- 4R. Meets both of the following two conditions: 1) Is located within the boundaries of a fully documented district that is listed in, determined eligible for, or appears eligible for the National Register and 2) may become a contributor to the district when it is restored to its appearance during the district's period of significance.

4S1-4S8. May become eligible for separate listing in the National Register when one of the following occurs (use the number of the most important reason if more than one applies):

- 4S1. The property becomes old enough to meet the Register's 50-year requirement.
- 4S2. More historical or architectural research is performed on the property.
- 4S3. Contextual information is expanded.
- 4S4. A more appropriate property type is defined.
- 4S5. Registration requirements for the property type are clarified.
- 4S6. The property is evaluated in another historical context.
- 4S7. The architectural integrity of the property is restored.
- 4S8. Other properties, which provide more significant examples of the historical or architectural associations connected to this property, are demolished or otherwise lose their architectural integrity.

4B1-4B8. May become eligible both for separate listing in the National Register and as a contributor or potential contributor to a fully documented district that may become eligible for the National Register. Use the number of the most important reason if more than one applies:

- 4B1. 4S1 (as above) and any reason from 4D1-4D8 or 4M1-4M8 (as below).
- 4B2. 4S2 (as above) and any reason from 4D1-4D8 or 4M1-4M8 (as below).
- 4B3. 4S3 (as above) and any reason from 4D1-4D8 or 4M1-4M8 (as below).
- 4B4. 4S4 (as above) and any reason from 4D1-4D8 or 4M1-4M8 (as below).
- 4B5. 4S5 (as above) and any reason from 4D1-4D8 or 4M1-4M8 (as below).
- 4B6. 4S6 (as above) and any reason from 4D1-4D8 or 4M1-4M8 (as below).
- 4B7. 4S7 (as above) and any reason from 4D1-4D8 or 4M1-4M8 (as below).
- 4B8. 4S8 (as above) and any reason from 4D1-4D8 or 4M1-4M8 (as below).

4D1-4D8. Contributor to a fully documented district that may become eligible for listing when (use the number of the most important reason if more than one applies):

- 4D1. The district becomes old enough to meet the Register's 50-year requirement.
- 4D2. More historical or architectural research is performed on the district.
- 4D3. Contextual information is expanded.
- 4D4. A more appropriate property type is defined.
- 4D5. Registration requirements for the property type are clarified.
- 4D6. The district is evaluated in another historical context.
- 4D7. The integrity of the district is restored.
- 4D8. Other districts, which provide more significant examples of the historical or architectural association connected to this district, are demolished or otherwise lose their architectural integrity.

4M1-4M8. May become a contributor to a fully documented district that may become eligible for listing in the National Register if the property were restored to its appearance during the district's period of significance and (use the number of the most important reason if more than one applies):

- 4M1. The district becomes old enough to meet the Register's 50-year requirement.
- 4M2. More historical or architectural research is performed on the district.
- 4M3. Contextual information is expanded.
- 4M4. A more appropriate property type is defined.
- 4M5. Registration requirements for the property type are clarified.
- 4M6. The district is evaluated in another historical context.

- 4M7. The integrity of the district is restored.
- 4M8. Other districts, which provide more significant examples of the historical or architectural associations connected to this district, are demolished or otherwise lose their architectural integrity.

4X. May become eligible as a contributor to a district that has not been fully documented.

5S1-5B9. Not eligible for the National Register but of local interest because the property:

- 5S1. Is separately listed or designated under an existing local ordinance, or is eligible for such listing or designation.
- 5S2. Is likely to become eligible for separate listing or designation under a local ordinance that has not yet been written.
- 5S3. Is not eligible for separate listing or designation under an existing or likely local ordinance but is eligible for special consideration in local planning.
- 5D1. Is a contributor to a fully documented district that is designated or eligible for designation as a local historic district, overlay zone, or preservation area under an existing ordinance or procedure.
- 5D2. Is a contributor to a fully documented district that is likely to be designated as a local historic district, overlay zone, or preservation area under an ordinance that has not yet been written or a procedure that has not yet been implemented.
- 5D3. Is a contributor to a fully documented district that is unlikely to be designated as a local historic district, overlay zone, or preservation area but is eligible for special consideration in local planning.
- 5B1. Both 5S1 and 5D1.
- 5B2. Both 5S2 and 5D2.
- 5B3. Both 5S3 and 5D3.
- 5B4. Both 5S1 and 5D2.
- 5B5. Both 5S1 and 5D3.
- 5B6. Both 5S2 and 5D1.
- 5B7. Both 5S2 and 5D2.
- 5B8. Both 5S3 and 5D1.
- 5B9. Both 5S3 and 5D2.

5N. Needs special consideration for reasons other than above.

6X1-6Z3. Ineligible for some or all of the categories above:

6X1-6X3. Determined ineligible for listing in the National Register by the Keeper of the National Register and:

- 6X1. Also found potentially ineligible for Register listing (under category 4 above) and of no local interest (under category 5 above).
- 6X2. Also found potentially ineligible for Register listing (under category 4 above) but not evaluated for local interest (under category 5 above).
- 6X3. Not evaluated for potential eligibility (under category 4 above) or local interest (under category 5 above).

6Y1-6Y3. Determined ineligible for listing in the National Register through a consensus determination of a federal agency and the State Historic Preservation Officer and:

- 6Y1. Also found potentially ineligible for Register listing (under category 4 above) and of no local interest (under category 5 above).
 - 6Y2. Also found potentially ineligible for Register listing (under category 4 above) but not evaluated for local interest (under category 5 above).
 - 6Y3. Not evaluated for potential eligibility (under category 4 above) or local interest (under category 5 above).
- 6Z1-6Z3. Found ineligible for listing in the National Register through an evaluation process other than those mentioned in 6X and 6Y above and:
- 6Z1. Also found potentially ineligible for Register listing (under category 4 above) and of no local interest (under category 5 above).
 - 6Z2. Also found potentially ineligible for Register listing (under category 4 above) but not evaluated for local interest (under category 5 above).
 - 6Z3. Not evaluated for potential eligibility (under category 4 above) or local interest (under category 5 above).
7. Not evaluated.

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Historic name Kavanaugh House | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 3S |
| 3. Number & street 1395 Bay | Local designation |
| City East Palo Alto | Cross-corridor |
| Vicinity only | Zip 94303 |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | County San Mateo |
| B 575760 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Other |
| Parcel No. 063-090-040 | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Set far back from a busy street, the Kavanaugh house at 1395 Bay Road has a large drive through and parking area in its front yard. To its west side is a large vacant lot, and to the east stands a Catholic church. The house is set in dense suburban landscape of small single family houses. The dwelling has a tall steeply pitched roof, covered by white asphalt shingles. Clapboard siding covers the walls. The house is two stories in height, set up slightly on low foundations. The foundations look to be made of precast concrete blocks rusticated to look like cut stone. A water table separates the foundation and clapboards. A recessed front porch occupies the left-central portions of the front (south) facade. Two piers with simple Ionic capitals support the roof sheltering the porch. On the porch in the center, is a large front door. To its right is a high fixed window with a wide casing. To the left of the front door is a canted bay window, which projects slightly beyond the house's square contours. The bay has three double-hung windows with wooden sash in each facet. The central window is slightly larger than those enframing it. A very large gable occupies the center of the second story. A small balcony with railing stands outside two small double-hung windows. The plane of the gable projects out slightly above the windows. Large knee brackets support either end of the central gable.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
William t. Altman et al
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Offices
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

1395 BAY CONTINUATION SHEET

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

He acquired much influence in local affairs, having been a founder of the Redwood City Community Bank and the Sequoia Union School District. On his land adjoining his house, Moses assembled an assortment of relics (now vanished) from the 1850s town of Ravenswood, the predecessor of East Palo Alto. These relics included an old hotel that served visitors to the town and a box office that sold tickets for steamers making port at Cooley's Landing at the end of Bay Road. The 1905 house had to be large to accommodate Moses, his wife, Katherine, and their six children (two of whom died in infancy). Moses's daughter, Gertrude Kavanaugh (b.1906), continued to live in the house until her death in 1973. Thereafter, the house and some of the land passed into the hands of the neighboring Catholic church. Recently, the East Palo Alto Law Project, a non-profit community advocacy group, has occupied the Kavanaugh house.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) c.1940 Original location Unknown Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 06--Commercial Building

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Highway 101 and East Palo Alto's Commercial District Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1930s-1940s Property type Retail Store Context formally developed? Yes

19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

The Polynesian Market at 1447 E. Bayshore is the sole Streamlined Moderne commercial establishment remaining from the period around W.W. II. Its rounded shape was meant to attract attention when seen by motorists speeding by on the highway, and its bullet-shaped form subtly suggested the modernity and efficiency of the business occupying the premises. In the 1930s and 1940s East Palo Alto became a prime stop for travelers on Highway 101, especially military men on leave from Moffett Field nearby. As a result, roadside buildings such as this one sprung up just before and after W.W. II. Taverns, liquor stores, restaurants, and gas stations proliferated on both sides of the highway accommodating a more mobile clientele.

- 20. Sources Chester Liebs, *Main Street to Miracle Mile*, (Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1985).
 Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson
 Date of evaluation March 8, 1994
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1994
 By (name) A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
 Organization San Mateo County Historical Association
 Address 1700 West Hillsdale Blvd.
 City & Zip San Mateo, CA 94402
 Phone 415/574-6441



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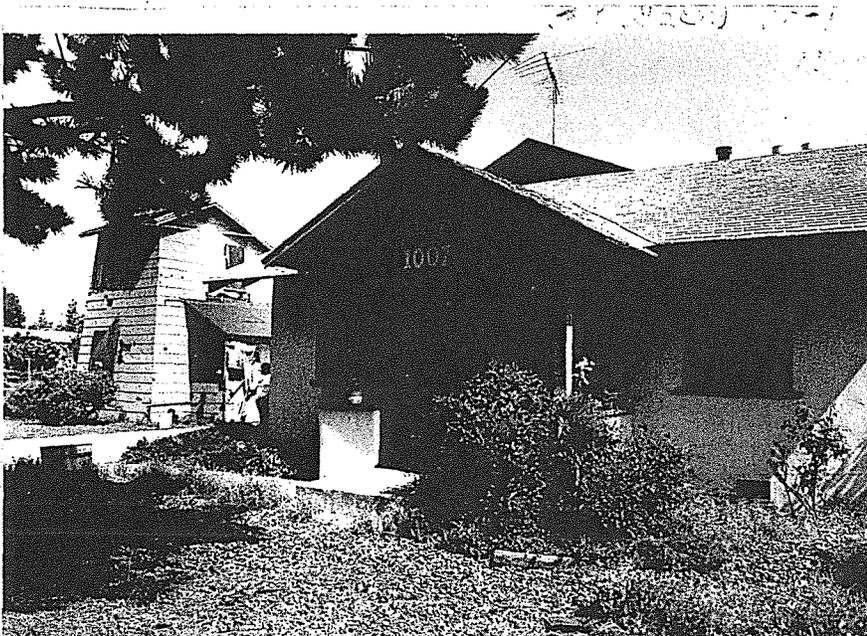
IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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| 1. Historic name 665 Walnut St. | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 5S3 |
| 3. Number & street 1007 Beech St. | Local designation |
| City East Palo Alto | Cross-corridor |
| Vicinity only | Zip 94303 |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | County San Mateo |
| B 576810 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Other |
| Parcel No. 063-343-750 | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The house at 1007 Beech St. was originally a small, one-story, side-gabled bungalow. It occupies a quarter-acre parcel once used for farming cattle by Peter Faber. The bungalow has a central front-gabled bay sheltering the front entry. On either side of this main entrance is a single double-hung window. This bungalow, like many others in East Palo Alto built c. 1920, shared these characteristics: simple rectangular configurations, side-gabled rooflines, and symmetrical front fenestration. This dwelling has undergone extensive remodeling, however. It has been stuccoed recently, and a new asphalt shingle roof added. A new garage and two-story addition, both stuccoed exist in back. The main source of architectural interest at 1007 Beech St. is the tankhouse clearly visible to the west of the house. It has battered wall contours, and numerous saddle bag additions, probably used as tool sheds. (No other extent tankhouses in East Palo Alto display this example's pronounced battering.) The tankhouse is not currently in good repair, as plywood covers the windows and doors, and numerous holes in the siding are apparent. Synthetic shingles cover the original wood siding, and a new gable roof covers what was an earlier gable roof with a very slight pitch. The water tank, now missing, would have rested on this slightly pitched roof. As in most tankhouses, a square room stands beneath the water reservoir, its walls diagonally braced with heavy redwood beams.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address David N. Rages
1007 Beech, East Palo Alto, CA
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) 1916 Original location Yes Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date A large addition was made to the rear of the bungalow in the 1980s. An earlier additon may have been made in 1950, as well.
- 16. Architect Unkown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1910s-1920s Property type Domestic Structure Context formally developed? Yes
- 19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

According to Assessor's property maps of East Palo Alto of 1922, an early inhabitant (perhaps the first) was Jennie M. Griffith, who owned a one acre parcel. "J.M. Griffith" was listed in the 1919-1920 Runnymede City Directory as a poultry farmer, and this owner continued to reside here through at least 1933. (No traces of the Weeks era poultry houses remain.) Jennie M. Griffith may have been one of a number of single women attracted to the ideas of independent, intensive farming promoted by Charles Weeks. Although greatly altered, the Griffith house and tankhouse at 1007 Beech St. still suggest the layout of a Weeks-era small farm. The tankhouse is set close to the house, but slightly behind it. The house has the small dimensions, simple outlines, and symmetrical window configurations of many farmhouses in the nearby Weeks subdivisions. Extensive greenhouses on the property owned next door (on the west) by a Japanese-American family, also remain to indicate the land's recent agricultural usage.

- 20. Sources San Mateo County Assessors Records; Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo County, 1922; Map of Ravenswood and East Palo Alto, San Mateo County, Ca., 1925; *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, and Stanford*, (Willis L. Hall, Publisher, S.F., 1919-20, 1921-22).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
 Date of evaluation Feb.23, 1994
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1994
 By (name) A. Michelson
 Organization San Mateo County Historical Association



HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) 1916A Original location believed to be same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date Two skylights have been inserted into the portion of the roof facing the street. The wooden porch rail has been replaced by an iron one and it is likely that the position of the stairs has been shifted from front to side.
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1916-1920s Property type Domestic Structure Context formally developed? Yes
- 19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

763 Bell was once a ranch in the first settled section of the Charles Weeks Poultry Colony. The house bears a striking resemblance to one that was owned by a Mr. and Mrs. Weir, shown in the *Palo Alto Times*, in 1918. (See illustration on continuation sheet.) Both have side-gabled roofs with exposed rafters, the same asymmetrical fenestration, and a porch at the left. They are so similar that they are probably the same house. The caption beneath the photograph explains that "MR. AND MRS. WEIR Enjoy Their Country Home. He Left the Law Office For the Open Air." Weeks had hoped to attract professional people, like the Weirs, from the city to country life in his colony.

- 20. Sources San Mateo County, Assessors Records (printout in the archives of the San Mateo County Historical Association); Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo County, Calif., 1922 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); Map of Ravenswood and East Palo Alto San Mateo County Calif., 1925 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford* (Willis L. Hall, Publisher, 1919-1920 & 1921-1922); *Palo Alto Times*, 16 May 1918; videotaped oral history of Miriam Turner (former owner) conducted by Miriam Greenberg and EPA HAS, Summer 1992.

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
 Date of evaluation September 8, 1993
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1993
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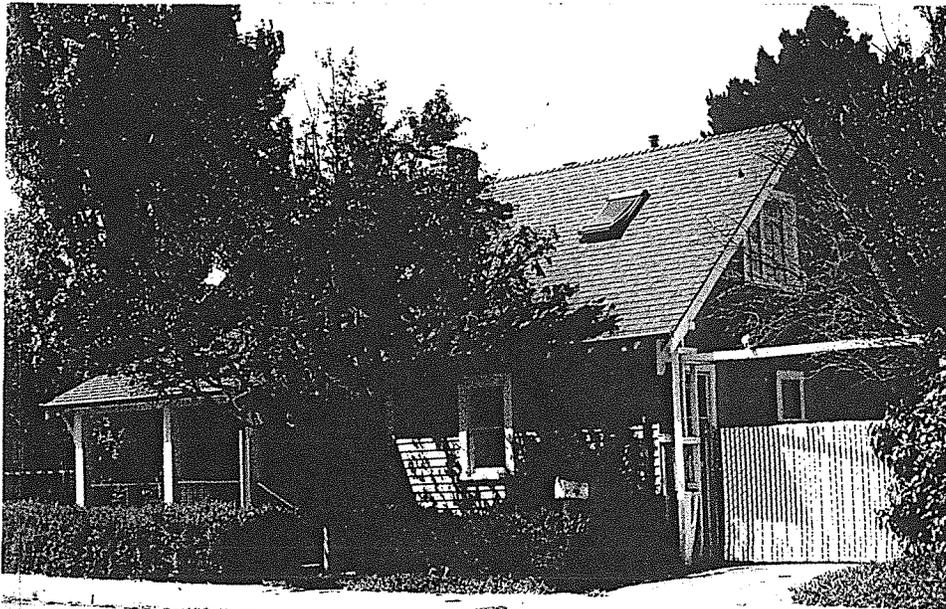
IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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| 1. Historic name | formerly 519 Cherry | | | Ser. no. | | |
| 2. Common or current name | | | | National Register status | 5S2 | |
| 3. Number & street | 763 Bell | | Cross-corridor | Local designation | | |
| City | East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Zip | 94303 | County | San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone | A 10 | B 576290 | C 4146740 | D | | |
| 5. Quad map No. | 1558 | Parcel No. Turner: 063-362-180-0; Bethel: 063-362-610-6 | | Other | | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

763 Bell is a compact, rectangular box sheltered by a gable which runs parallel to the street. The roof, once grey, has been replaced with light brown asphalt shingles, and two skylights have been cut into its street side. The exposed rafters and triangular brackets at the corners are features common in contemporary bungalows. The narrow clapboard siding has been painted a pale brown to coordinate with the roof. An entrance porch, covered with a shed roof, projects from the left third of the facade. Plain square posts, painted white, support the porch roof and an iron rail encloses it. The iron replaced an open rail of simple wooden ballusters. Three double-hung windows with plain surrounds painted white are distributed across the facade, one to the left of the door, beneath the porch roof, the other two at the right, occupying the facade's middle third. While there is room for another window next to them, the wall remains blank, giving the facade an interestingly balanced asymmetry. Today, the house appears pressed close to the street, with only a narrow strip of green separating it from the sidewalk. When San Mateo County added the sidewalk in front of the house, it lost most of its front yard. 763 Bell is freshly painted — its white trim and darker siding true to a paint scheme that was popular in Runnymede — and remains in excellent condition.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
 Albert H. and Miriam B. Turner
 763 Bell St., East Palo Alto, CA 94303 and
 Glen L. Bethel (same address)
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

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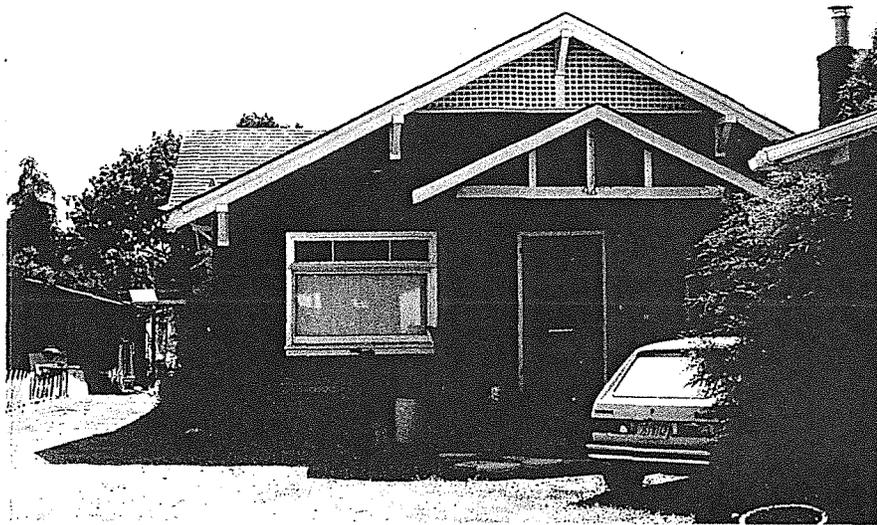
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| 1. Historic name 594 Cherry | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 5S2 |
| 3. Number & street 882 Bell A and B | Local designation |
| City East Palo Alto | Cross-corridor |
| Vicinity only | Zip 94303 |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | County San Mateo |
| B 576510 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Other |
| Parcel No. Curry and Leech: 063-363-270; Martin: 063-363-070 | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

882 A Bell Street. This is a rectangular side-gabled bungalow with asphalt roof shingles and a very uncomplicated fenestration. The front door on the right (west) of the facade is covered by a shed-roofed shelter. To its left (east), is a large double-hung window. The walls are covered by thin clapboards. Rafter tails protrude on the front facade. A shed-roofed addition lines the back of this simple farmhouse. The building is angled somewhat to Bell St., not exactly parallel to it, suggesting, perhaps, it was repositioned when the dwelling at 882 B Bell St. behind it was moved here in the 1930s. This house apparently had an open-framed water tower on its property during the 1920s. (This last bit of information was passed on by Foster Curry in an interview 8 December 1992.) The lot also had at least one, long, Weeks- type poultry house in back.

882 B Bell Street. This house was moved from another site in Mountain View, well after the heyday of the Weeks Poultry Colony (probably around 1937, according to Assessors Office dates). It is a very attractive bungalow, composed in a cross-gabled design. Brown shingles cover the exterior, and asphalt shingles cover the roof. Trim is painted white. The long gable facing front is supported by five white knee brackets. A long lattice grille ventilates the attic space. In the center of the front facade is a smaller gable roof sheltering the main entry. The entryway is balanced on either side by large double-hung windows. These windows have seven small top lights and one, road fixed bottom light. Behind this cross-gabled farmhouse are a series of sheds housing a working goat farm. ♡



8. Planning Agency
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Ralph H. and Leah O. Martin
882 Bell St., East Palo Alto 94303
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882 Bell St., East Palo Alto 94303
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential, Agricultural
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) c.1935 Original location Yes Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02-- Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

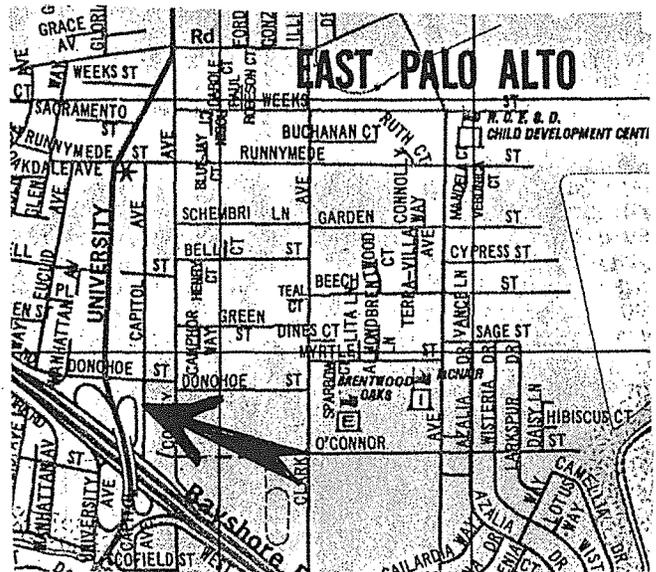
- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Post-war Residential Development Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1930s-1950s Property type Domestic Structure Context formally developed? Yes

19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.
 The dwelling at 2050 Capitol Ave. is one of the very few English Tudor Revival Style houses left in East Palo Alto. It was probably erected in the early-to-mid 1930s, when such revival styles had their greatest popularity. Its L-shaped plan with a turret located at the intersection of two perpendicular wings, was typical of Tudor Revival houses. The house's stucco exterior, its simple half-timbering, diamond paned windows, and arched entryway also characterized the Tudor Revival Style. This houses's decorative flourishes were unusual in East Palo Alto; constraints imposed by the Depression and low family incomes kept most dwellings constructed in subdivisions of the 1930s and 1940s very modest in size and plain in style.

20. Sources

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- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
 Date of evaluation Feb.24. 1994
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1994
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882 Bell St. (Con't.)

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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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| 1. Historic name | | Ser. no. | |
| 2. Common or current name | | National Register status 5S2 | |
| 3. Number & street 2050 Capitol | | Local designation | |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Cross-corridor | |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 576110 | Zip 94303 | County San Mateo |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-312-040 | C 4146250 | D |
| | | Other | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

This Tudor Revival Style house is located close to entrance and exit ramps of the Bayshore Highway. Intrusions from passing cars have necessitated the building of a tall privacy fence along the front facade. Any proposed widening of this interchange would likely require the demolition of this residence. 2050 Capitol Ave. is an L-shaped, two-story building with cross-gabled rooflines. The roofs are of uneven height, and rafter ends protrude from under the eaves. Asphalt shingles cover the roof; stucco faces the exterior walls. A round turret, located in the crotch of the L, stands out as the most distinctive feature of the front facade. The turret contains two round-arched openings, on the first floor accommodating an inset main entry and on the second an ornamental shuttered window. Brick steps lead up to the entryway. To the right of the front door, is a pair of casement windows with muntins arranged in a diamond pattern. To the left of the main entry, is a large plate glass window composed of three lights, each the same height, the middle being larger than the other two. The west end of the wing closest to Capitol Ave. has a large fifteen light window with louvered vents below it. This end also features some simple half-timbered details. The north end of this wing features a brick chimney, numerous double-hung windows of various sizes, and a wooden stairway leading to a second floor room. A two floor addition has been made to the gabled wing to the rear.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
Paul and Nhi Anh Black
6583 Blanche Bell Dr.
Sacramento, CA 95824
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

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OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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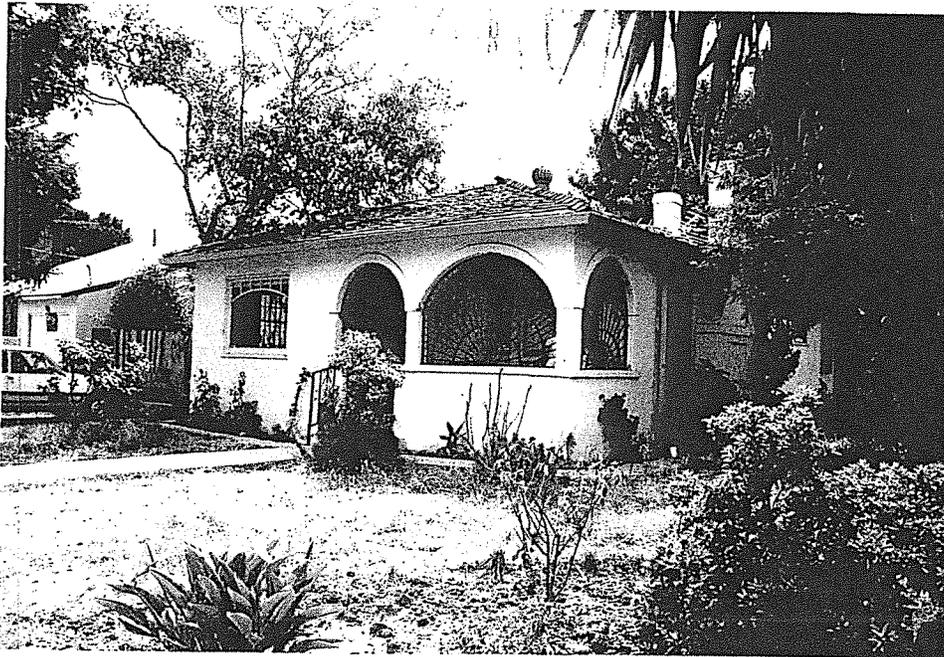
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Local designation

1. Historic name
2. Common or current name
3. Number & street 1999 Clarke
City East Palo Alto
Vicinity only
Zip 94303
County San Mateo
4. UTM zone A 10
B 576610
C 4146120
D
5. Quad map No. 1558
Parcel No. 063-511-300 & 063-512-160
Other

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category building
If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

1999 Clarke stands at the corner of Clarke and O'Connor Streets on a portion of lot 9 of the Faber Subdivision. It is a simple, single-story stucco structure with a shake-covered hipped roof. A cutaway porch with a closed rail spans the front two thirds of the house. Above the closed rail are two two broad, round-headed openings, one on the front, one around the corner. To the left, at the center of the facade, an arched doorway leads onto the porch. To the left of the door, a wide, fixed-paned window with a delicately arched header lights the front of the house. A stuccoed chimney rises up the structure's right side. Though this house is little more than a simple box, it has some delicately conceived details that distinguish it. These include the arched header in the front window, an inset panel on the chimney, and moldings lining the arched openings. Today, the house continues to be in excellent condition. It has been little altered except for the elaborate wrought-iron grills that fan out to fill the arched openings.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning
Department
9. Owner & address
Laura Chaverri
4065 1/2 Irving Pl., Culver City,
CA 90232
Herbert and Felicia Downing
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

CONTINUATION SHEET, 1999 Clarke

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

first portion of Runnymede since at least 1919 (when the first directory of Runnymede was put out), but by 1930, Huffman was listed in the city directory as a barber rather than as a farmer. Not long after, in 1931, this house was constructed. It is possible that, like many Runnymede colonists, especially during the Depression, Huffman found that he needed to take on outside work in addition to farming. At this point, the Huffmans may have decided to sell the portion of their five-acre holding where this house, now stands. 1999 Clarke, with its subtle yet graceful details, is somewhat more elaborate than many of the modest houses constructed in the first portion of Runnymede, where it is located. Though it is only a little bit larger than the houses constructed by Runnymede's first settlers, it differs from them most markedly in its stucco cladding and arched openings. Besides exemplifying the newer houses constructed during Runnymede's declining years, it is also a good example of the elaborate ironwork which many more recent East Palo Alto residents, especially those from Mexico, have added as a form of aesthetized fortification.

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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Ser. no.
 National Register status 4S2
 Local designation

1. Historic name 300 Clarke Ave.

2. Common or current name

3. Number & street 2012 Clarke Ave.

Cross-corridor

City East Palo Alto

Vicinity only

Zip 94303

County San Mateo

4. UTM zone A 10

B 576650

C 4146180

D

5. Quad map No. 1558

Parcel No.

Other

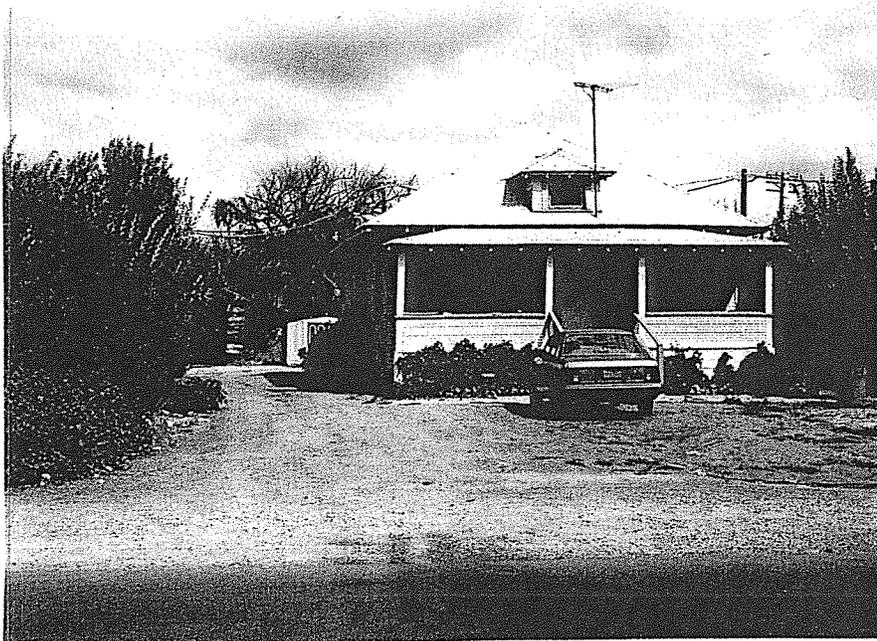
DESCRIPTION

6. Property category

If district, number of documented resources

7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The one-story dwelling at 2012 Clarke Ave. occupies a lot once set amidst large agricultural properties. The house stands just off Clarke Ave. , and does not have a front yard. Both sides of the property are enclosed with dense vegetation. The house is set on tall foundations. A hipped roof covers the rectangular contours of the residence, and asphalt shingles weatherproof the roof. Rafter tails are exposed. On the center of the front facade, is a hipped attic dormer with a rectangular fixed or awning window. Thin clapboards cover the walls. A covered porch projects off the length of the house's front facade. Stairs, located centrally, lead up to the main entry; this front door is flanked on either side by double-hung windows with wooden sash. These double-hung openings have one over one lights. The north side fenestration is irregular, composed of wood double-hung windows of different sizes. A small one-car garage stands to the east of the house in the rear.



- 8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
- 9. Owner & address
- 10. Type of ownership Private
- 11. Present use Residential
- 12. Zoning R-1-5000
- 13. Threats

2012 Clarke St.(Con't.)

By (name) A. Michelson

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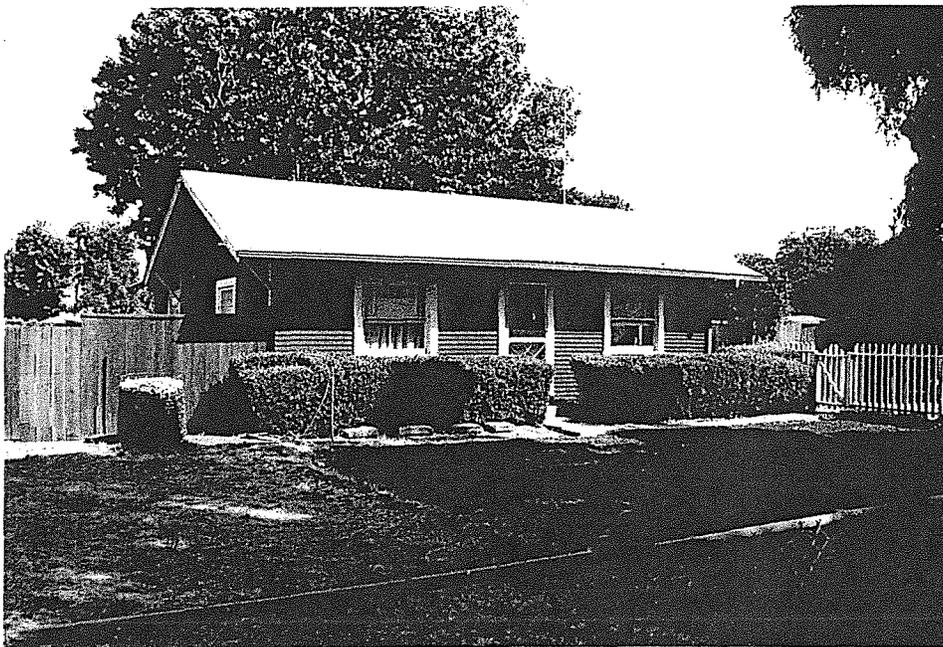
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 National Register status 5S2
 Local designation

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Historic name | | | | |
| 2. Common or current name | | | | |
| 3. Number & street 2260 Clarke | | | Cross-corridor | |
| City East Palo Alto | | Vicinity only | Zip 94303 | County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | | B 576640 | C4146470 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-341-300 | | Other | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

2260 Clarke is a simple front gabled house with long, horizontal proportions. These are enhanced by the narrow clapboard siding that runs in horizontal bands across the structure, and the low eaves which hover over double-hung windows that are nearly square. Set on a low foundation (hidden by the bushes), the house hugs the ground. The only pronounced vertical element is the front door, which is set in the center of the bilaterally symmetrical facade. This beautifully-maintained house boasts little ornamentation. Door and window surrounds are plain and flat, the sills simple strips of wood. Only the delicate mullions, which make a geometric pattern in the upper sashes of the symmetrically placed windows, provide a bit of embellishment. Spindly triangular brackets have been inserted at the corners beneath the eaves. An additional wing, with exposed rafters and similar narrow siding is barely visible behind a high wooden fence. A chain link fence and a white picket fence enclose the front yard.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
 Martin J. & Mary D. Joyce
 Palo Alto, CA 94303
10. Type of ownership private
11. Present use residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats private development

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

between these two structures is the front porch appended to the Morse house. Because the Gurrs' property has now been subdivided into a number of smaller lots, this house no longer stands on a typical Runnymede holding of one acre or more, and the agricultural buildings that once accompanied it are no longer in sight. Even so, the house itself is an important example of an early Runnymede type.

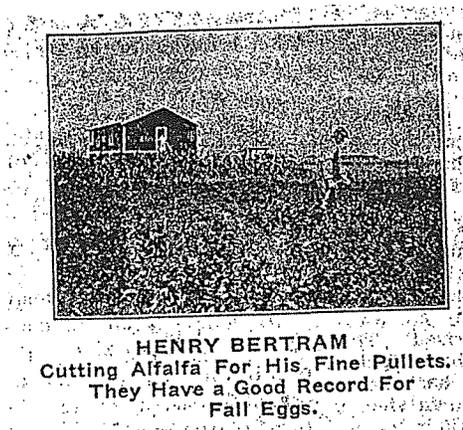


Photo from "First Families of Runnymede," n.d., a promotional brochure.
Collection of the East Palo Alto Historical and Agricultural Society

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) 1920/1920 Original location Believed to be same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1910s-1920s Property type Domestic Structure Context formally developed? Yes

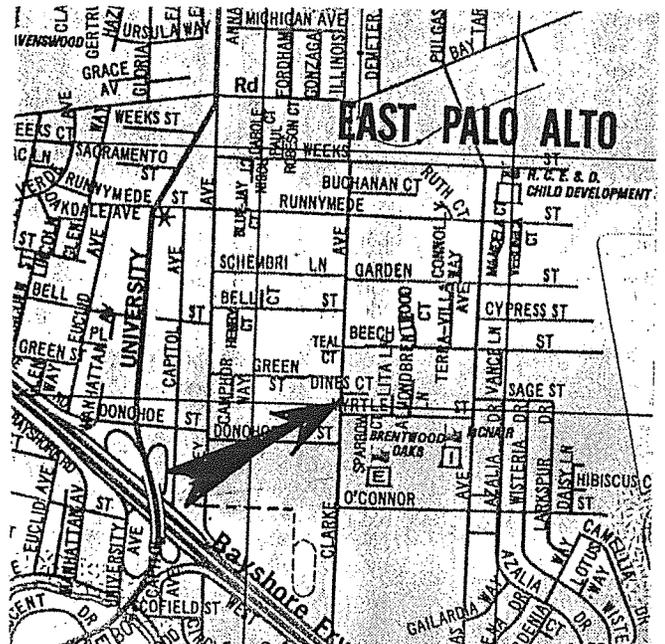
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

This house was occupied from 1921 through at least 1944 by Alfred and Emily Gurr, who raised poultry on this parcel. Alfred Gurr lived across the street from his brother, William Gurr, who also raised poultry at 518 Clarke Avenue for many years. William was listed in the Runnymede directory in 1919-1920, and may have convinced his brother to settle in the Weeks Colony. Alfred Gurr's bungalow, with its simple rooflines and projecting front porch, served as a typical farmhouse for the Weeks Poultry Colony. It had a clean modern aesthetic, free of cluttered Queen Anne Style ornament, and uncomplicated dimensions, inexpensive to construct. This bungalow possesses interesting ornamental brackets which recall those used in Japanese architecture.

20. Sources Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo Co., Ca., 1922; Map of Ravenswood and East Palo Alto, San Mateo Co., Ca., 1925; *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede and Stanford*, (Palo Alto: Willis Hall, 1919-1920, 1921-1922); *R.L. Polk's Palo Alto City Directory*, (San Francisco: R.L. Polk, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1938, 1944).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
 - 22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
 - 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
Date of evaluation January 19,1994
 - 24. Survey type Comprehensive
 - 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
 - 26. Year form prepared 1994
- By (name) A. Michelson
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Historic name | | | | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name Cooley Avenue Market | | | | National Register status 3S |
| 3. Number & street 2235 Cooley | | | | Local designation |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Cross-corridor
Zip 94303 | County San Mateo | |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 576190 | C 4146760 | D | |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-332-310 | Other | | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Inserted in a residential section of East Palo Alto, the Cooley Avenue Market is a one-story commercial building of modest proportions and design. It is a plain stucco box, painted a well-maintained deep grey with white trim. A plain parapet on the front and two sides of the building gives the illusion that the building is taller than it is. The upper wall across the front is utterly unadorned except for COOLEY AVENUE MARKET painted across its surface. Below this, a cloth awning stretches across the entire facade. This shades a three-part transom, which is now boarded up. Below this, a central door, flanked by narrow vertical windows (also boarded), opens into the store. On either side of door, broad display windows expand across the rest of the facade. The window on the left has been boarded up, but the one on the right, divided into four equal panes with thin wooden mullions, may be in its original condition save for the iron grate that covers it. Square tile fills the area beneath the windows. The two sides of the building are simple expanses of stucco pierced by two small square hopper windows (hinged on their lower edges) with plain wooden surrounds. A low addition extends from the back. The market, pressed close to the street, rises directly from the sidewalk, but there is open space on either side, including a parking lot at the right. It stands on lots 33, 34, and 35 of block 16 of the Woodland Place subdivision, a district that was more suburban in character than the other portions of Runnymede. Today, the interior is one large open space filled with aisles of shelves. (See continuation sheet.)



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
Sidney J. & Wilma C. Peters, Palo Alto 94303
10. Type of ownership
Private
11. Present use commercial
12. Zoning C-1
13. Threats private development

CONTINUATION SHEET: 2235 Cooley

DESCRIPTION (continued)

In design, 2235 Cooley is what Richard Longstreth calls a one-part commercial block, a type that probably developed in cities and towns by the mid 19th century. The broad plate-glass windows surmounted by a transom zone that once lit the store, and the expanse of wall at the top used for the market's name, are typical of late nineteenth and early twentieth-century commercial structures. These features would point to an early date for this building. Even with its boarded-up windows, which could easily be reglazed, the market is in excellent condition.

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

In 1923, the Runnymede Grocery, which was run by J.W. Grimes, advertised that it was "for everything that leads to Runnymede betterment!" It sold everything "From Soup to Nuts," including ice cream and root beer. The location was listed in the directory as Cooley and Runnymede, approximately where 2235 Cooley now stands. Because buildings in Runnymede did not have street numbers until 1925, the Runnymede Grocery's exact location is hard to pinpoint. Around this time, the Grimes family departed, and W.L. Greene opened a grocery on Cooley. In 1926, Greene's grocery was listed at 531 Cooley, which marks this location under the pre 1940 street numbering. There is a good chance that this building housed the original Runnymede Grocery as early as c. 1919-1920, and it is clear that it existed as a market by 1926. After this, it changed management numerous times, always remaining a grocery. William and Zada Barnett ran the store from about 1927 until 1935, and lived in the house next door, to the left of the store. When E.H. Heeren took over the store in 1936, the Barnetts opened a gas station at 511 Cooley. Since then, it has experienced several different proprietors.

The Cooley Avenue market was, and still is, a commercial structure inserted into a residential/agricultural environment. Until the mid 1930s, the East Palo Alto area had no real business center. The Johnsons ran another grocery at 201 Cooley (which became 1935 Cooley in 1940) at the other end of the colony near the San Francisquito Creek, and a scattering of other stores are listed in other parts of the area; but University Avenue, which became an important commercial thoroughfare, was still largely residential, as was Cooley Avenue. Yet the Cooley Avenue Market is clearly an urban, commercial type, with no residential overtones. Essentially a large rectangular box, its street facade is narrow compared to its depth, and it is pressed close to the street to make efficient use of space, a form particularly suitable for a commercial district where adjacent structures line the street. (It should be noted, however, that the street has been widened since the 1920s, but even so, this structure sits closer to the streets than most houses in the area.) But a commercial district never grew up around this building. Instead, the business center developed from the mid 1930s in the vicinity of University Avenue and Bayshore Highway. As a result, today 2235 Cooley, now the Cooley Avenue Market, remains in a residential district which has become more densely developed over time. Though it stands out as a commercial structure, its proportions harmonize well with its surroundings. Its success here is more than visual. The most recent in an long succession of grocery stores housed here, the Cooley Avenue Market conducts a thriving business.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) Original location Same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date The lower portion of the building projecting from the back is likely to be a later addition. In the street facade, the transom, the two narrow windos flaking the door, and the left display window have all been boarded up.
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 06--Commercial Building, 1-3 stories

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Highway 101 and East Palo Alto's Business District Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1020s-1950s Property type Retail Store Context formally developed? Yes

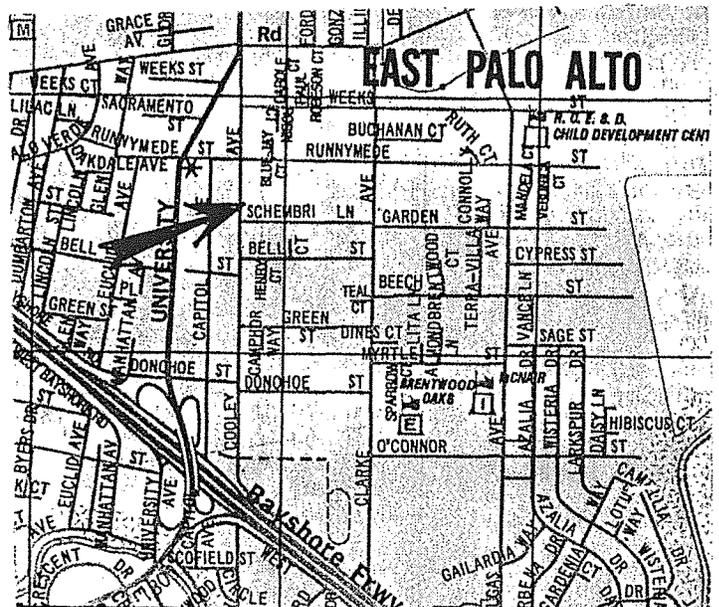
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

2235 Cooley, which has been a grocery store throughout its history, is probably the earliest commercial structure in East Palo Alto. During Runnymede's first years, its colonists had to rely on deliveries from Palo Alto grocery stores. By 1917, Charles Weeks envisioned a cooperative store for the colony, much like the consumer cooperatives he admired in England, Russia, and the United States. It is not clear whether Weeks's idea ever came to fruition — if it had, he probably would have documented it as well as he did everything else — but the Palo Alto City Directory lists no groceries for Runnymede until 1919-20, when two of them, one called the Runnymede Grocery, had opened on Cooley Avenue. (See continuation sheet.)

20. Sources *PA Times* 14 Nov. 1917; *PA Times*, 2 May 1923; *PA Times*, 11 May 1923; *PA Times*, 25 Jan. 1924; Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo County, Calif., 1922 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); *Directories of Palo Alto* (including various other towns, 1919-1930, 1933-1937, 1939, 1940, 1944, 1946, 1948, 1957); Richard Longstreth, *The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture* (Washington, D.C.: Preservation Press, 1987).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator K. Solomonson
Date of evaluation September 10, 1993
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1993
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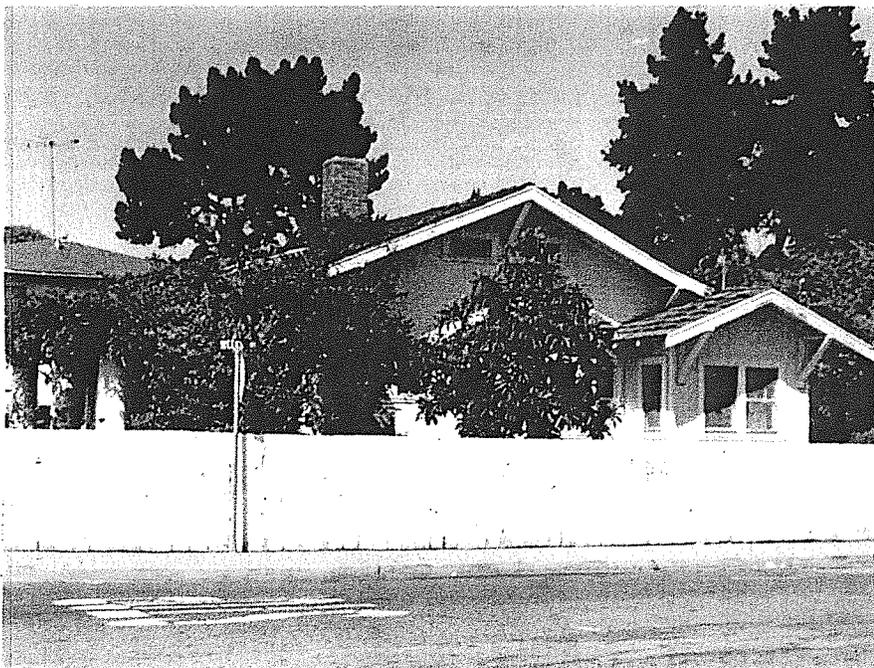
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| 3. Number & street 2360 Cooley | | Local designation | |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Cross-corridor Weeks | Zip 94303 County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 576200 | C 4147190 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-220-480 | Other | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Set behind a long front pergola covered with vegetation is the bungalow at 2360 Cooley Ave. It occupies a fenced .15 acre lot, located on the corner of Cooley Ave. and Weeks St., in what was the Second Addition to Runnymede. The tall wood board fence encircles the property providing privacy and security at the busy intersection. The dwelling is side-gabled, and one story high, with a basically rectangular configuration. A small bay, projecting towards Weeks St., breaks the plan's absolute rectangularity. This bay also has a side-gabled roof, which is lower than the main roof. An odd dormer-like feature (with projecting rafter tails) lies in the center of the main roof in front. Its purpose is unclear. All roof surfaces are clad in wood shingles. Thin clapboards cover the walls. The fenestration is difficult to see from Cooley Ave., but observed from Weeks is irregular, composed mostly of double-hung windows arranged in pairs. Knee brackets support each gable of the house's roofs. A brick chimney rises on the south end, probably serving a living room fireplace.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
Sostenes and Ignacia Lopez
2360 Cooley Ave.
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

1. Historic name 110 Donohoe St.

2. Common or current name

3. Number & street 134 Donohoe St.

Cross-corridor

City East Palo Alto

Vicinity only

Zip 94303

County San Mateo

4. UTM zone A 10

B 575190

C 4146450

D

5. Quad map No. 1558

Parcel No.

Other

Ser. no.

National Register status 5S2

Local designation

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category

If district, number of documented resources

7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Set slightly back from the road, the one story dwelling at 134 Donahoe St. has a cross-gabled roof covered by asphalt shingles. Clapboard siding covers the walls. Seen from the front, the dwelling has a basically H-shaped plan, with two gabled bays projecting forward connected by a cross-gabled section. This rear cross-gabled section extends out on the east beyond the end of the left (east) bay. The gable of the right bay has a shallower pitch than that of the left. Both gables are supported by knee brackets under the eaves. Between these gables is a front porch with a replacement fiberglass roof sheltering the front door. The right bay features a triplet window; the outer windows of this triplet are double-hung, while the middle has fixed sash. All have colored glass headers. The left bay is illuminated by a wide double-hung window with one over one lights. All double-hung windows of the front facade have new aluminum screens. A brick chimney rises on the west side. Behind the dwelling is the garage. The garage is topped by a front-facing gable roof, and has its original doors. The doors fold in three panels, each panel illuminated by six-light fixed windows. The gable roof has the same knee brackets as the main house.



8. Planning Agency

East Palo Alto Planning
 Department

9. Owner & address

10. Type of ownership Private

11. Present use Residential

12. Zoning R-1-5000

13. Threats

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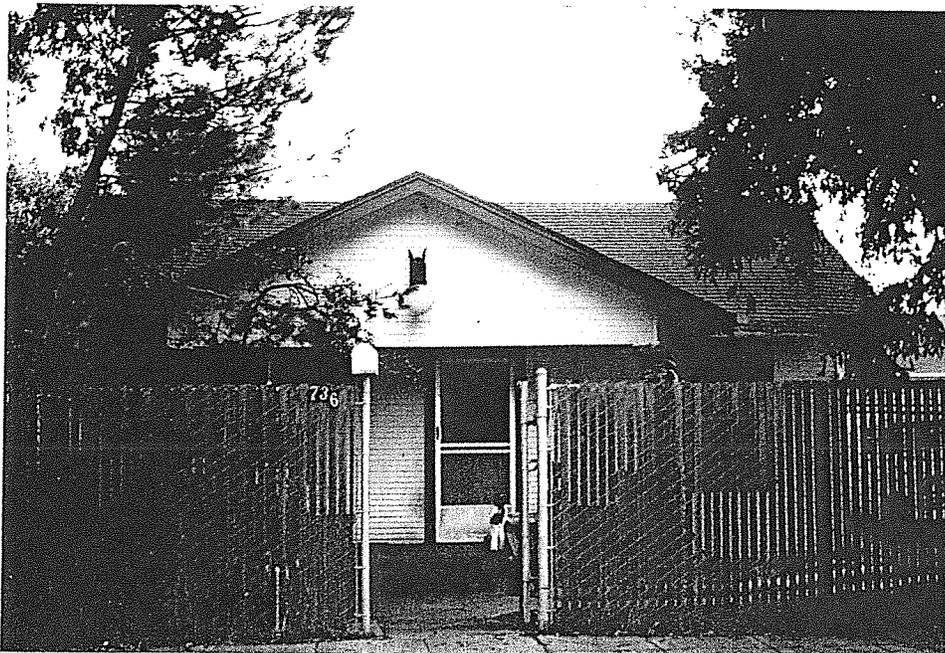
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| 2. Common or current name | | | |
| 3. Number & street 736 Bell | | Cross-corridor | |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Zip 94303 | County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 576280 | C 4146700 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-363-160 | | Other |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The house at 736 Bell St. is set behind a chain-link security fence, which has wooden slats slid through its openings. A large garage stands behind the house to the southwest. The house has a cross-gabled configuration; the main gable faces to the side, while a front-gable porch projects from the center. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles. Clapboard siding, painted white, covers the walls. Trim is picked out in red. Supports for the front porch are composed of uncoarsed masonry, although they do not appear original. Sheltered by the porch is the front entry, faced by an aluminum screen door and flanked by single double-hung windows with wood sash. Each window has one over one lights. One of the most interesting features of the property is a large poultry house set well behind the main house. The poultry house has a long extended form with numerous doors opening onto individual roosting areas. The house was built to last, as its builder set it on a sturdy concrete foundation. A skeletal wood framework supports the building, with a cladding of horizontal and vertically placed wooden boards. Tar paper covers a roof of dual pitch. A lower shed roofed portion covers each doorway. A higher shed roof creates a long clerestory, admitting light to stimulate the hens' egg production. Each clerestory window is rectangular, and was probably of fixed glass originally. This Bell St. neighborhood has a suburban character-- with its rows of tidy houses, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. The presence of the poultry house-- an agricultural remnant-- offers interesting contrast to this suburban context.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address Isaac and Jane Hansen. Menlo Park, CA 94025 and Robert Poulin, 736 Bell, East Palo Alto
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats private development

CONTINUATION SHEET: 763 Bell

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

But the Weirs had disappeared from Runnymede by 1919. By that date, it appears that the Bell Street (then called Cherry) property belonged to Martin and Andrea Anderson, who were still farming there in 1930. Martin died in 1935 and by 1937 Andrea had sold the place to Frances M. Wyatt, a clerk at E.D. Keeble in Palo Alto. By this time, the farm had ceased to provide its owner's primary income.

Assuming that the Weir's property was the same as 763 Bell, the pattern of land ownership outlined above was not unusual in the Weeks colony. There were other cases, such as 881 Green, where the owner tried farm life for only a short time before selling the place to someone else. In both of these cases, the next owner cultivated the site for at least decade or more until it was necessary to supplement farming with outside work.

The house itself is a good example of the simple structures erected in the first portion of Runnymede. Though it is larger than 2260 Clarke, for example, they are both similarly restrained, relying only upon the corner brackets and exposed rafters (both of these common bungalow features) for embellishment.

(Note about the date: The Assessor's records indicate the date as 1910. Though this could be accurate, it seems unlikely because the first house erected in Runnymede was put up in June or July of 1916, the year Weeks marketed Peter Faber's land for his colony. While it is certainly possible that an earlier resident erected this house when Faber first decided to subdivide his land, the house itself was typical for this portion of the Charles Weeks Poultry Colony and it became a Runnymede ranch.)



Picture from *Palo Alto Times*, 16 May 1918

736 BELL CONTINUATION SHEET

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

The area was sub-divided by Charles Weeks, a poultry farmer living in Palo Alto, who promoted Runnymede, beginning in 1916. The long narrow lots accommodated extended poultry houses, which Weeks modeled on assembly lines. In the rear of this lot stands one of the few remaining poultry houses in East Palo Alto. It is in remarkably good condition, set on concrete foundations, and has a clerestory, facing east to catch the morning sun. (Morning light helped to stimulate the egg-production of hens.) This Bell St. neighborhood contained some of the last active poultry farms in East Palo Alto, which survived into the late 1950s. In short, the entire configuration of the original farmhouse, long deep lot, and poultry house stands as one of the best remnants of this 1920s agricultural community.

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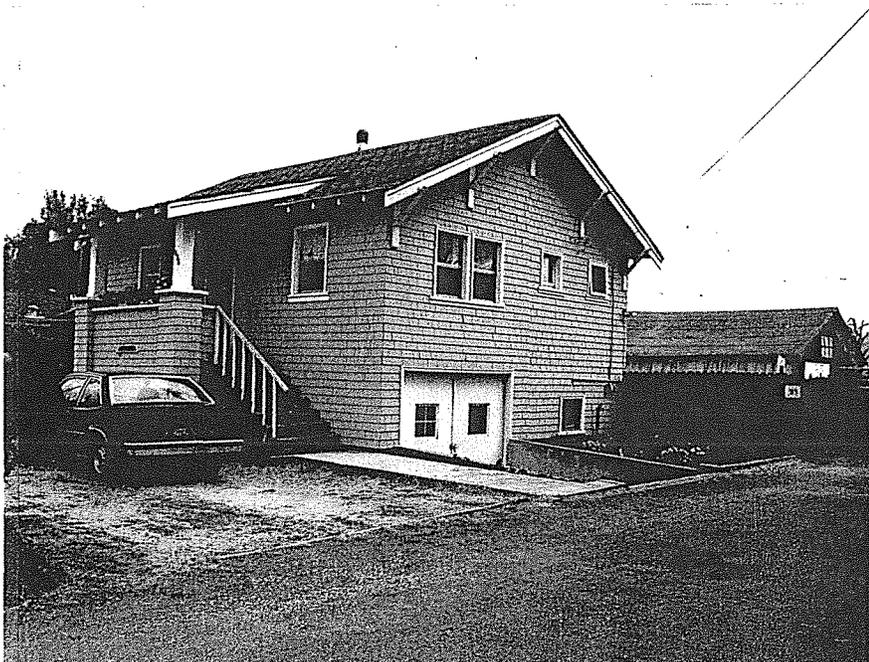
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National Register status 5S2
Local designation |
| 2. Common or current name | |
| 3. Number & street 1036 Beech | Cross-corridor |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only Zip 94303 County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 576840 C 4146610 D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-351-260 Other |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The house at 1036 Beech St. has unusually high contours for a one-story dwelling. It has a side gabled roof and a projecting front porch. Both main and porch roofs have protruding rafter tails. Five knee brackets support the main gable end. Asphalt shingles cover the roof and painted wood shingles sheath the walls. The porch roof is supported by a pair of squat piers, and covers a central front door, which is flanked by single double-hung windows, with wooden sash and one over one lights. A stairway leads up eight steps to the porch. The most distinctive characteristic of the house is its high foundations. The living rooms of the house have been raised nearly an extra story to accommodate a partially sunken garage below. Doors to the garage can be seen on the west facade with a ramp leading down to them. A fixed rectangular window with four over four lights stands to the right of the garage doors. Above the garage doors is a pair of wooden double-hung windows and two awning windows to the right. The farmhouse at 1036 Beech St. stands in front of a group of agricultural buildings set on a compact plot. To the northwest, across the driveway, is a brown shingled tankhouse, with a shed-roofed addition to its rear facade. It appears to be used as living space and is in much better repair than the tankhouse across the street at 1007 Beech St. Set behind the tankhouse and main house, protected by chain-link and wood plank fences, is a long gable-roofed building with board and batten siding and a tar paper roof. Behind this board and batten storage building are a series of greenhouses, probably built for floriculture during the 1940s and 1950s.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address Carlene R. Tonini, et al., c/o Richard Arguello
10065 La Paz, San Ramon, CA 94583
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

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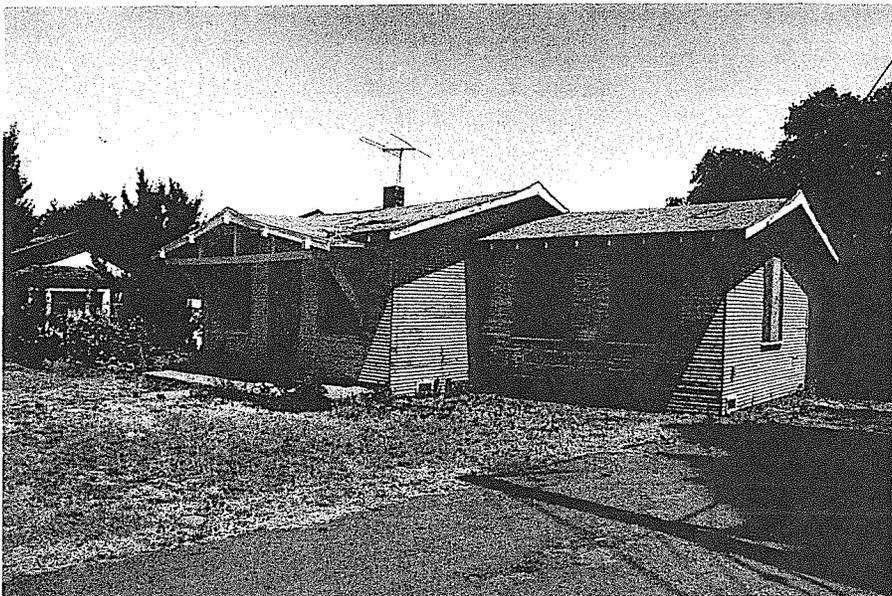
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 Local designation

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| 1. Historic name | 125 Donohoe St. | | |
| 2. Common or current name | | | |
| 3. Number & street | 231 Donohoe St. | Cross-corridor | |
| City | East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Zip 94303 County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone | A 10 | B 575340 | C 4146450 D |
| 5. Quad map No. | 1558 | Parcel No. | Other |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The dwelling at 231 Donohoe St. is set on a barren lot in a residential section of East Palo Alto west of Highway 101. The area was once part of the Palo Alto Park subdivision. The house has been abandoned, and its thin clapboard siding is in need of paint. Plywood sheets cover the windows. The dwelling is laid out on one story, and is composed of two rectangular sections. The main wing to the west has a gable roof that is slightly taller than that of the east. Both roofs are topped with white gravel. The west wing has a shallowly pitched cross-gabled roof sheltering the front door. This entry shelter is supported by prominent knee brackets, which hold a triangular framework of posts. The front fenestration is simple. Two windows flank either side of the front door, and two large openings (one on the east facade) illuminate the smaller eastern wing. Rafter tails protrude beneath each gable's eaves. The house's most prominent decorative feature is its fascia boards which flare up at their peaks, vaguely reminiscent of Asian architecture.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning
 Department
9. Owner & address Unknown
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

14. Construction date(s) 1921 Original location Date moved
15. Alterations & date The agricultural buildings (sheds and barn) appear to have received alterations in doors and windows at unknown dates.
16. Architect unknown Builder unknown
17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property; 33--Farm/Ranch

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1916-1920s Property type residential/agricultural Context formally developed? Yes
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

From the street, 250 Donohoe merges well into a street of small, Craftsman houses. Behind it, however, clusters a group of structures that link the property with its agricultural past. Both come together to present, in microcosm, Charles Weeks's vision of an agricultural suburb.

With its excellent condition and fine details, the house fronting 250 Donohoe is one of the best examples of a Runnymede-era bungalow in East Palo Alto. Its welcoming front porch and neat front yard present to the street an image that would fit well into any suburban area dating from the same period. Weeks sought to reinforce (see continuation sheet.)

20. Sources San Mateo County, Assessors Records (printout in the archives of the San Mateo County Historical Association); Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo County, Calif., 1922 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); Map of Ravenswood and East Palo Alto San Mateo County Calif., 1925 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford* (Willis L. Hall, Publisher, 1919-1920 & 1921-1922).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

21. Applicable National Register criteria
22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
 Date of evaluation April, 1994
24. Survey type Comprehensive
25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
26. Year form prepared 1994
 By (name) K. Solomonson
 Organization San Mateo County Historical Association
 Address 1700 West Hillsdale Blvd.
 City & Zip San Mateo, CA 94402
 Phone 415/574-6441



CONTINUATION SHEET, 250 DONOHUE

DESCRIPTION (continued)

Behind these two buildings is a series of other structures which are interconnected. These include a couple of sheds, one taller than the other, which are likely to have been outhouses. Both have board and batten siding and one has a door into which a sliver-like crescent moon and a star have been cut. Adjacent to this is another board and batten structure with a low gabled roof. A mass of foliage obscures much of it, but a newer window outfitted with mini-blinds suggests that it is occupied. Near the two outhouses and the structure adjacent to them is a long agricultural shed with a new garage door at one end and hinged doors on one of the long sides. The largest structure is a gabled barn clad with narrow vertical boards, unpainted and weathered. Wide sliding doors open into it on three sides. On the gable end farthest from the house (the northwest side), a small hinged door to the right of center give access to the interior. Beside this is a horizontal window, boarded up. Just beneath the apex of the gable is a square window, tilted to form a diamond, has been set slightly off center. 250 Donohoe comprises a portion of lots 12 and 13 of the fourth addition to Runnymede.

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

Runnymede's suburban character by giving the one-acre lots a narrow street frontage so that the houses could form a well-integrated street line. This was not to be. Like many Runnymede settlers, the Halberts, who farmed this property in 1922, disrupted Weeks's suburban vision by purchasing four acres rather than one. By purchasing the three lots next door, other members of the Halbert family further diluted the street and contributed to the area's open, semi-rural character.

Behind the house, the property's rural identity is fully asserted through the collection of agricultural structures that survive. A tiny clapboard building with a gabled roof nestles behind the main house. Its original function is difficult to determine, but it is possible that this was the house where the family lived when they first arrived in Runnymede. According to the 1921-22 Runnymede directory, W.E. and Estella M. Halbert were poultry farmers, yet neither tankhouse nor poultry house survives. The absence of the tankhouse is easily explained. Because the fourth addition to Runnymede, where this property is located, had a centralized water system, the colonists who settled there did not need to pump and store their own water supply. Unless the sheds are disguising it, the poultry house has disappeared. Very possibly the poultry house(s) was constructed on one of the adjacent lots that is now part of another holding. The barn does survive. Early photographs show that barns of various kinds were scattered throughout Runnymede, but the one at 250 Donohoe is among the few that still stands.

This part of Donohoe Street has now filled in and fully asserted its residential character. Even so, the back of the property at 250 Donohoe, where graceful old trees shade agricultural structures converted to new uses, presents a rare glimpse of the city's agricultural past.

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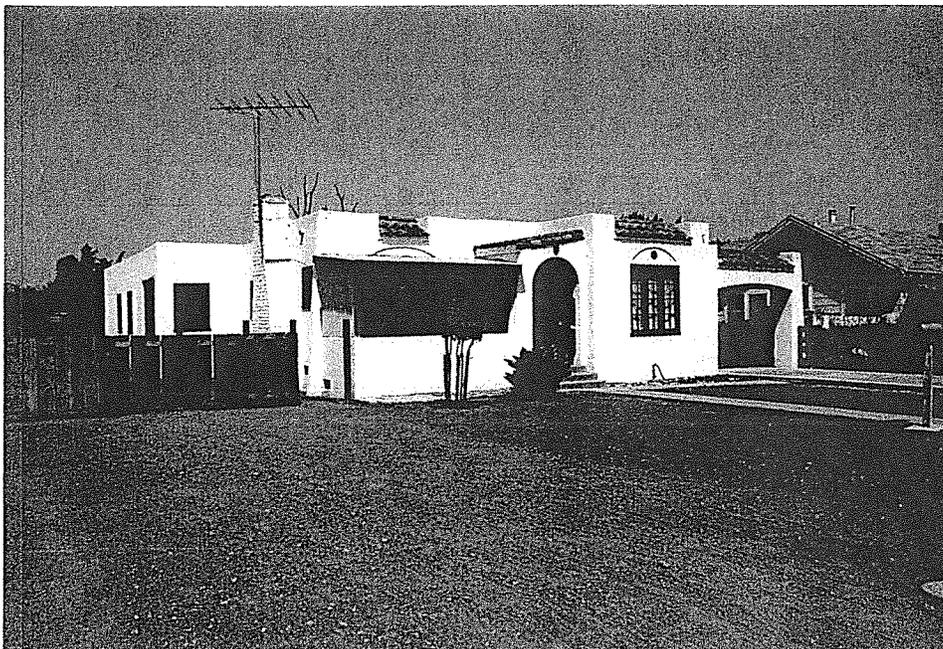
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| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 5S2 |
| | Local designation |
| 3. Number & street 809 Donohoe | Cross-corridor Clarke |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only Zip 94303 County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 576490 C 4146740 D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. DJ Mock 063-374-180; Yee Wo Mock 063-372-920 Other |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

One of a row of small period revival and Craftsman cottages lining Donohoe Street, this house is sited on a deep lot with a narrow street frontage measuring about an acre. This site is lot 1 of lot 3 of the Faber subdivision. A straight, well-maintained concrete sidewalk and driveway lead up to this white stucco Spanish Colonial Revival box. From the front, the house has a L-shaped plan, a small block projecting forward at the right. The latter is lit with a triple window surmounted by a blind arch with a medallion at its center. To the left, a small porch with a tiled shed roof and an arched opening shelters the front door. A low wall extends left from the porch to enclose a small patio which is now covered by a more recently-added fiberglass sunroof. This roof now obscures the blind arch that surmounts the multipaned window or door below it that opens onto the patio. The house has a flat roof trimmed in places with red tile. A wing wall, with red tile running across its top, extends out to the right to form a nominal porte-cochere that spans the driveway but does not actually provide shelter. The driveway leads back to a stuccoed garage with a parapet that appears to be missing the tile that trims the front of the house. The back of the house reveals a flat-topped stucco addition extending from the north side of the house. Two sheds of vertical boards, one of them moved from the former Oleson place at Pulgas and O'Connor where the present owner's family once farmed, provide storage. The expansive lot behind the house is no longer under cultivation, but the house itself has been maintained in pristine condition.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning
 Department
9. Owner & address David John Mock,
 et al, 809 Donohoe,
 East Palo Alto, CA 94303
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) 1927/1927 Original location Believed to be the same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1910s-1920s Property type Domestic Structure Context formally developed? Yes

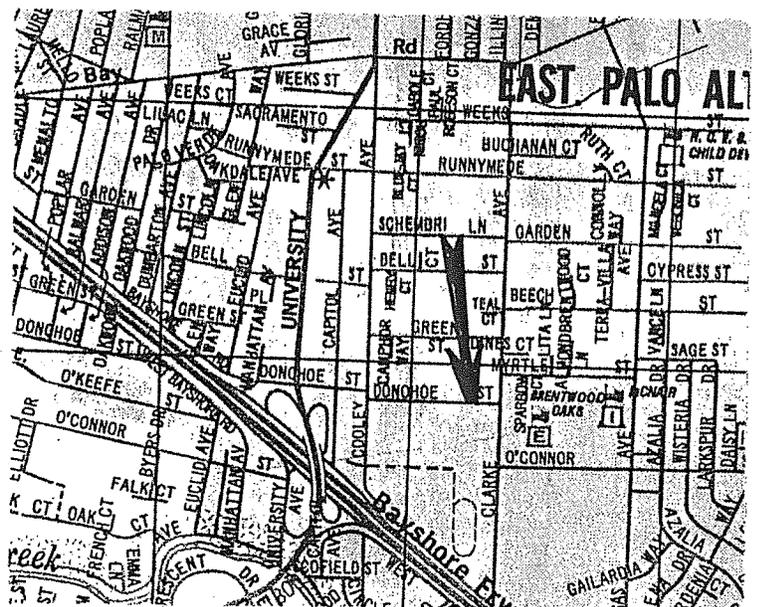
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

The large pyramidal hipped roof of 841 Donahoe St. was a typical feature of many modest farmhouses built in California between 1900-1925. This property, originally 571 Almond St., was probably bought and developed by Hugh and Julia Patterson in the early 1920s. (This couple is listed in the 1921-22 City Directory as running a poultry farm on Almond St.) They moved from this property in the late 1920s. The Pattersons probably had long Weeks-type poultry houses in their back yard, which have since disappeared from the property.

20. Sources Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo Co., Ca., 1922; Map of Ravenswood and East Palo Alto, San Mateo Co., Ca., 1925; *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford*, (Willis Hall, Publisher, 1919-1920 & 1921-1922).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
Date of evaluation November 20, 1993
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1993
Organization San Mateo County Historical Association
Address 1700 West Hillsdale Blvd.
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

1. Historic name 528 Euclid Ave.

2. Common or current name

3. Number & street 2266 Euclid

City East Palo Alto

Vicinity only

Cross-corridor

Zip 94303

County San Mateo

4. UTM zone A 10

B 575870

C 4146570

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5. Quad map No. 1558

Parcel No. 063-302-100

Other

Ser. no.

National Register status 552

Local designation

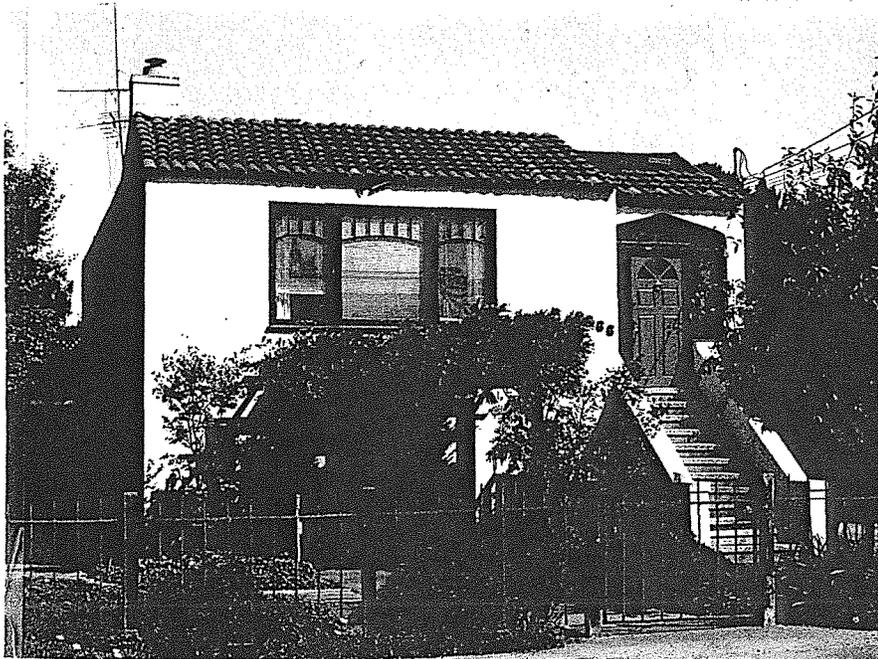
DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building

If district, number of documented resources

7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Stucco covers the walls of the two story house at 2266 Euclid Ave. The dwelling is large and blocky with at least one addition appended to the rear. The roof, as seen from the street, is a false gable covered with Spanish tile. This false gable hides the flat roof of the rest of the building. The front door is set in a slightly recessed wing of the house's front facade. It is reached up a long flight of stairs. This entryway is surrounded by a Tudor arch, and has a transom and two sidelights. Below, is a garage door is of two parts, each section possessing six lights. Above, the garage door is a triplet window, with two double-hung windows on the outside flanking a fixed window in the center. Horizontal muntin bars of each part of the triplet are slightly arched. An irregular assortment of windows illuminates the west facade. Nearest to the front door is another triplet window. This window, like the front door, has a Tudor arched header.



8. Planning Agency

East Palo Alto Planning Department

9. Owner & address

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2266 Euclid, East Palo Alto, CA 94303

10. Type of ownership Private

11. Present use Residential

12. Zoning R-1-5000

13. Threats

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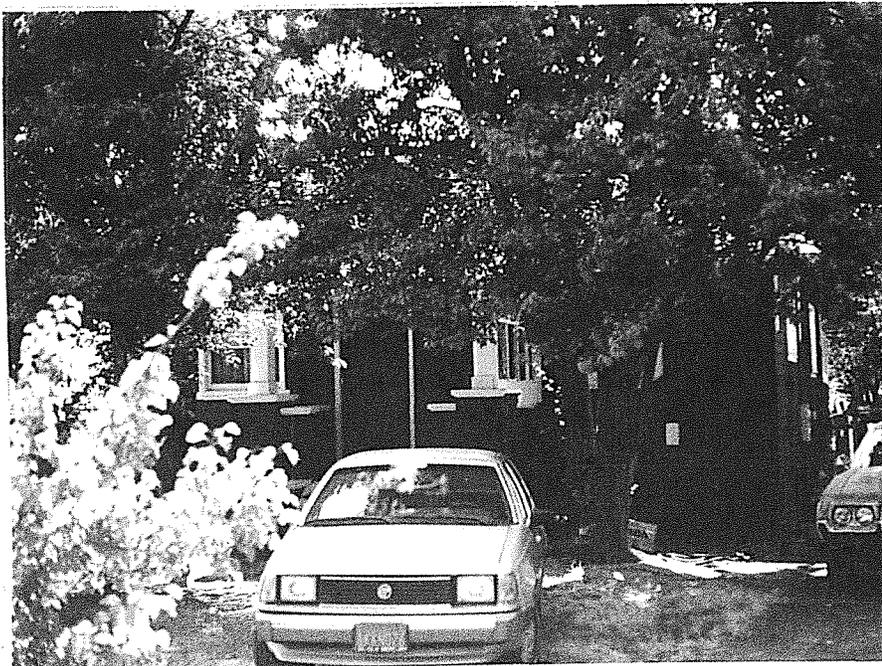
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| | | National Register status 487 | |
| | | Local designation | |
| 2. Common or current name | | | |
| 3. Number & street 962 Garden | | Cross-corridor | |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Zip 94303 | County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 576690 | C 4146800 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. | Other | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The farmhouse and agricultural structures 962 Garden form one of East Palo Alto's most significant ensembles. The site consists of a double lot (two of Charles Weeks's one-acre farms), one of which is an open field, once cultivated. The house, tankhouse, and two poultry houses occupy the lot to the right. The house, set back from the street behind a chain link fence and a cluster of foliage, stands in front of the tankhouse. Two long poultryhouses, with open space between them, stretch back along the long sides of the lot, marking its boundaries.

The buildings themselves, though deteriorated, are intact enough to present an excellent idea of a Weeks-era ranch. The one-story house is side-gabled, with a gabled porch, supported by short piers, projecting in front. Black asphalt shingles sheath the roof and shingles painted brown clad the walls. Trim has been picked out in white. Much of the front fenestration lies enshrouded behind the dense vegetation in the front yard. A front door, located just to the east of center, lies sheltered beneath the porch.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
10. Type of ownership PRIVATE
11. Present use RESIDENTIAL
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

962 GARDEN CONTINUATION SHEET

DESCRIPTION (continued)

On either side of the door are two wide windows with double-hung sash. These windows have one over one lights. On the west facade, the fenestration features two double-hung windows, the front being slightly smaller than the rear. Behind these two, toward the south, is a large fixed group of lights illuminating a rear porch. The gable roof is supported by several knee brackets which also protrude on the opposite side. The east side possesses three double-hung windows, the one in the middle being smaller than the two equivalently sized ones in either end. A large addition has been made to the rear.

Directly behind the the house is a tankhouse, clad in board and batten siding. It lacks its original water reservoir. A sizable two story addition has been made to the east side, nearly doubling its size. It appears to have been used for storage purposes. Behind the farmhouse and tankhouse lie two rows of Weeks era poultry houses, probably the two best examples remaining in East Palo Alto. They are exceptionally long, easily 100 feet in length. They open to the east, to allow morning sun to wake nesting poultry. The eastern slope of each roof is shorter than the western slope. Flush boards or board and batten siding, haphazardly arranged, covers the exterior walls. The interiors of the poultry houses are in deteriorating condition, most stalls being open to the elements. On the east poultry house, a group of unevenly sized windows remain on an enclosed, walled portion to the north. The Travises, post Weeks-era residents, continued to use the poultry houses to raise chickens. Today, they serve as storage.

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

An early Weeks colony resident, Mrs. Ida C. Furbush. Mrs. Furbush, may have lived here once. She had taken up residence on Cherry Street (Garden Street's original name) at least as early as 1919 when the first Runnymede Directory was issued, and may have settled there still earlier. While there was a significant degree of turnover during the 1920s, Mrs. Furbush remained on her property until the mid 1930s and apparently continued to farm it. The long stable ownership of 962 Garden might help to explain why its original agricultural structures still exist. The Travises, who eventually moved to the property, continued to use the land and buildings for agricultural purposes.

962 Garden Street's immediate surroundings attest to East Palo Alto's changing agricultural character. On the property next door, to the east, a Weeks-era tankhouse has been remodeled into a residence. Behind it extend the remnants of a poultry house as well as long greenhouses, marking the transition of a Runnymede poultry ranch to floriculture, a process which began in the 1930s.

The combination of house, tankhouse, and poultry house make 962 Garden one of East Palo Alto's most historically significant properties, an intact fragment of Runnymede's agricultural landscape.

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

1. Historic name 661 Cherry St.

2. Common or current name

3. Number & street 1039 Garden St.

Cross-corridor

City East Palo Alto

Vicinity only

Zip 94303

County San Mateo

4. UTM zone A 10

B 577260

C 4146850

D

5. Quad map No. 1558

Parcel No.

Other

Ser. no.

National Register status 582

Local designation

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category

If district, number of documented resources

7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Set amidst dense foliage is the house at 1039 Garden St. The dwelling is a boxy structure with thin clapboard siding covering most of the house. Wider shiplap siding covers the high foundations. The main entry is located centrally on the front facade. The front door has a single glazed panel. On the other side of the entry are two windows, one a pair of double-hung models, the other of the fixed sash variety. Behind the dwelling is an extensive collection of agricultural buildings. The remains of a 1920s tankhouse can be seen just behind a carport and just in front of a range of greenhouses. These greenhouses may have supported a small flower-growing business of a Japanese family during the 1940s and 1950s.



8. Planning Agency

East Palo Alto Planning Department

9. Owner & address

10. Type of ownership Private

11. Present use Residential

12. Zoning R-1-5000

13. Threats

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

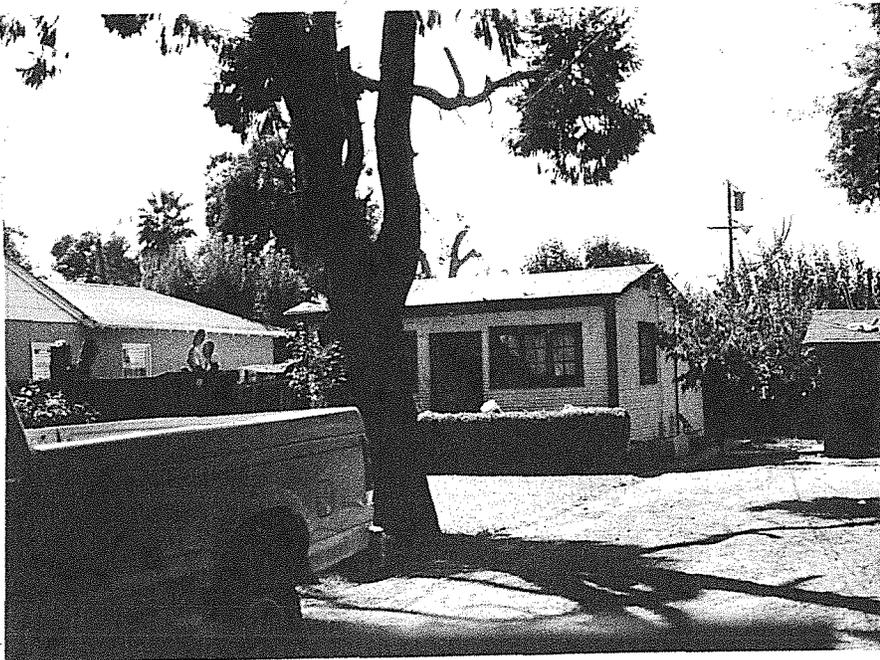
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2. Common or current name
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City East Palo Alto
4. UTM zone A 10
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- Parcel No.
- Cross-corridor Zip 94303
- C 4147080
- Other D
- County San Mateo
- Ser. no.
National Register status 5S2
Local designation

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

2361 Glen Way is a small side-gabled cottage set well back from the road. It is covered in light clapboard siding. Window and door trim, corner and fascia boards are painted a contrasting color. Asphalt shingles sheath the roof. The original house forms a simple rectangle; a small addition off the rear has given the tiny dwelling a saltbox shape. The entrance to the house is located centrally on the front facade. Two triplet windows frame the front door. The outer windows of each triplet are casements. One pair of casement windows exist on the north side. Above this window pair under the gable's peak, is a louvered attic vent.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
10. Type of ownership
11. Present use
12. Zoning
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

14. Construction date(s) c.1930 Original location Believed to be the same Date moved
15. Alterations & date
16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

18. Context for evaluation: Theme Suburbanization, 1920s-1930s Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1920s-1930s Property type Domestic Structure Context formally developed? Yes

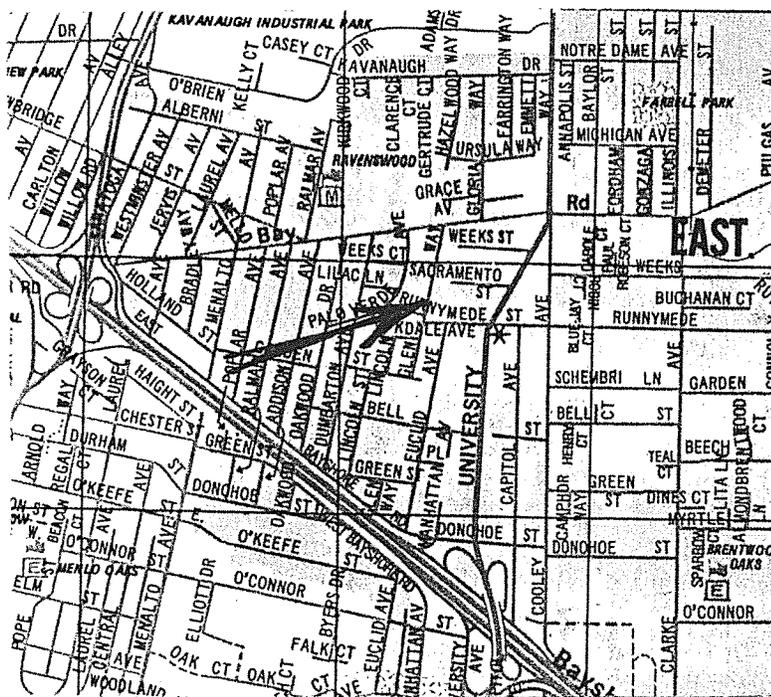
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

The original owner of this tiny residence probably constructed it as a vacation dwelling, either for personal or rental use. In the 1930s and 1940s, many middle class families summered in the Palo Alto Park subdivision. Only two permanent street addresses were listed in Palo Alto's 1944 city directory for houses on Glen Way, although more rental properties probably existed at the time. (An early listed owner, Mrs. Martha Hewitt, appeared in the 1948 directory.) This house, along with its neighbor at 2369 Glen Way, probably accommodated vacationers, was much less densely populated, and boasted numerous amenities to entice vacationers, including a large neighborhood swimming pool. This pool was located on the grounds of what is now the Palo Alto Park Water District headquarters.

20. Sources *R.L. Polk's Palo Alto City Directory*, (San Francisco: R.L. Polk, 1944, 1948).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

21. Applicable National Register criteria
22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
Date of evaluation February 12, 1994
24. Survey type Comprehensive
25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
26. Year form prepared 1994
- By (name) A. Michelson
Organization San Mateo County Historical Association
Address 1700 West Hillsdale Blvd.
City & Zip San Mateo, CA 94402
Phone 415/574-6441



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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

1. Historic name

2. Common or current name

3. Number & street 2369 Glen Way

City East Palo Alto

Vicinity only

Cross-corridor

Zip 94303

County San Mateo

4. UTM zone A 10

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C 4147140

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5. Quad map No. 1558

Parcel No. 063-197-220

Other

Ser. no.

National Register status 5S2

Local designation

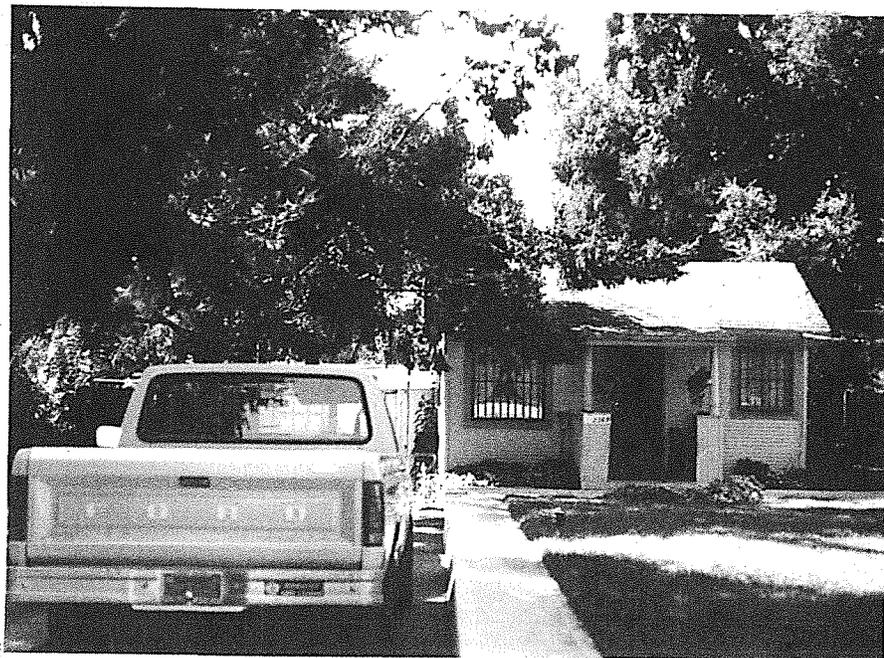
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6. Property category

If district, number of documented resources

7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The cottage at 2369 Glen Way is comparable to its neighbor at 2361 Glen Way, having a small cubic shape, simple gabled roof, and symmetrical fenestration. It is also positioned back from the road, behind a chainlink fence. The roof is side-gabled, clad with asphalt shingles. The front door is sheltered by a projecting front porch, which was probably added later. Elevated colonettes support the porch roof. The front door is located centrally, sandwiched between two windows. Both front windows have protective wrought iron bars over them. A sunken driveway trimmed with concrete curbs leads back to a small garage set behind the cottage.



8. Planning Agency

East Palo Alto Planning Department

9. Owner & address

Alberto Perez

1655 Rogers Ave.

San Jose, CA 95112

10. Type of ownership Private

11. Present use Residential

12. Zoning R-1-5000

13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) c.1930 Original location Believed to be the same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Suburbanization, 1920s-1930s Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1920s-1930s Property type Domestic structure Context formally developed? Yes

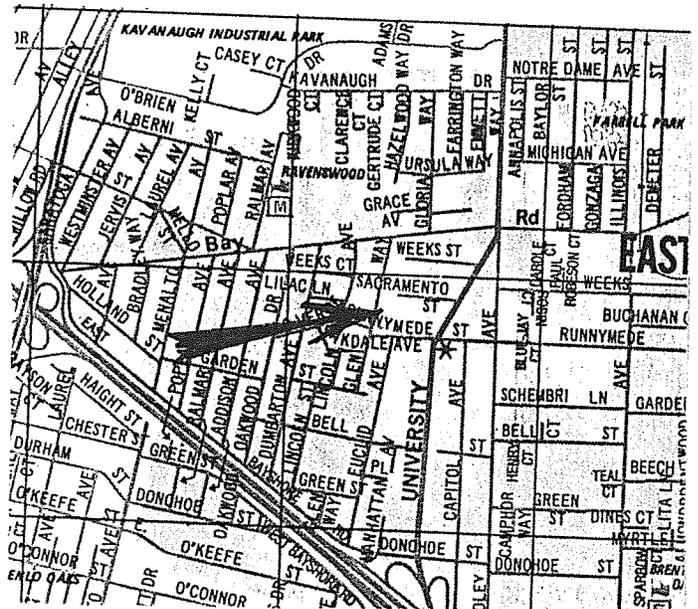
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

This tidy little house, like its neighbor at 2361 Glen Way, was probably built in the 1930s to serve as a vacation cottage in the Palo Alto Park subdivision. Its small size and economical character suggests that it was not meant originally for year-around habitation. According to the 1948 city directory, early owners were John H. and Martha E. Bastian.

20. Sources *R. L. Polk's Palo Alto City Directory*, (San Francisco: R.L. Polk, 1944, 1948).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
Date of evaluation February 12, 1994
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1994
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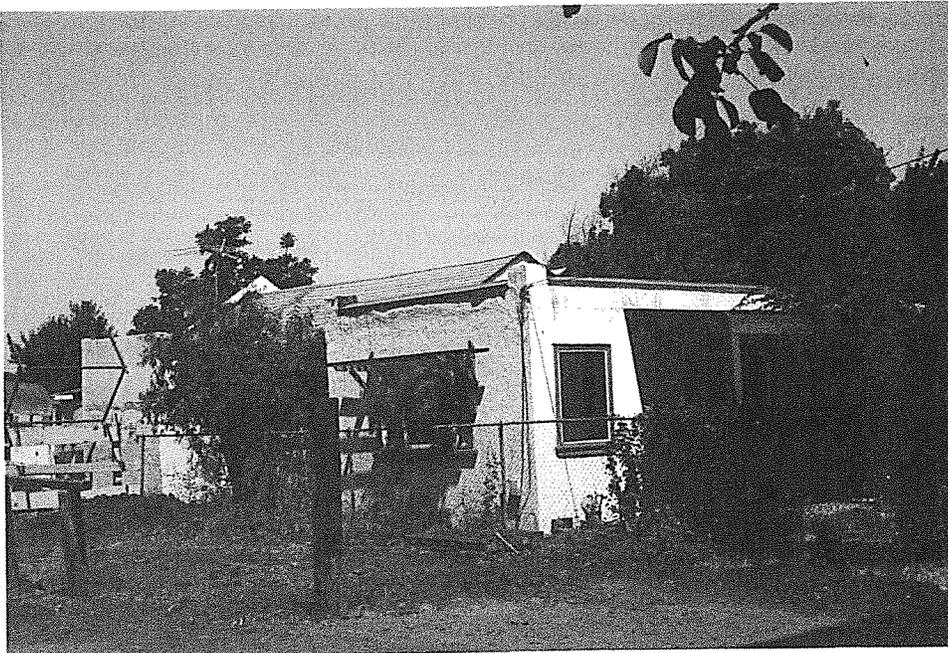
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|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Historic name | | Ser. no. | |
| 2. Common or current name | | National Register status 5S2 | |
| 3. Number & street 781 Green St. | | Local designation | |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Cross-corridor | County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 576360 | Zip 94303 | C 4146540 |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. | Other | D |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The front portion of the house at 781 Green St. is a small stucco-sided cube with a flat roof. Four square blocks project up at the corners above the parapet. A porch projects in front, sheltering the main entry. To either side of the door are two sidelights, and flanking these are double-hung windows. Subsequent owners have made numerous additions to this square front portion of the house; a large, front-gabled addition stands in back as does a smaller shed-roofed section. An important feature remaining in the backyard is the long agricultural shed strung along the property line with 763 Green St. This ramshackle structure appears to be a long chicken house, perhaps one of the few such remnants of the Weeks Poultry Colony. This poultry house's board and batten walls list badly, and its roof is uncovered in spots. Plywood sheets cover holes in the wall fabric.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning
 Department
9. Owner & address Unknown
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats The poultry house is in a serious state of neglect.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

14. Construction date(s) c.1920 Original location Unknown Date moved
15. Alterations & date
16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02—Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

18. Context for evaluation: Theme Suburbanization in the 1920s & 1930s Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1920s -1930s Property type Domestic structure Context formally developed? Yes

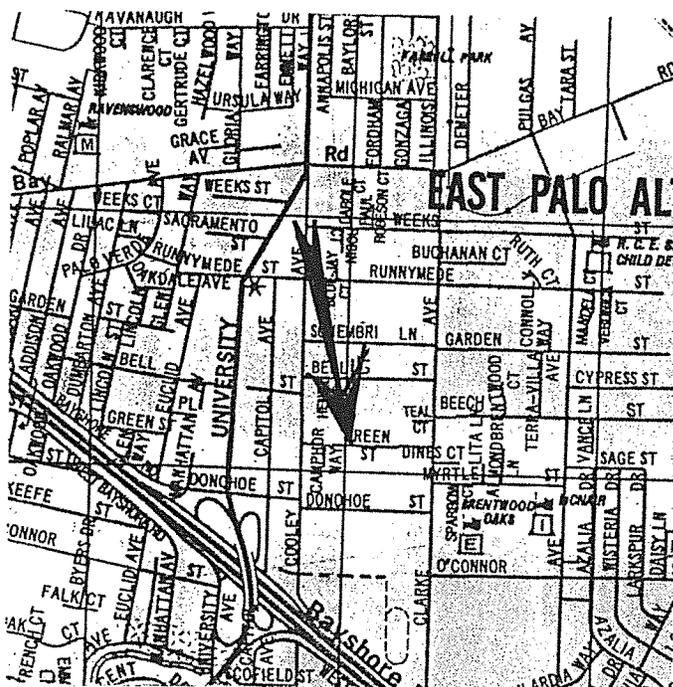
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

The remaining Weeks era poultry house at 781 Green St. gives this site its historical significance. It is probably one of three such poultry house remnants left in East Palo Alto. The layout of the farmhouse and the extended chicken house corresponds to the model promoted by Charles Weeks. Weeks era farmers often positioned their poultry houses to act as boundary markers and fences, distinguishing their small one or two acre parcels from the next. The small, square, stucco-sided bungalow in front dates from c. 1920, and is a very simplified essay in the Spanish Colonial Revival Style. Better examples of the style exist in East Palo Alto, as at 2362 Palo Verde Ave.

20. Sources

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

21. Applicable National Register criteria
22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
Date of evaluation February 6, 1994
24. Survey type Comprehensive
25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
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| 1. Historic name | | Ser. no. | |
| 2. Common or current name | | National Register status 5S2 | |
| 3. Number & street 794 Green | | Local designation | |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Cross-corridor | County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 576340 | Zip 94303 | C 4146500 D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-372-470 | Other | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources district, 3 resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

At 794 Green, one acre of land provides the site for a small house, a tankhouse, and a greenhouse. A side-gabled roof covers the small house, which has a compact rectangular plan with a rear addition. Three bays define the facade. A narrow gabled porch projects from the center and is flanked on each side by a pair of double-hung windows. The house is carefully maintained, with its narrow clapboard siding a freshly-painted pale yellow, its plain trim white. A new redwood rail enclosing the small porch is the only notable addition to the facade, and this does not significantly detract from the structure's integrity. The interior of the house retains the original woodwork.

While the house is in excellent condition, the agricultural structures on the site have deteriorated significantly. The tankhouse, which stands to the right at a distance from the house, is partially obscured by a high fence and various things stacked around it. A thick wooden platform, missing its water tank, crowns the structure, which is clad with narrow, unpainted clapboard siding edged with cornerboards. It is square in plan and its walls rise straight up from ground to platform, without noticeable battering. The structure may remain intact, but the cladding is splitting and cracking. (See continuation sheet.)



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning
Department
9. Owner & address: Ichitaro & M.J.
Tanaka, 794 Green St.,
East Palo Alto, CA., 94303
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) house, 1927; tankhouse, 1920A; greenhouse, unknown
 Original location same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date A new porch rail of plain balusters has recently been added.
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property; 33--Farm/Ranch

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

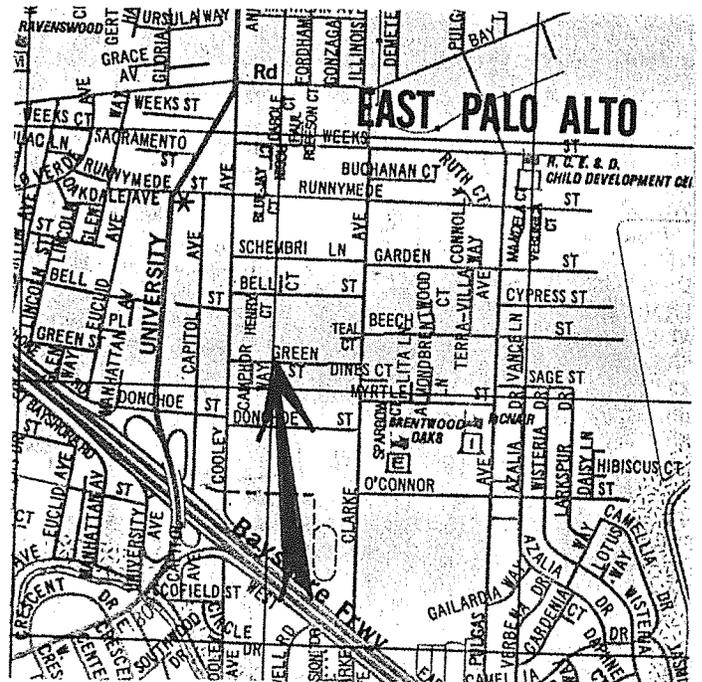
- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony; Floriculture Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1916-1920s; 1930s-1950s Property type residential; agricultural Context formally developed? Yes
- 19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

The structures at 794 Green represent several aspects of East Palo Alto's history: the Runnymede poultry colony, new "infill" (or replacement) construction during the later 1920s and 1930s, and the influx of flower growers from the 1930s on. This one-acre lot was probably once part of a three-acre farm belonging to J. Herron and Frank Chester, who held this land beginning around 1921 or 1922. (See continuation sheet.)

- 20. Sources San Mateo County, Assessors Records (printout in the archives of the San Mateo County Historical Association); "First Families of Runnymede," n.d., brochure in the collection of the East Palo Alto Historical and Agricultural Society; Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo County, Calif., 1922 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); Map of Ravenswood and East Palo Alto San Mateo County Calif., 1925 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford* (Willis L. Hall, Publisher, 1919-1920 & 1921-1922).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
 Date of evaluation Sept. 9, 1993
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1993
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CONTINUATION SHEET: 794 Green

DESCRIPTION (continued)

Behind the house stands a broad greenhouse reduced to a skeletal condition. Its wooden members form gables consisting of widely-spaced rafters rising to long ridgeboards. These rest on an unenclosed frame of girts and posts. The gables, which are immediately contiguous, cover an area that was once one continuous space. Today, the material that once filled this framework has disappeared except for a bits of plastic clinging to the wood.

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

(Since they were not listed as living in Runnymede in the 1919-20 directory, it is possible that a predecessor on the land built the tankhouse.) The only structure remaining from their early days as Runnymede ranchers is the tankhouse. With its square footprint, stocky silhouette, and sturdy platform, it resembles others in the Runnymede area of East Palo Alto, such as the clapboard one sandwiched between two garages at 2124 University Avenue.

While many Runnymede tankhouses are located close to the house, often immediately behind it (as at 992 Myrtle), this stands at a distance from the house's right side. It is likely that the house postdates the tankhouse; assessor's records list 1927 as its date of construction. (Since the tankhouses was usually the first structure constructed on a Runnymede farm, it is unlikely that this tankhouse, located on land that had been farmed since the early 1920s, is contemporary with the 1927 house). With its diminutive gabled porch and absence of such Craftsman features as exposed rafters or brackets, it bears a closer kinship with less rustic houses such as 820 Weeks than with 761 Weeks, which is a more classic Craftsman bungalow. We see here, then, a later house added onto an existing Runnymede lot, a phenomenon that would become increasingly common in the late 1920s, when this house was built, and the 1930s.

Beginning in the 1930s, flower growers began to establish nurseries in East Palo Alto, some of them on the larger properties near Bayshore, others on Weeks colony lots such as this one. The greenhouses crowd behind the small house, their proportions adapting quite easily to the dimensions of the Runnymede lot. Contiguous gables covering one large open space were used by many flower growers in East Palo Alto, including Albert Nakai whose greenhouses at 1054 Weeks Street provide an example of how these might once have looked. Wooden frames such as this were especially common before World War II, when the more prosperous growers began to replace them with metal. Few if any greenhouses survive from the prewar period, however, and this may very well postdate the war.

Only the house itself is in good condition (hence it is the primary resource documented here), but taken together, the ensemble of structures present in microcosm the remnants of several phases of East Palo Alto's history.

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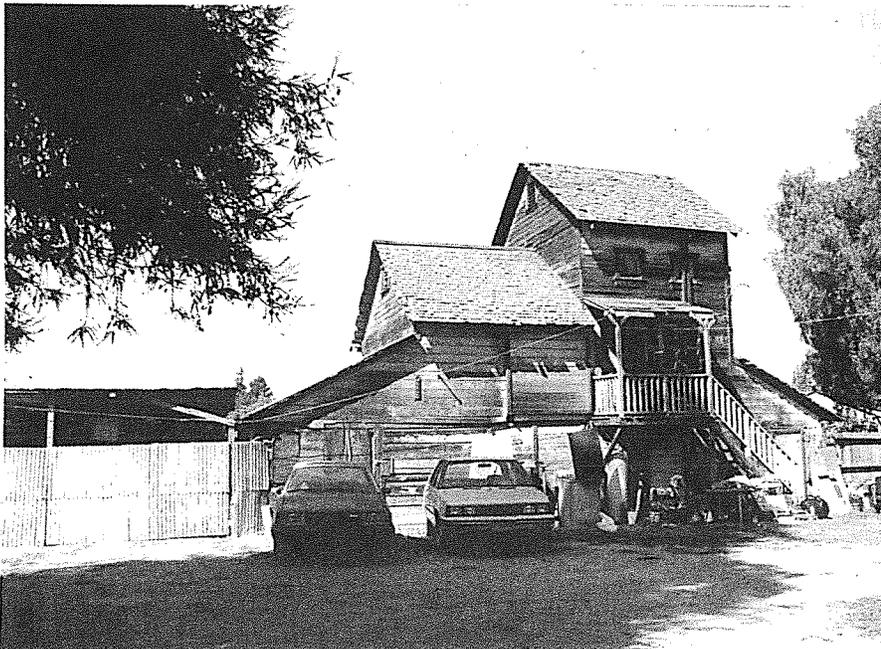
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 Local designation

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| 2. Common or current name | | | |
| 3. Number & street 881 Green St. | | Cross-corridor Clarke | |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Zip 94303 | County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 576520 | C 4146560 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | | Parcel No. 063-371-090 | Other |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building (house at front of lot not recorded) If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

In a city where most structures have one, or at most two stories, the three-story agricultural structure at 881 Green stands out dramatically. The house in front of it, parts of which were purportedly moved from Camp Fremont, has been so radically altered that only the agricultural building behind it will be discussed in this survey. This structure, which is now quite ramshackle, once functioned as a combined barn and tankhouse. It consists of two gabled sections, side by side, one with two stories, the other with three. A lean-to with a sloping roof extends off to each side. Tattered shingled roofs covers the various portions of building, which is clad with weathered, unpainted clapboard siding. The boards are continuous from the gabled portions across the lean-tos. The third story of the tall, three-story portion of the building once contained a redwood water tank that held 3000 gallons. Two square windows with flat sills and plain surrounds light this area. In the early 1950s, an attempt was made to turn the second story into a living space with the addition of a triple window (now, with broken panes), the stairs that rise from the right, and the porch, with its plain balustrade and its square post supports with simple diagonal braces. (The space was never occupied.) Before these alterations, the second floor was reached by a ladder. In the two-story portion of the building, a large sliding door consisting of horizontal boards set in a plain square frame, opens into the second floor, and another sliding door opens into the first, which was once used as a wood shop. Each lean-to area may also be reached by a door. (Located on lot 4 of lot 26 Faber subdivision.)



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
 Romero A. and Hermosa B. Tan
 881 Green St., East Palo Alto, CA 94303
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Unknown
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats private development

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

14. Construction date(s) 1917A Original location Unknown Date moved Unknown
15. Alterations & date Addition of stairs rising from the right to the second-story porch, also an addition of porch, and of three vertical windows lighting the second story, all done in the early 1950s to convert the second story in the right-hand section into a living space which was ultimately never occupied because there was not permit for the alterations.
16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property, 33--Farm/Ranch, 38--Women's Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: the Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1916-1920s Property type single family; ranch Context formally developed? Yes

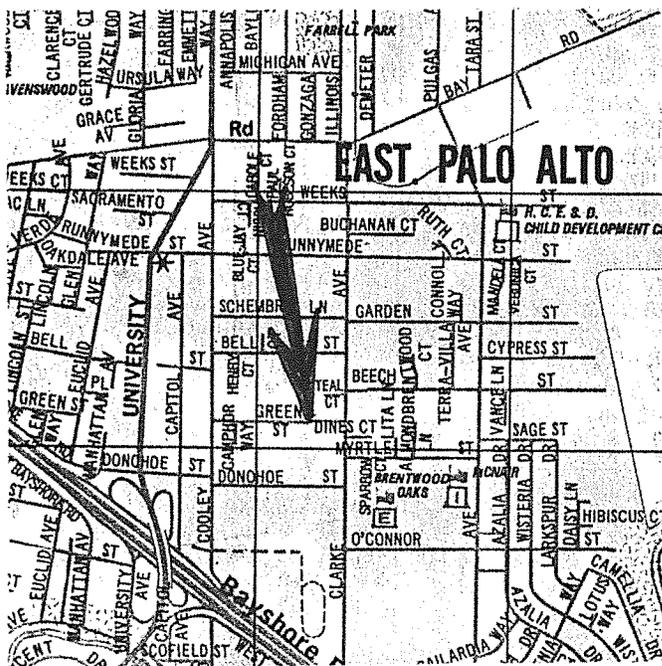
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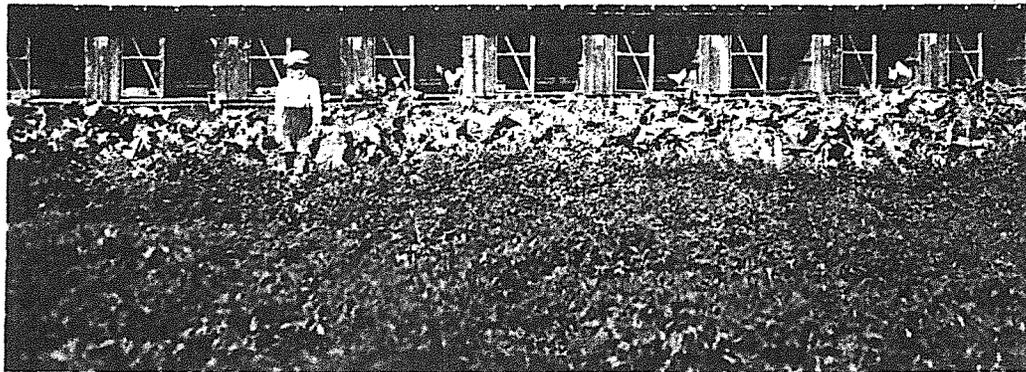
The property at 881 Green once consisted of a house, parts of which may have been moved from another location (purportedly Camp Fremont), a combination barn and tankhouse behind it, and two long poultry houses. The house has been almost entirely rebuilt and the poultry houses are gone, but the three-story agricultural structure behind the house still looms higher than any other farm building in East Palo Alto. As a tankhouse, it is highly unusual. (See continuation sheet.)

20. Sources
Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford. Willis L Hall, Publisher, 1919-20 and 1921-22 editions.
San Mateo County Book of Deeds, vol. 268, pp. 100-101, and vol. 282, p. 359.
 Telephone interviews with Barbara Clark, Nancy Rusch, Rober Albertson, Margaret Albertson Edge, and Milton Lamoreaux, all on 30 Aug. 1993.

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

21. Applicable National Register criteria
22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
 Date of evaluation September, 1993
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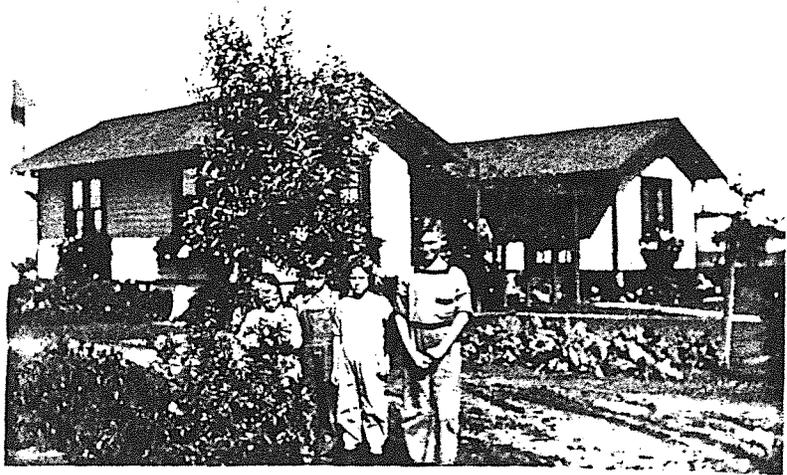
SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (CONTINUED)

This site was once part of the first section of the Charles Weeks Poultry Colony, also known as Runnymede, an area where the early settlers during the 'teens constructed tankhouses for water storage. Except for its vertical dimensions, nothing about the structure at 881 Green would immediately suggest that it is a tankhouse as well as a barn. In Runnymede, the tanks crowning the many tankhouses that once dotted the landscape rested atop the enclosed structure and were left open save, perhaps, for a protective railing and a pyramidal roof. Here, at 881 Green, the large redwood water tank was kept inside the building on the third floor, beneath the gabled roof. Many of Runnymede's tankhouses have sides that are slightly (or in some cases markedly) battered, but at 881 Green the walls rise straight up. In Runnymede, it is not unusual to find tankhouses with additional rooms built onto them, generally to provide living space, but there are no other known examples where a tankhouse abuts a barn of this size. In fact, this building bears little resemblance to Northern California tankhouses in general.

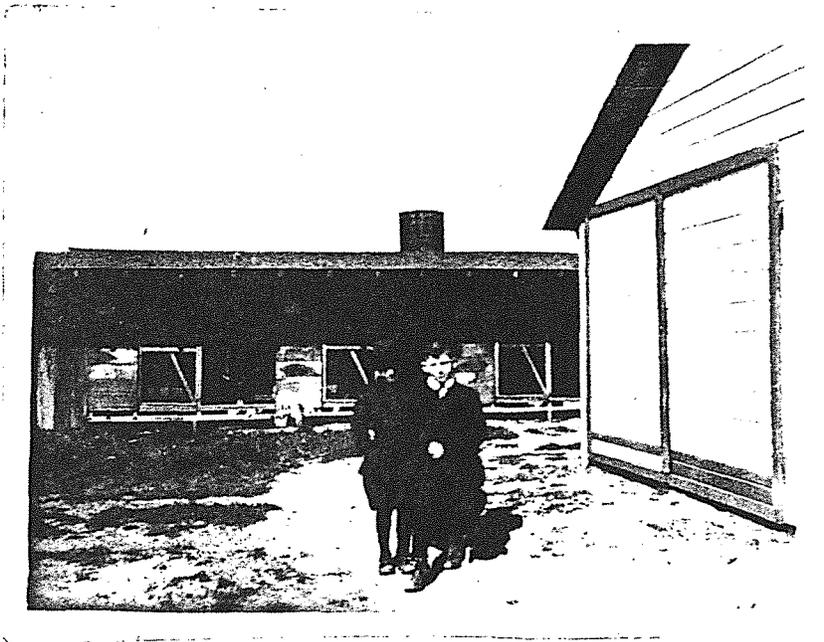
As one of the more unusual sites in East Palo Alto today, this building raises the intriguing question of who built it this way and why. Unfortunately, it is not possible to determine this conclusively. Early deeds reveal that the property changed hands several times during Runnymede's founding years. It was first owned by of a man named Joseph Price, who probably acquired it from Peter Faber sometime in 1916 or early 1917 after Faber began selling his land to Runnymede settlers. Before long, on September 13, 1917, Price is recorded as having sold two acres to Nettie Reynolds, a single woman. Ms. Reynolds was one of a number of independent women who settled in Runnymede. Poultry farming had been touted as a good venture for women by the Palo Alto Woman's Club in a 1911 promotional book on Santa Clara Valley, and single women had been tilling irrigated acreage in California since the late nineteenth century. Nettie Reynolds only held the property for two years. On September 10, 1919, she sold her land to Alfred E. and Mayme E. Albertson, a married couple who had worked in wheat and grain in the San Joaquin Valley. The Albertson family held the property until the 1960s. The Albertsons' descendents and neighbors believe that both the agricultural building and a small house already stood on the site when the Albertsons bought the land; a photograph, thought to have been taken right after the purchase, shows both the house and the tankhouse in place, both of them immaculately painted. The Albertsons set themselves up as poultry farmers on two acres that stretched to the corner of Clarke. They continued to raise poultry into the 1930s, but during the Depression, like so many other Runnymede colonists, they sought outside employment.

With the rapid changes in ownership during the late 'teens, it is hard to say who actually built this unusual structure or why he or she constructed it so differently from other Weeks colony buildings. If it were constructed in 1917, as the assessor's records indicate, this points to Nettie Reynolds. Another possibility might be that this structure, like the house, was an existing older building built here or moved from another location and adapted to Weeks colony purposes. It joins 892 Green Street, a center-gabled structure that may date from the nineteenth century, in being a structure that is highly unusual for its context and a landmark in East Palo Alto.

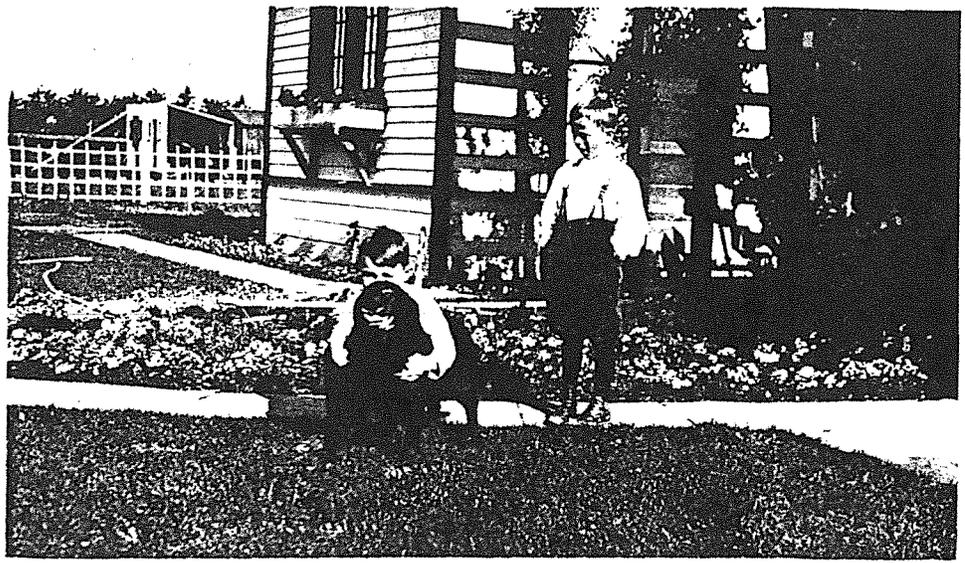
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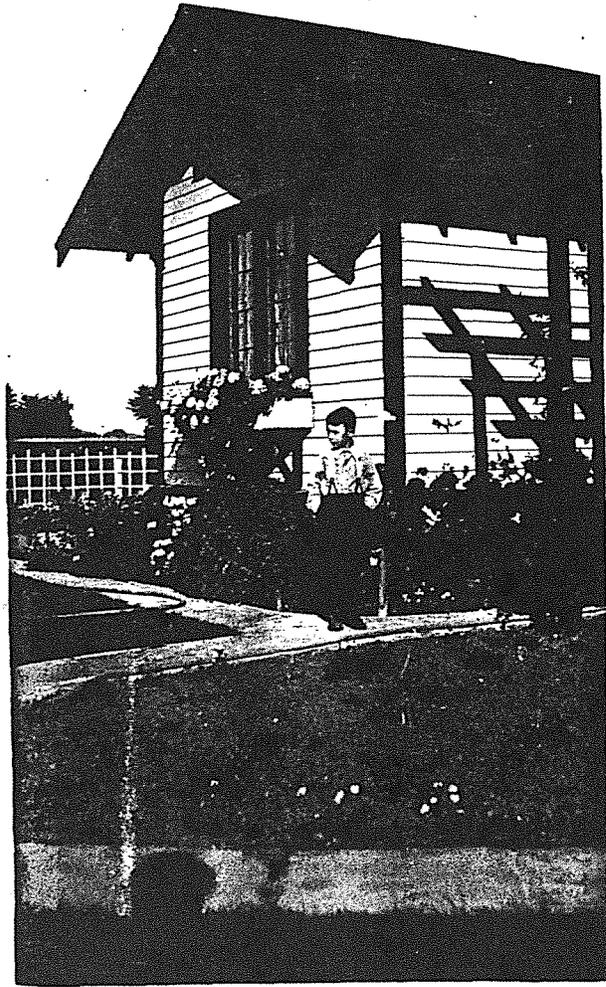
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Albertson family
Photos collector Nancy Busch



John and John



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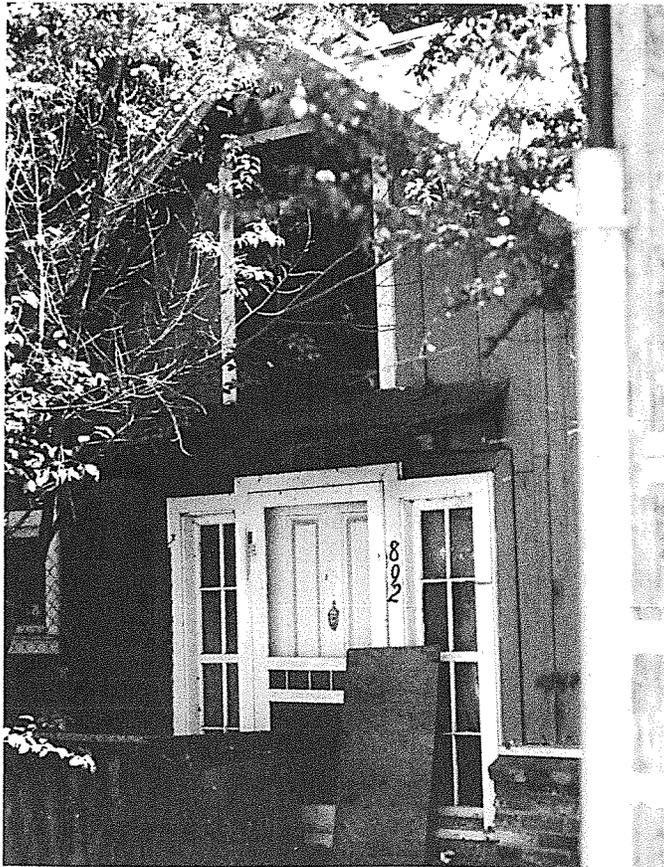
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Local designation

1. Historic name 586 Walnut
2. Common or current name
3. Number & street 892 Green Street
City East Palo Alto Vicinity only Cross-corridor Clarke
Zip 94303 County San Mateo
4. UTM zone A B C D
5. Quad map No. Parcel No. 063-373-170 Other

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The building at 892 Green St. is one of the most unusual in East Palo Alto, and perhaps is one of its oldest. It is cross-gabled, with a tar paper roof. A shed-roofed addition lines the rear, and a tankhouse is attached on the east end. The building is covered in board and batten siding with a brick veneer covering the foundation line in front. Its fenestration looks to have changed considerably over the years. The front door is located under a small but prominent center gable. The main entryway is covered by a projecting roof, and the door is flanked by two sidelights. Above the porch roof is a large fixed window. To the east of the front door is a long window with fixed sash. The west facade of the first floor features two, large, double-hung windows. The second floor has a large, central double-hung opening set between two, smaller, fixed lights. A louvered attic vent exists above these windows. Behind the house on the south is a long stucco addition creating a salt box form. This addition is lit by a long, ten-light fixed window on the west side. The tankhouse on the east side is also covered in board and batten siding. Its lower floor is lit by a fixed six-light window. Above this window is a row of dentils, painted white to match the window and door trim. Above the dentil band are two small windows on the upper floor. Heavy beams protrude under the eaves; these beams once supported a large water tank, but now hold only a slightly pitched roof. (Lot 5 of lot 27 Faber subdivision, per 1925 Runnymede map)



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
Charles R. and Star M. Cook
2063373170, Palo Alto, CA 94301
10. Type of ownership private
11. Present use residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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| 14. Construction date(s) 1916/1916 | Original location Unknown | Date moved |
| 15. Alterations & date | | |
| 16. Architect Unknown | Builder Unknown | |
| 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property | | |

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

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|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony | Area East Palo Alto | |
| Period 1910s-1920s | Property type single family property | Context formally developed? Yes |
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

The history and ownership of this unusual building are difficult to trace. Address numbers changed repeatedly in city directories of the 1925-1940 period, and occupants of the area seem to have moved in and out frequently. It is certain, however, that occupants of the late 1910s through the 1920s farmed here, raising either poultry or rabbits. Photographs of the Weeks Colony taken c.1917 show a center-gabled building and tankhouse on this location. A Robert Dunipace lived next door at 896 Green, and owned the entire lot 5 of block 27 of the Faber subdivision, the plot on which 892 Green St. stands. Dunipace was a poultry farmer, and one of the first settlers in Runnymede's First Addition in 1916. It is possible that 892 Green St. originally functioned as a barn for Dunipace's bungalow at 896 Green St., and was later renovated (perhaps during the Depression) for housing purposes. It is also possible that the center-gabled building at 892 Green St. pre-dated Dunipace's arrival, and was an out-building for an earlier, perhaps nineteenth century farmer in the area. It could have been moved to this site. The building's center-gabled form and board and batten siding recall Gothic Revival Style buildings built in California during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The tankhouse could have been built earlier, at the same time as the barn, or later at the time of the Weeks Colony. The tankhouse's dentil band is a very unusual decorative flourish, rarely seen on other Runnymede tankhouses.

This center-gabled house may be one of the few nineteenth-century structures remaining in East Palo Alto. It shares a one-acre Weeks-era lot with a Week-era bungalow that now has the address of 896 Green (formerly 590 Walnut). During the Runnymede era, the lot was owned by Robert D. and Rebecca Dunipace who were ranchers and raised poultry. In the 1919-20 Palo Alto city directory there is an additional listing in bold, as an advertisement that says "fur and meat rabbits and squabs, Clark and Walnut, Runnymede, Menlo Park RFD 1, box 52. Dunipace remained there and continued to raise poultry into the 1930s (though in 1930 he was a nurseryman). Dunipace was still there, at 896 Green, in 1940.

So, the question is, when was 892 Green (formerly 586 Walnut), constructed, and when did it become a residence? The address of 586 Walnut does not appear in the directories until 1937, when Iva and George Dirks, a teacher moved in. A possible scenario: At some point the Dunipaces built this structure or perhaps moved it to this location. It is clearly on their property. Arguments in favor of it having been moved here: it has no foundation, its proportions and center-gabled form are reminiscent of an earlier Gothic Revival style buildings, and its siting is awkward. They may have used it as an agricultural structure and then rented it out as a house later on, perhaps during the Depression to make extra money.

The property has a small house plus a center-gabled structure that looks earlier and as if it could have been moved there. From the early construction date of 1916 listed in the San Mateo County Assessors records, it appears that this family was among Runnymede's first settlers.

20. Sources Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo Co., Ca., 1922; Map of Raveswood and East Palo Alto, San Mateo Co., Ca., 1925; *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford*, (Willis Hall, Publisher, Palo Alto, 1921-22; *Polk's Palo Alto Directory*, (R.L. Polk San Francisco, Ca., editions for 1930, 1935, 1937, and 1940. San Mateo County Assessors Records.

892 Green St. (Con't.)

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
Date of evaluation February 16, 1994
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1994
By (name) A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

1. Historic name				Ser. no.
2. Common or current name				National Register status 582
3. Number & street 2231 Lincoln				Local designation
City East Palo Alto	Vicinity only	Cross-corridor	Zip 94303	County San Mateo
4. UTM zone A 10	B 575630	C 41466790	D	
5. Quad map No. 1558	Parcel No. Saxe: 063-182-100; McGee: 063-182-170			Other

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The house at 2231 Lincoln St. is set close to the road behind a chain-link fence. The houses in the Palo Alto Park subdivision of East Palo Alto are densely packed, and 2231 Lincoln St. stands close to its neighbors on a fifty foot lot. The house has a cross-gabled roof covered with gravel. Rafters of the main side-facing gable project on the front. Knee brackets support the main gable on the north facade. Stucco covers the house's walls. A brick veneer stands out just above the foundation line. A matching brick base supports a projecting front porch. The front porch is covered by a small, shallowly pitched gable roof. Knee brackets support this porch roof. Paired brackets rest on the brick base to hold up this gable. The front door is set between two sidelights. Pairs of double-hung windows flank the main entry, creating a symmetrical fenestration. The north side facade is lit by a series of double-hung windows - one large, one small, and a pair towards the rear (west). A detached garage stands in back. The garage door has a pediment above the garage door carried by simple Doric pilasters.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
Janet C. Saxe
st. on available
Louise TR McGee
2239 Lincoln St.
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

1. Historic name		Ser. no.	
2. Common or current name		National Register status	4S2 Tower
3. Number & street 992 Myrtle		Local designation	5S3 House
City East Palo Alto	Vicinity only	Cross-corridor	Zip 94303
			County San Mateo
4. UTM zone A 10	B 576710	C 4146410	D
5. Quad map No. 1558	Parcel No.	Other	

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category If district, number of documented resources

7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

992 Myrtle is a small side-gabled house with a tankhouse behind it. A simple cottage, rectangular in plan, it has long horizontal proportions. Tar paper weatherproofs the roof and wooden shingles, painted white, clad the exterior walls. Board and batten siding, rather than shingles, covers the gables. Brown trim provides contrast. A shed roof, which slides down from the main roof to the left of center, creates a small porch sheltering the front door. To the west of the door is a single window, muntins dividing the upper lights into a decorative pattern of squares and rectangles. To the east of the front door is a triple set of double-hung windows with a similarly patterned header. The east facade bears windows of different sizes, and a windowless shed-roofed addition projects from the original rectangular plan. The west facade features two pairs of windows. Behind the house, one can glimpse a group of Weeks-era agricultural buildings, including a weathered board and batten tankhouse which no longer bears its water tank. The house, except for its roof, is in good condition. A picket fence running along the street, marks the boundaries of the front garden. In front of the fence, a gnarled tree bears a metal sign indicating the house's address.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning Department

9. Owner & address

10. Type of ownership Private

11. Present use Residential

12. Zoning R-1-5000

13. Threats Residential development is encroaching on the water tower.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) c. 1917 Original location Presumably Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Sturcture, 33--Farm/Ranch

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charlles Weeks Poutry Colony Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1910s-1920s Property type Domestic Structure Context formally developed? Yes

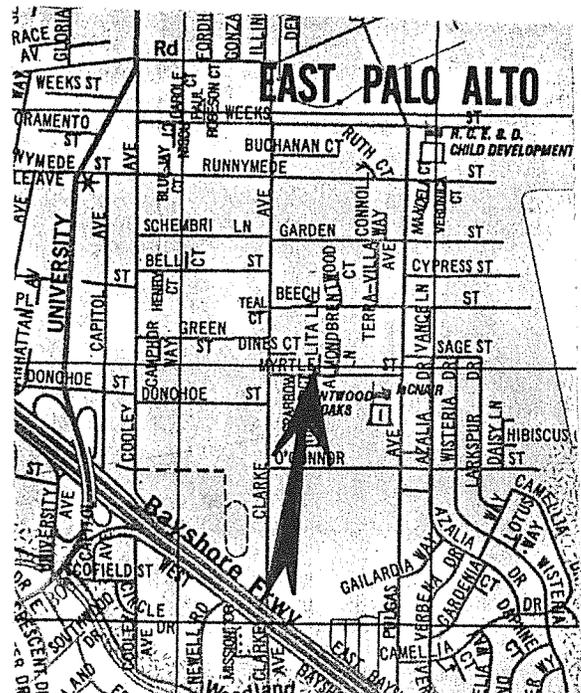
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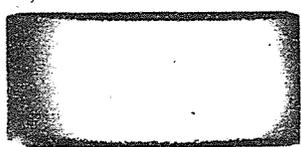
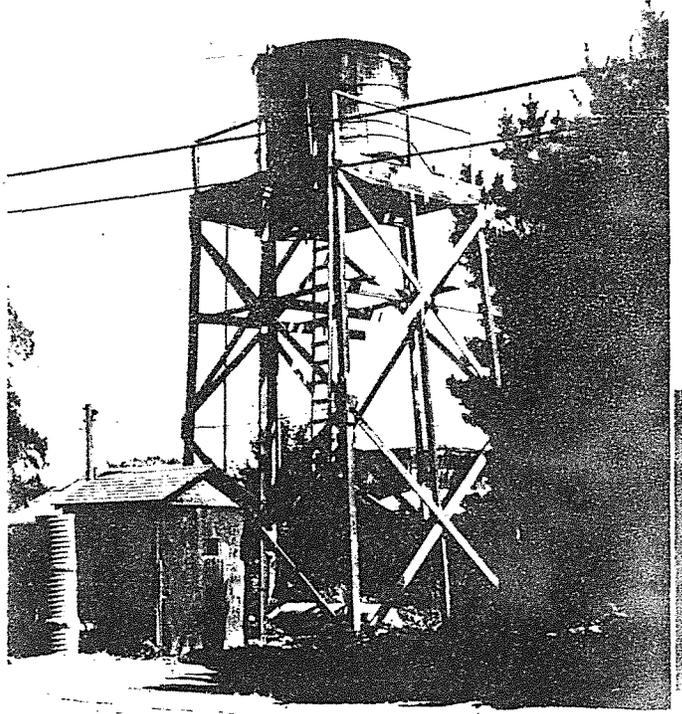
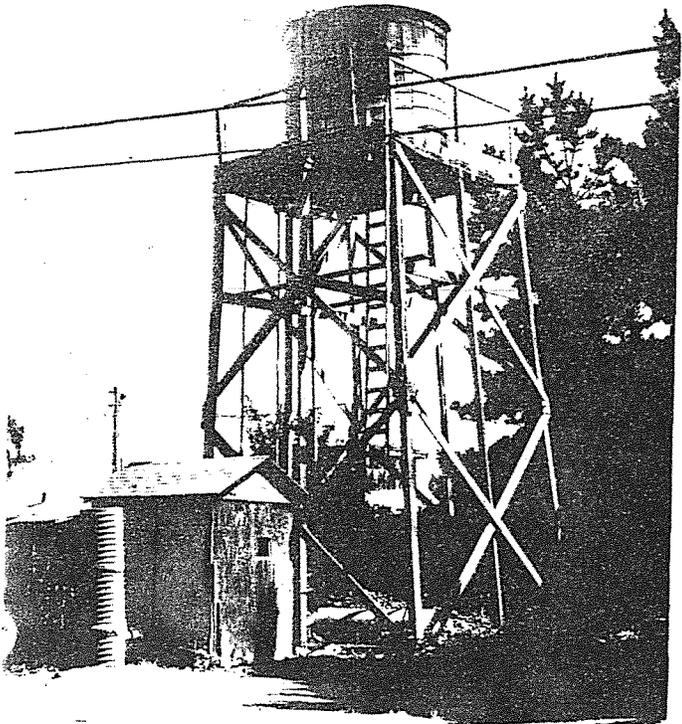
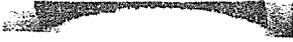
992 Myrtle is an excellent example of the modest cottages constructed by Runnymede's earliest residents. When the colony was at its peak, the property belonged to either Annie W. Anderson or Susie E. Whitney (according to early maps). Though the early Runnymede directories reveal no specific information about either, they represent the small group of independent women who settled in Runnymede. Poultry farming was considered an appropriate occupation for the single woman. With its tankhouse, picket fence, and gnarled tree bearing a weathered sign giving the property's address, 992 Myrtle presents a glimpse of East Palo Alto's agricultural past. Rising next door, to the right, a water tower (discussed separately) marks the transition from an individual water supply to a series of centralized neighborhood water districts. Taken together, the house, tankhouse, and water tower comprise an excellent group of remnants of East Palo Alto's period of intensive agriculture during the 1920s.

20. Sources San Mateo County, Assessors Records (printout in the archives of the San Mateo County Historical Association); Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo County, Calif., 1922 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); Map of Ravenswood and East Palo Alto San Mateo County Calif., 1925 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford* (Willis L. Hall, Publisher, 1919-1920 & 1921-1922).

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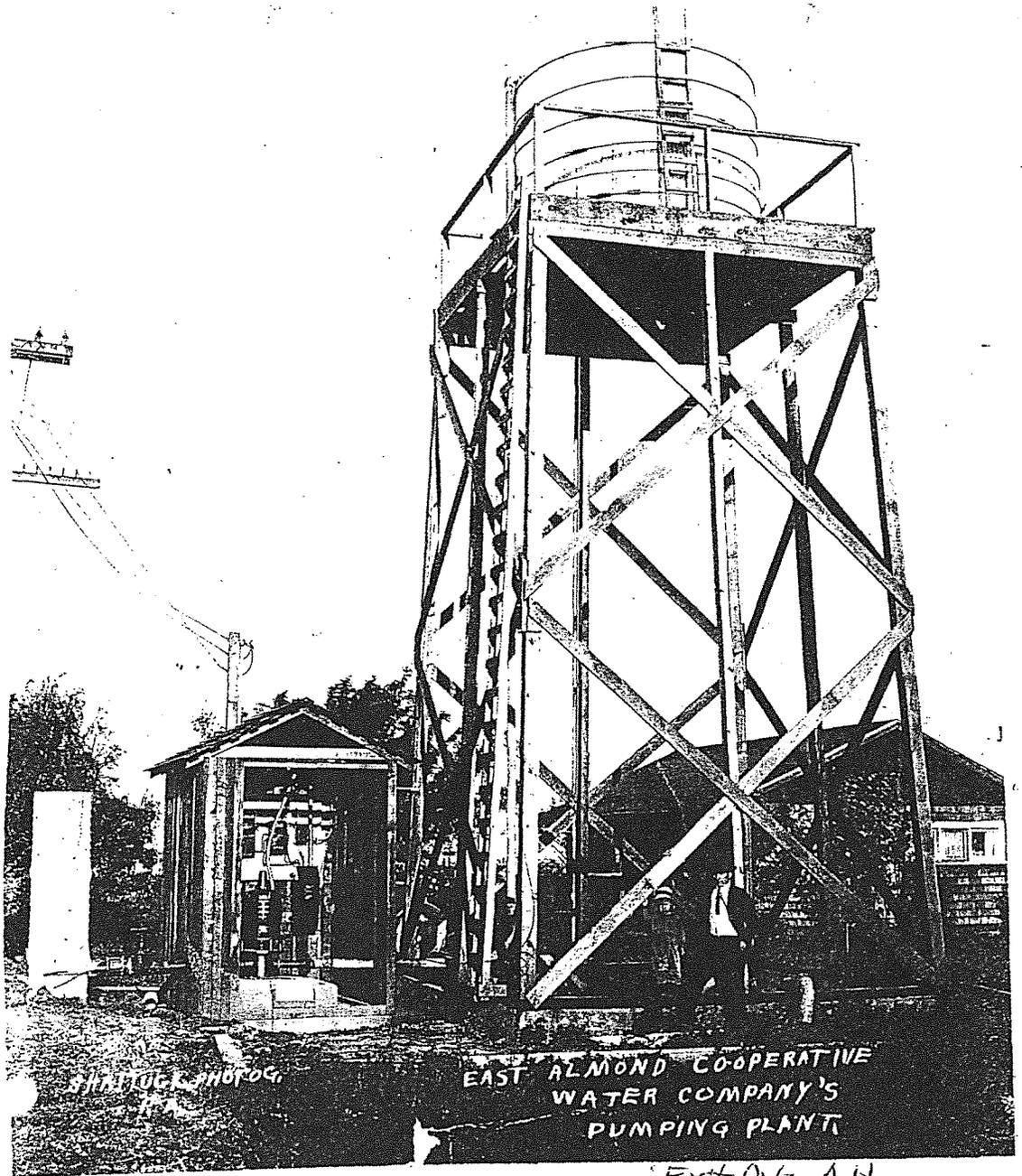
- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
 Date of evaluation March 1994
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1994
 By (name) A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
 Organization San Mateo County Historical Association
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992 Myrtle St. (Con't.)

It is unclear who owned the property on which the tall water tower next door to 992 Myrtle rests. In the mid-1920s this plot on which the tower stood probably belonged to either Annie W. Anderson or Susie E. Whitney, about whom little is known. According to Robert Garcia, whose father built the water tower and dug the well, the structure dated from 1925 and served the East Almond St. Water Cooperative. A photograph exists of the elder Garcia posing with a son David near the tower just after its completion. In the mid-1920s, neighborhoods in East Palo Alto began to set up cooperative water districts to supercede individual wells, which either went dry (due to a sinking water table) or became contaminated with salt water.



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EAST ALMOND COOPERATIVE
WATER COMPANY'S
PUMPING PLANT

East Palo Alto

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

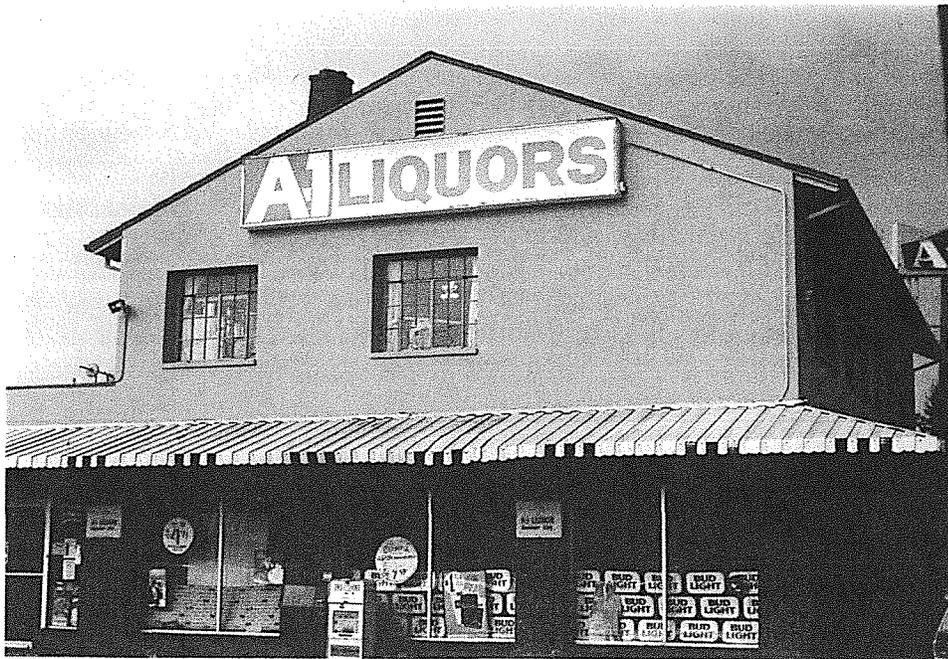
1. Historic name Reno Club
2. Common or current name A-1 Liquors
3. Number & street 587 O'Connor
City East Palo Alto Vicinity only Zip 94303 County San Mateo
4. UTM zone A 10 B 575990 C 4146100 D
5. Quad map No. 1558 Parcel No. 063-283-110-3 Other

Ser. no.
National Register status 5S2
Local designation

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The building which is now occupied by A-1 Liquors was originally oriented toward University Avenue. Early photographs show a two-story, side-gabled structure that is quite similar to the building as it appears today. On the University Avenue side, two large windows (at least one of which is now filled in) flanked a doorway. The gable end facing O'Connor has been altered the most. Where there were once no openings on the ground floor, there are now three large plate-glass display windows which reorient the building toward University Avenue (probably after there was no longer direct access from Highway 101 after it was transformed into a freeway in the 1950s).



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning
Department
9. Owner & address Paul &
Nada B. Ferrando Trust
587 O'Connor, East Palo
Alto, CA 94303
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Commercial
12. Zoning C-1
13. Threats Private
development

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) c. 1938 Original location Same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date A one-story addition now projects from the back. Three square windows and a brick facing have been added to the west facade of the building, and the ground floor windows on the south facade have been filled in. It received new signage when the function changed from nightclub to liquor store.
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 06--Commercial Building, 1-3 stories

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Highway 101 and East Palo Alto's Commercial District Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1920s-1950s Property type Retail Store Context formally developed? Yes

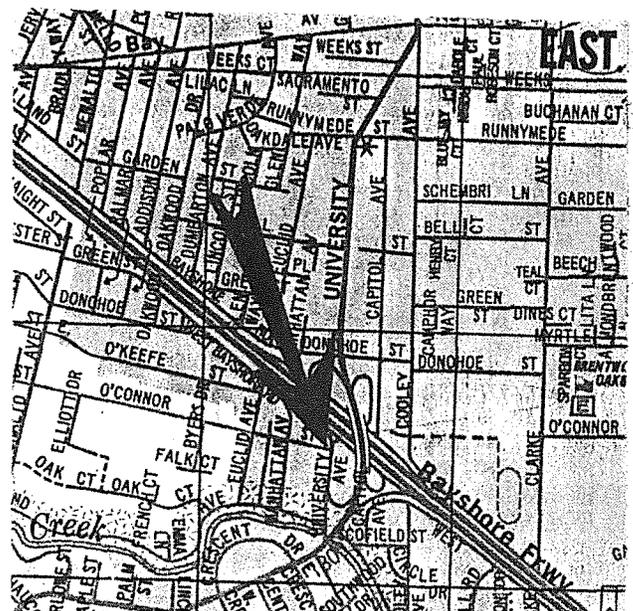
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587 O'Connor, now A-1 Liquors, was once the location of the well-known Reno Club. Though the club is long gone, the building remains one of the most prominent fragments of "Whiskey Gulch," the name that clings to East Palo Alto's business district to this day. Before Whiskey Gulch was in full swing, the site underwent a series of transitions. At the peak of the Weeks Poultry Colony, it was located in the heart of Woodland Place, a semi-suburban, semi-rural residential residential. During this period, Alice Needham, a widow, lived there from c. 1921-22 until 1935.

20. Sources Palo Alto City Directories of the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s and 1950s; "Club Afrique," and article in the *Times Tribune* (June 21, 1988) which cites an interview with Jim Zacanti (whom we could not locate); telephone interview with Clide Clard (August 30, 1993); telephone interview with Barbara Clark (August 30, 1993); telephone interview with Margaret Albertson Edge and Milton Lamoreaux (August 30, 1993).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
 Date of evaluation September 1993
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1993
 By (name) K. Solomonson
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DESCRIPTION (continued)

The Reno Club sign, which once wrapped around the corner between the first and second stories has been removed. So has the bucking bronco, which once filled the empty space next to the two casement windows, its rider swinging a lariat that curved upward to form the words "Reno Club" curling beneath the gable. Plain stucco once clad the entire structure, emphasizing its taut, planar surfaces, but today the ground floor is faced with brick. A row of six multi-paned casement windows with deep reveals light the second story on the University Avenue side. The side facing the freeway is blind. A one-story addition extends from the back. Typical of the businesses constructed along Highway 101 before it was widened in the 1950s, the structure is surrounded by off-street parking.

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

By the time she left, the residential character of her neighborhood was undergoing a dramatic change. When Highway 101 plunged through East Palo Alto in 1932, its path passed very near the site Mrs. Needham's home, stimulating commercial development along its path and on University Avenue. After Alice Needham moved, the property appears to have stood vacant until Walter A. and Greta Sherlock may have opened a tire repair shop there in 1940. They took advantage of a site near the intersection of University Avenue and Highway 101 to become one of several automobile-oriented businesses clustered in the area.

During the 1930s, this location's character changed along with East Palo Alto's business district. As numerous bars and liquor stores opened their doors to people from the dry city of Palo Alto and travelers on Highway 101, the area was transformed into "Whiskey Gulch." When the Reno Club, the site's longest and best-known resident, moved to the site in 1946, it may already have been devoted to the liquor trade for nearly a decade. As early as 1938, John Ragno Liquors is listed at approximately this location (2005 University Avenue). (Though it currently has an O'Connor address, the building faces University Avenue and the Reno Club once had the address of 2001 University. The changes in the street address at this location make it difficult to determine the presence of John Ragno Liquors with complete certainty, but Mr. Milton Lamoreaux, whose father excavated the site for construction with a team of mules, recalled without prompting that John's was there before the Reno Club.) Jim Zacanti and Ralph Brooks opened the Reno Club in the left two thirds of the building. The well-traveled location could easily be seen and reached from both University Avenue and Bayshore. Like most businesses along the highway, it stood in the middle of a pool of open space that provided plenty of parking. Appropriately for a club named after Reno, the club provided limited gambling; illegal slot machines, which were illegal but reportedly quite common in Whiskey Gulch, operated in the basement. To strengthen the association with Nevada, the silver state, they embedded more than 300 silver dollars in the bar and gave them out as change. Ralph Brooks lived on the second floor of the building until he died in 1963. The Reno Club eventually (c. 1962) moved into a new building next door.

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BUSINESS BEGINNINGS



This photograph of the Reno Club was taken in the late 1950s. The street out front is University Avenue. Times Tribune file photo

Club Afrique

6-21-88

Times Tribune?

The Reno Club in East Palo Alto entertained its customers for nearly 40 years with its bar, restaurant and western motifs.

Closed now since 1984, the club's status as an institution is more than a memory. Although the establishment has taken a radical turn and is now the Club Afrique, the branded doors and steer horns that remain remind visitors that this business has a long and interesting history.

Jim Zacanti and Ralph Brooks started the Reno Club in May of 1946. Zacanti, 76, now retired and living in Menlo Park, said he and Brooks started the Reno Club a year earlier in Redwood City, near the Bayshore Freeway. They moved to East Palo Alto when the lease was up.

The origin of the business's name is "very simple," according to Zacanti. "We didn't want to call it Mac's or Jim's or Ralph's like all the others."

Zacanti liked the Nevada reference and to fulfill Nevada's reputation as the silver state, the Reno Club gave out silver dollars in change and embedded more than 300 of the coins in the bar.

Slot machines in the basement also made the club true to its name. "It was illegal," Zacanti said. "But we had them. Everybody had them."

Customers came from all over, Zacanti said. He sponsored weekend charter buses to baseball games.

Gradually the club became a stopping place for other buses heading for baseball games.

Brooks died in 1963, a year



Times Tribune photo by Vera Fisher

Sola Sobayo has transformed the popular Reno Club into Club Afrique

after the Reno Club moved. The club changed ownership in 1978. It went through two owners for brief periods before Raphael de Trinidad took over in 1984. In 1986 he sold the business to Sola Sobayo, who promptly changed the name to Club Afrique.

Sobayo, 43, closed the club for almost two years while he obtained permits and made structural changes. He opened for business toward the end of last year.

While Sobayo has not ridden himself of all memories of the Reno Club, he has made numerous changes. African flags line the wall behind the bar, African and Caribbean

music is played and performed live and the distinct smell of the evening's hors d'oeuvres wafts from the kitchen. Later this month, Sobayo will begin serving weekend dinners.

Sobayo did his goal at Club Afrique is to offer Americans and foreigners a place to hear music, date, laugh and enjoy a different atmosphere. "It's evolved in a kind of cultural center," Sobayo said.

Sobayo sees an easy transition from the all-American Reno Club to his culturally diverse Club Afrique. He takes a liberal view of life. "I see myself as a citizen of the planet Earth," he said.

— Sophi Bueters

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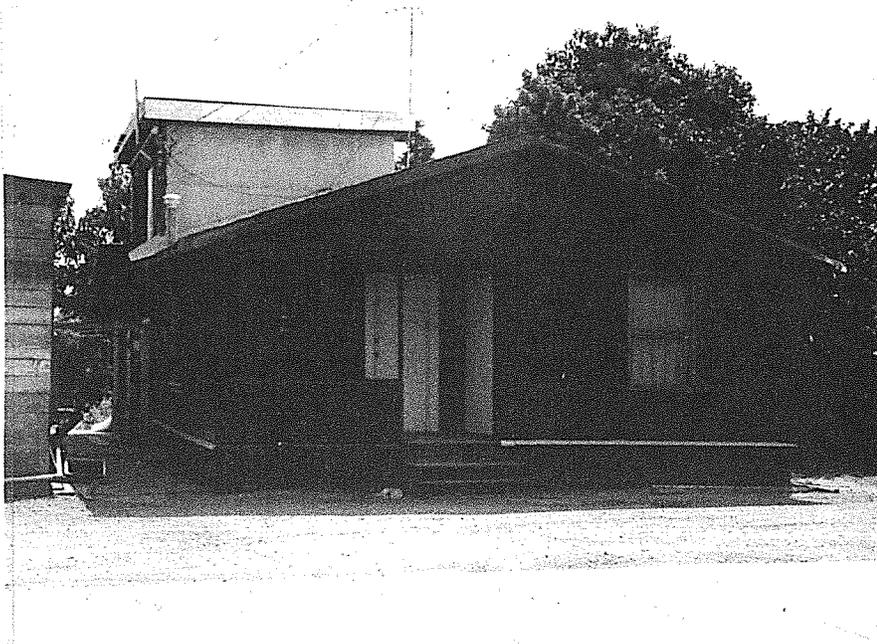
IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 582 |
| 3. Number & street 940 O'Connor St. | Local designation |
| City East Palo Alto | Cross-corridor |
| Vicinity only | Zip 94303 |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | County San Mateo |
| B 576730 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Other |
| Parcel No.063-492-250 | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The house at 940 O'Connor St. is set back from the road on a large agricultural property long owned by the Siri family. Originally, the house was built in the late 1910s or early 1920s to serve a single family; later, it appears to have been converted into multi-family housing for nursery workers. (There are two front doors on the front porch.) The house consists of a main rectangular front wing with a shallowly pitched gable roof. Tar paper covers the roof. Three knee brackets support the eaves. Wood shiplap siding covers the walls. The front wing has an inset front porch on the northeast. The porch shelters two doors and a window, now boarded up. To the west of the inset porch stands a single double-hung window. An assortment of differently sized double-hung windows open other facades. Attached to the rear of the main wing is a tankhouse whose reservoir has been removed, but has probably been refinished as living space. The tankhouse's north wall was stuccoed over at some later time. Behind the tankhouse is a shed-roofed addition. (The property is 1 acre of lot 17 arbit lot 3 1 acre of lot 17 arbit lot 4 faber sub rsm 8/31.)



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
Frank J. Siri tr et al
2100 Bryant St.
Palo Alto, CA 94301
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) c.1920 Original location Unknown Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date The tankhouse has been remodeled as living space, and a shed roofed addition of unknown vintage has been connected to the rear.
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property; 33--Farm/Ranch

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1910s-1920s Property type Domestic Structure Context formally developed? Yes
- 19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

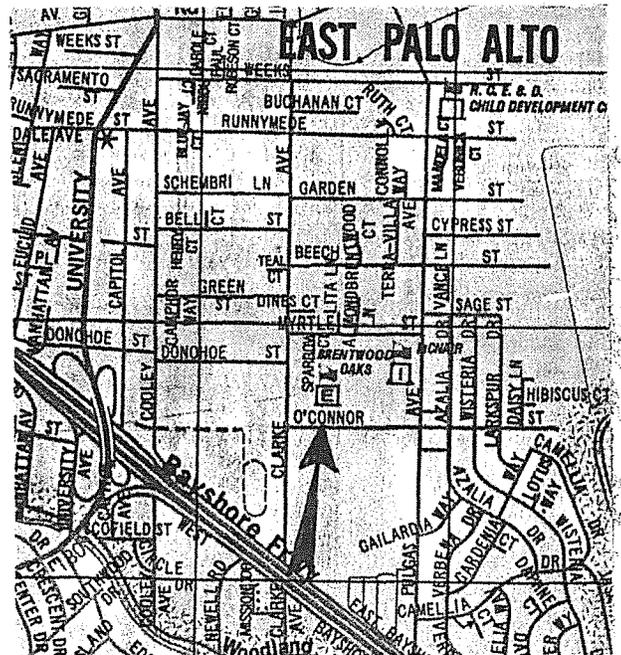
Judging from its small size and decorative simplicity, the bungalow at 940 O'Connor St. was probably erected by working class owners, or built by larger landowners to house farm laborers. It may have been built c. 1920, perhaps by a family farming a portion of the Faber Tract. Possible owners for this property were Carl S. and Marjorie Harlan. Mr. Harlan's occupation was listed as a bookkeeper in the aforementioned 1921-1922 directory. Whoever its first owner was, the house's small utilitarian size, simple layout, and lack of decoration mirrors many nearby bungalows built by fledgling poultry farmers in the Weeks Colony. Similar, too, was the location of the tankhouse attached directly behind the houses's living quarters.

20. Sources

Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo Co., Ca., 1922; Map of Ravenswood and East Palo Alto, San Mateo Co., Ca., 1925; *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford* (Willis Hall, Pub., Palo Alto, 1919-1920 & 1921-1922).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
 Date of evaluation January 13, 1994
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1994
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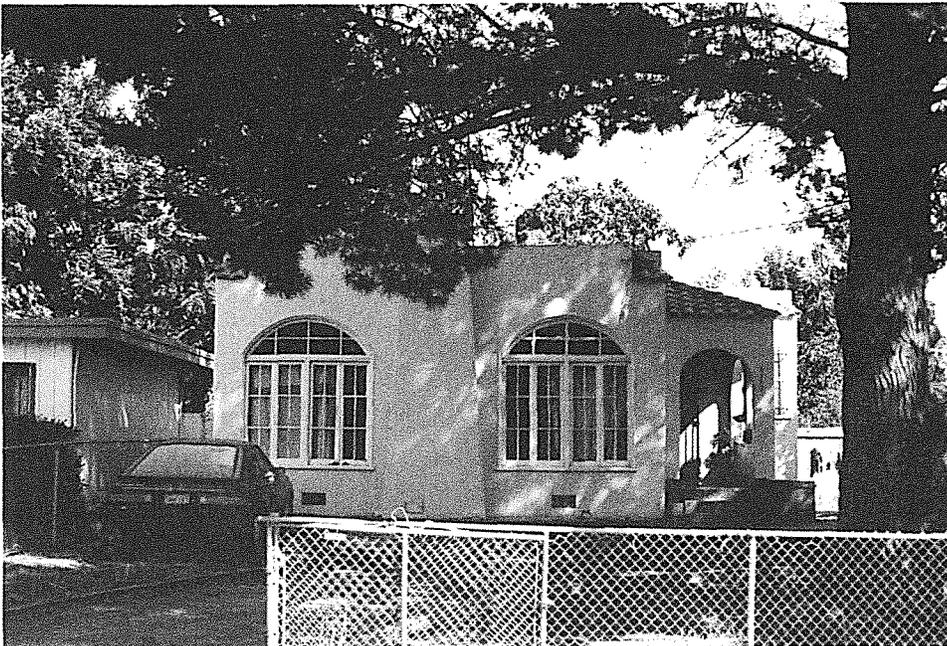
IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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| 1. Historic name | | Ser. no. | |
| 2. Common or current name | | National Register status 5S3 | |
| 3. Number & street 2362 Palo Verde Ave. | | Local designation | |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Cross-corridor | |
| | | Zip 94303 | County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 575760 | C 4147090 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. | Other | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Set behind a chain link fence, this well-maintained Spanish Colonial Revival Style bungalow at 2362 Palo Verde Ave. is located on a small lot in the Palo Alto Park subdivision. The building forms a compact L-shape, arranged on one floor. Its walls are covered by smooth cement plaster. The crotch of the L is filled in by a small entry porch with three arched openings, one arch over the door and two arched windows on the side. The porch is covered by a hipped Spanish tile roof. The front and rear legs of the L are flat-roofed with parapets. The front leg's fenestration is composed of two, large, arched windows. Each opening is made up of four casement windows set beneath a half-round header. A long battered chimney separates these arched openings. Behind the entry porch, the rear leg features two double-hung windows, each covered by wrought iron grilles.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning
 Department
9. Owner & address Unknown
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) c. 1935 Original location Probably Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Suburbanization in the 1920s & 1930s Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1920s-1930s Property type Domestic structure Context formally developed? Yes

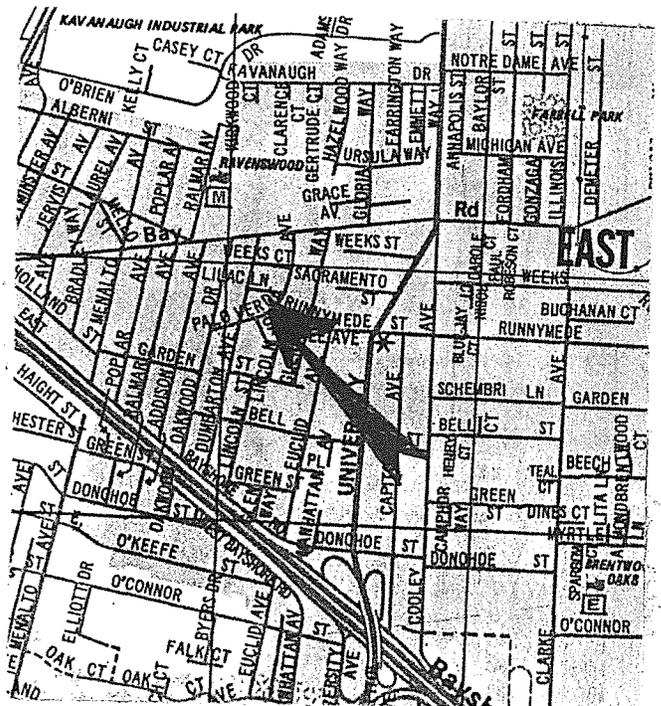
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

The house at 2362 Palo Verde Ave. was erected in the Palo Alto Park subdivision, an area composed originally of many vacation dwellings and small permanent residences. The building is larger than other houses nearby, such as the vacation cottages at 2361 and 2369 Glen Way, suggesting perhaps that it was meant for year-around habitation from the beginning. One of the first families recorded at this address was George A. and Ann Olmo in 1944. George Olmo worked as a salesman, and the Polk's 1944 Palo Alto City Directory indicated that he owned this property. Olmo's bungalow dates from the mid to late 1930s, and is an excellent example of the Spanish Colonial Revival Style applied to a small house. Its stucco siding, Spanish tile, arched openings, battered chimney, and flat roof all are characteristic of this style, which attained the height of its popularity in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

20. Sources *R.L. Polk's Palo Alto City Directory*, (San Francisco: R.L. Polk, 1944).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
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- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson
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|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Historic name Vitale house | | Ser. no. | |
| 2. Common or current name | | National Register status 3S | |
| | | Local designation | |
| 3. Number & street 2183 Ralmar | | Cross-corridor | |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Zip 94303 | County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 575350 | C 4146830 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-152-140 | Other | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Located in a neighborhood of small cottages, bungalows, and period revival houses, 2183 Ralmar is one of the largest and most elaborate residences in the area. Stylistically, this complex stucco structure combines Mediterranean and Tudor elements. Two steeply-pitched intersecting gables punctuated with gabled dormers create the impression of complex silhouette based on a simple L-shaped plan. An arched front door, flanked by narrow arched side lights, opens into the side-gabled portion of the house paralleling the street. Semicircular stone steps lead up to a porch embraced on two sides by stucco lining walls with scalloped tops. Though the porch is not covered, the door itself is slightly recessed into a slightly-projecting vestibule, and is nestled beneath a wide gable with tightly rolled edges. Centered above this gable is a more steeply pitched gabled dormer with a pair of narrow sash windows. To the left of the entrance a large parabolic window provides an important focal point.

(See continuation sheet.)



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
Jose and Josephine Jimenez
2183 Ralmar, East Palo Alto, CA
94303
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

DESCRIPTION (continued)

The intersecting gabled wing which projects toward the street has two stories and houses a single-car garage on the first level. Above the garage door, a deeply cut arch holds a narrow rectangular window set beneath an applied gable with rolled edges, similar to the one over the front door but more steeply pitched, echoing the gable of the main roof above it, which also has rolled eaves. A pair of rectangular, vertically proportioned sash windows, set into the side overlooking the front door, lights the second story. At the far left side of the facade, a wing wall, its slope covered with rolled shingles that echo the rolled eaves elsewhere, hold a gate which leads to the back yard. At the back of the house, an arched doorway leads onto a small terrace at the right, and steps lead to the back door at the center, next to which there is an oriel with three double-hung windows. A small gabled dormer and a small double-hung window light the upper floor.

Taken together, these elements form a Mediterranean-Tudor melange. The stucco walls, deep reveals, parabolic window, and wing wall are all commonly found in Mediterranean or Spanish Colonial Revival architecture of the 1920s and 1930s. It is more unusual to find them mixed with complex roof forms and steep gables with rolled edges meant to imitate thatching — elements that tend to be associated with Tudor structures. These diverse forms are combined in a carefully crafted house which has been meticulously maintained.

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

During the 1930s, Ralph Vitale, a plumber who was born in Italy, left his San Francisco home each weekend to build a new house for his family with his own hands. In doing so, he combined diverse features that had become popular in Spanish Colonial and Tudor houses (the family thought of it as Spanish in style). Though some portions are a bit awkward — the broad gable capping the front door surmounted with a narrow gabled dormer with clashing proportions — but the whole thing gels into a structure that is among the most distinctive, and certainly among the largest, of this neighborhood's period revival houses. Similar in scale but not as complex in detail nor in as good a condition, is 2195 Ralmar, reportedly built by the Payne family for their own use.

Besides being an excellent example of the period revival structures built in this neighborhood during the 1920s and 1930s, this house is important for another reason. Its first owners, Ralph and Mary Vitale, their first names combined, gave the Ralmar its name. The street was once named Palo Alto Avenue, a name that duplicated another street in the area. This caused problems for the fire department. When a new name needed to be chosen, Mary Vitale, who was president of the improvement club, thought of Pickfair, the house named after Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, and combined her own name with her husband's to form the new street name.

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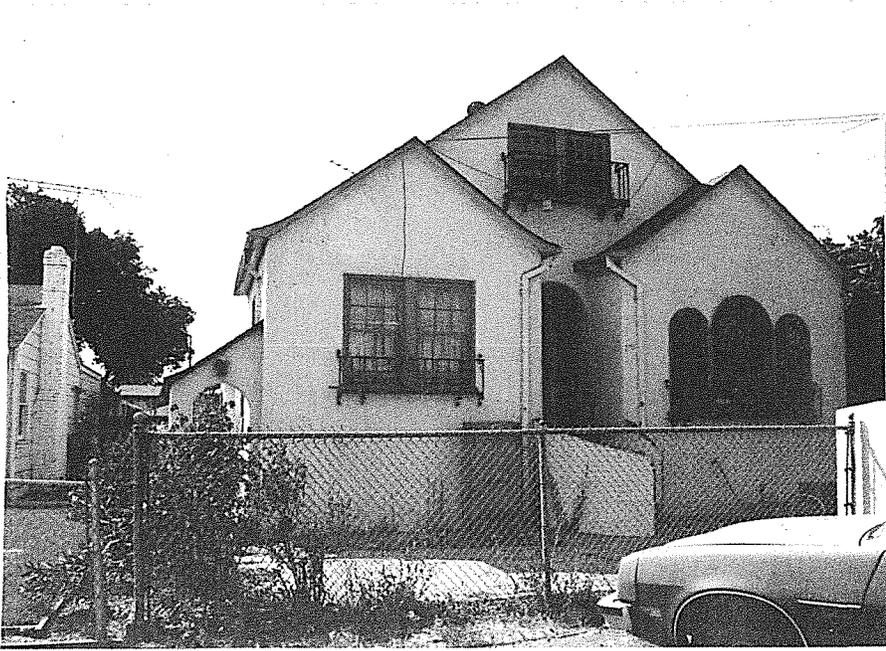
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| 1. Historic name | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 5S2 |
| | Local designation |
| 3. Number & street 2195 Ralmar | Cross-corridor |
| City East Palo Alto | Zip 94303 |
| | County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | Vicinity only B 575350 |
| | C 4146860 |
| | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-152-120 |
| | Other |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Set behind a chain link fence on a tight fifty-foot lot, is the large unusual house at 2195 Ralmar Ave. The house has a tall profile, as it is set on high foundations. The dwelling stands two stories tall, and stucco covers the walls. A cross-gabled roof covers the building's complicated plan. Asphalt shingles sheath the roof surface. The roof's gable possesses a slightly flared shape. Seen from the east, the houses displays three front facing gables; two projecting side gables flank a taller central gable. In the center an arched entryway is recessed between the side gables. Above this front door is a pair of double-hung windows set behind a faux wrought iron balcony. The projecting side gable to the north has a triplet of arched windows, the two on the ends with double-hung sash, the middle with fixed sash. The projecting gabled bay to the south, like the middle section, possesses a pair of double-hung windows set behind an ornamental wrought iron balcony. A small arched ornamental doorframe is appended to this south gabled bay.

Another entrance exists on the north facade. Proceeding toward this side door, one passes a single double-hug window (with an air conditioner in it), and above this opening is a dormer with a flared gable. The dormer is opened by a single double-hung window. A triplet window lights the hallway of the north side entry. A lower gable-roofed wing projects to the rear. Two single double-hung punctuate this west facing wall surface. Behind this rear wing is a long garage with two arched doorways, one for automobiles. This long thin garage appears tangentially attached to the house. Set behind this small garage is a long rectangular building (bearing the address number 2197), which accommodates both a residence and a garage. The garage portion on the north is differentiated by its pair of garage doors.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address Benson & Benson, Inc.
11030 Magdalena Ave.
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

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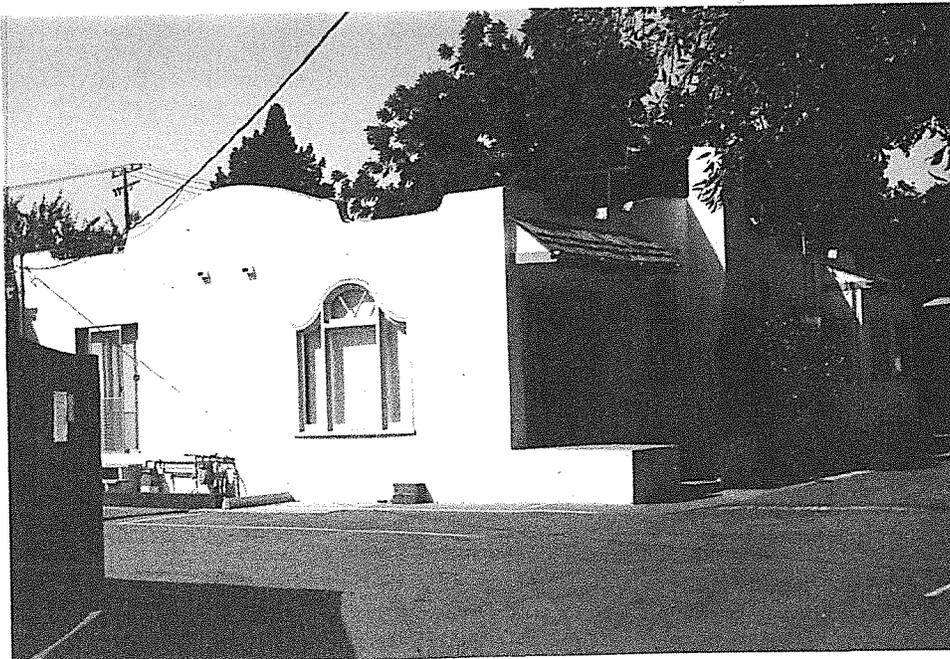
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| 1. Historic name | | Ser. no. | |
| 2. Common or current name | | National Register status 5S2 | |
| 3. Number & street 505 Runnymede | | Local designation | |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Cross-corridor | |
| | | Zip 94303 | County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 575890 | C 4147020 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-201-210 | Other | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

This single story Mission-style house is set well back front the street, down a long drive and behind a high fence. The dominant feature of its street facade is a parapet which projects above the roof line in a single broad curve, a highly simplified version of the more complex curvilinear parapets common to Mission-style structures. A similar parapet graces the other visible facade at the right, which runs perpendicular to the street. The main entrance, shaded by a small shingled shed roof, opens into this facade. Beside it is a small arched window next to a chimney, with a gracefully curved silhouette bisects the parapet. A bay window with double-hung windows projects outward toward the back of the house. The street facade of this stucco house forms a flat, expansive plane relieved only by an arched window, its silhouette echoing Mission-style parapets more complex than those surmounting the house, been cut into its right half. It seems likely that a similar window once balanced it on the left, but this appears to have been replaced by a rectangular door. The house, which stands on lot 21 of lot 3 or the Ravenswood Villas subdivision, has been well maintained and is in excellent condition. A one-story apartment building has been constructed behind it.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning
 Department
9. Owner & address
 Christopher B. Ellis
 P.O. box 103
 East Palo Alto, CA 94303
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) 1926F Original location Assumed to be same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date In the street facade, the rectangular doorway appears to be a later alteration. A one-story apartment building has been constructed to the rear. Neither of these changes significantly alters the integrity of this structure.
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Suburbanization in the 1920s and 1930s Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1920s-1930s Property type Domestic structure Context formally developed? Yes

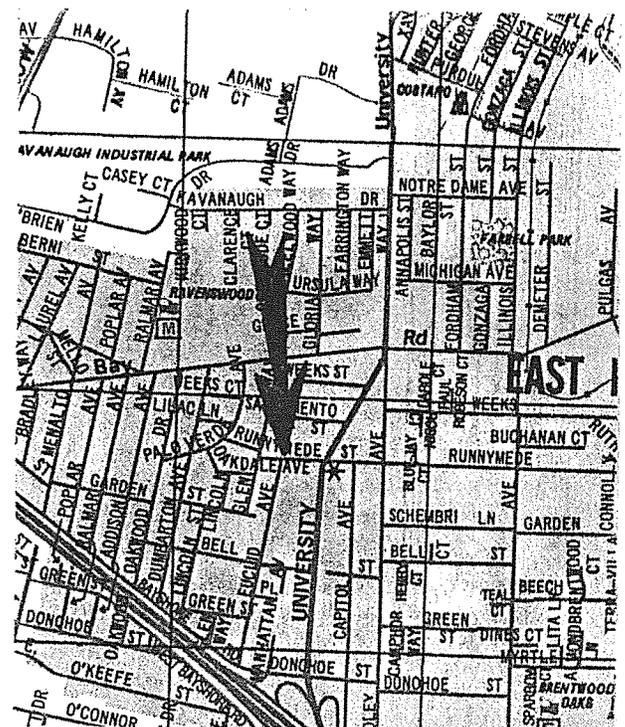
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

505 Runnymede is located in the Ravenswood Villa subdivision which was subdivided in 1926 by the land's owners, J.H. and Pearle R. Stubbe. The Stubbe's ran the Ravenswood Poultry Ranch which rivaled Runnymede in poultry production. (Stubbe's business, Ravenswood Baby Chicks, was located, according to the 1928 Palo Alto City Directory, at the corner of University Ave. and Lincoln Ave.) Together with Palo Alto Park, Ravenswood Villas represents the gradual suburbanization the East Palo Alto area underwent during the late 1920s and the 1930s. This Mission style structure an excellent example of the period revival houses which became more fashionable than the craftsman bungalow (dominant in Runnymede) from the 1920s on. In addition to representing this particular phase in East Palo Alto's history, 505 Runnymede, with its balanced proportions and graceful details, is architecturally significant as one of the few examples of its style in East Palo Alto today.

20. Sources San Mateo County Maps, 15-22; *Polk's Palo Alto Directory*, (R.L. Polk & Co., San Francisco, Ca., 1928), p. 410.

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
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- 23. Evaluator K. Solomonson
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- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
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| 1. Historic name | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 583 |
| 3. Number & street 529-31 Runnymede | Local designation |
| City East Palo Alto | Cross-corridor |
| Vicinity only | Zip 94303 |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | County San Mateo |
| B 575930 | C 4147020 |
| D | 5. Quad map No. 1558 |
| Parcel No. 063-201-200 | Other |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

529 and 531 Runnymede St. are two gable roofed cottages, located on a large parcel set well back from the road. The two dwellings are spaced widely from each other and are set perpendicularly. Each is one story high. The front dwelling is clapboard sided, while the rear house is stuccoed; both have asphalt roof shingles. The front house may have been built before the rear one, judging from its architectural details. The front house possesses a simple rectangular form; it has a door on the west side with a large multi-light window to its left. The south facade features a pair of double-hung windows, and a single double-hung opening. The rear house has a T-shaped, cross-gabled plan. A side-gabled wing has a long front porch sheltering the front door. The main entry is surrounded on the left by a pair of double-hung windows and on the right by a single double-hung opening. The south facade of the gable-front wing possesses two small double-hung windows. A detached garage lies just east of the rear T-shaped house.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
 Delmacio G. and Libradat Lete
 529 Runnymede
 East Palo Alto, CA 94043
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) c.1937 (529) c.1947 (531) Original location Unknown Date moved Unknown
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02—Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Suburbanization in the 1920s and 1930s Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1920s-1930s Property type Domestic structure Context formally developed? Yes

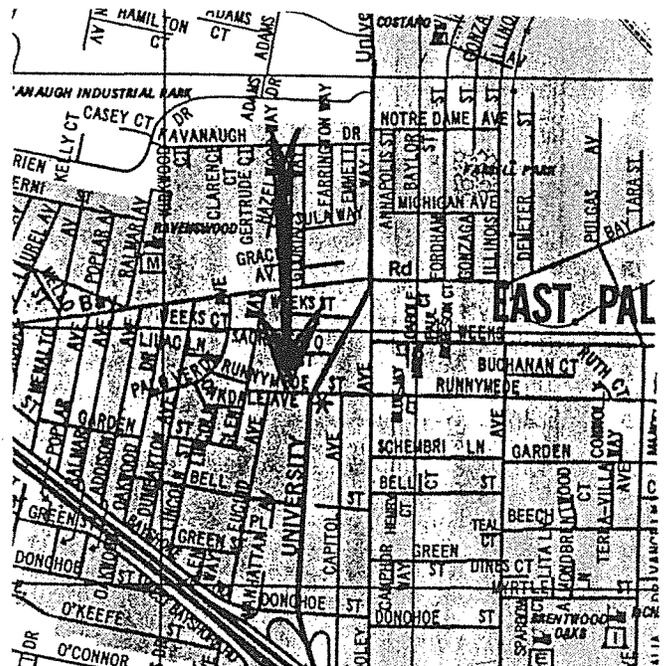
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

These two small houses are located in the Ravenswood Villas subdivision, a development set up by J.H. Stubbe in December 1926. Stubbe operated a large poultry business contemporaneously with the Weeks Poultry Colony, on a parcel bounded by Bay Road, Cooley Ave., Runnymede St., and Glen Way. Stubbe and his associates gradually developed this poultry farmland in the 1930s and 1940s. It is difficult to date these buildings. One or both may have been moved to this location, thus accounting for their somewhat odd placement. They may have been built to serve as vacation cottages, such as those that filled the adjacent Palo Alto Park subdivision. Ray P. Squire, a driver, and his wife, Jean, owned 529 Runnymede St., according to the 1944 Palo Alto city directory. The 531 address is not listed until 1948 or so, suggesting that 531 Runnymede was either built later or moved to this site .

20. Sources San Mateo County Maps Division Records; *Polk's Palo Alto City Directory*, (San Francisco: R. L. Polk, 1944, 1948).

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- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
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| 1. Historic name | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 582 |
| 3. Number & street 868 Runnymede St. | Local designation |
| City East Palo Alto | Cross-corridor |
| Vicinity only | Zip 94303 |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | County San Mateo |
| B 576530 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Other |
| Parcel No.063-252-080 | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Occupying land in the Weeks Colony's second subdivision, the dwelling at 868 Runnymede St. is laid out on a large lot with mature trees, and is bounded by a picket fence in front. Part of the house was built as a tankhouse probably serving the residence next door at 872 Runnymede St. The tankhouse portion is appended to a two-story gable-roofed addition. The tankhouse is clad in wood siding. The first floor on the east side has a side entry. A small projecting gable roof shelters the door. A large double-hung window lies above this doorway on the second story, and just above this opening is a smaller window with sliding sash. The gable roofed addition has a pent roof over the main entry. To the east of the front door is a triplet window and to the west a smaller double-hung opening. Above the pent roof is a pair of double-hung openings, each trimmed by one shutter. Behind the tankhouse is another added wing. A large multi-stall garage is detached in the rear.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning
 Department
9. Owner & address Jimmie and
 Tomiko Sujishi, same address.
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) c. 1917 Original location Yes Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1910s-1920s Property type Domestic structure Context formally developed? Yes

19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

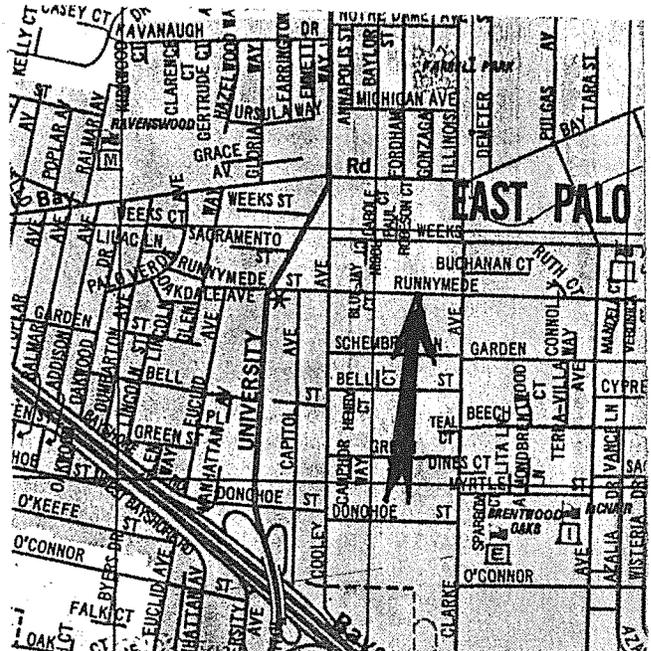
Until at least W.W. II., the building at 868 Runnymede served as a storage facility and tankhouse for the house next door at 872 Runnymede owned for a number of years by Andrew Bean, a poultryman. Bean's tankhouse portion had unusually large dimensions when compared with others in the Weeks Poultry Colony. It may have served a larger agricultural enterprise than the neighboring one acre farms. A small early photograph of this tankhouse may have been illustrated in Charles Weeks's book Egg Farming in California, (San Francisco, CA.: 1919).

20. Sources

Charles Weeks, Egg Farming in California, (San Francisco: 1919), n.p. *R.L Polk's Palo Alto City Directory*, (San Francisco: R.L. Polk, 1928).

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- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

1. Historic name formerly 584 Runnymede

Ser. no.
 National Register status 582
 Local designation

2. Common or current name

3. Number & street 872 Runnymede

Cross-corridor

City East Palo Alto

Vicinity only

Zip 94303

County San Mateo

4. UTM zone A 10

B 576560

C 4146980

D

5. Quad map No. 1558 Parcel No. 063-252-070

Other

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building

If district, number of documented resources

7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The house at 872 Runnymede St. is cross-gabled with asphalt shingles cladding the roof. Two brick chimneys rise up from the roof. The builder configured the one-story dwelling in an L-shaped plan. Thin wood clapboards sheath its wall contours. Entry is gained via a flight of brick steps angled obliquely away from a large front porch. Part of this porch is covered by a projecting gable roof. Piers, resting on brick foundations, carry the small gable, and elbow brackets support the gable's eaves. The front door, with its eight fixed lights, is set beneath the projecting gable. Around the corner from the front door, a fixed window located on a west-facing wall also opens onto the front porch. The north (front) facade also features a triplet window, with fixed central sash, flanked by thinner double-hung openings. As with the lower porch gable, the larger gable facing Runnymede St. is also supported by two elbow brackets, one on the east side, one at the peak. A detached one-car garage, also built c. 1920, stands behind the bungalow.



- 8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
- 9. Owner & address
- 10. Type of ownership Private
- 11. Present use Residential
- 12. Zoning R-1-5000
- 13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) 1916 Original location Yes Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1910s-1920s Property type Domestic structure Context formally developed? Yes

19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

Located in the second addition to the Weeks Poultry Colony, this dwelling was occupied at Runnymede's peak by Andrew Bean, who in the 1928 Palo Alto City Directory was identified as a poultry farmer. In 1929 Bean sold the property to Walter F. Cross, who for his first years of ownership also worked the land as a poultry farmer. The Depression lowered the prices paid for eggs and poultry, which may have forced Cross in 1931 to find employment as a pressman for the Stanford University Press, a job which he held until at least 1944. The house is a good example of the Bungalow Style favored by the Weeks Colonists. The simplicity of the bungalow was seen as a direct contrast to the decorative and formal variety of the earlier Queen Anne Style house. Its uncomplicated, single story configuration, unadorned elbow brackets, and plain fenestration, all reflected simpler architectural tastes during the late 1910s and early 1920s. Charles Weeks thought enough of this farmhouse, with its oblique porch, that he featured a photograph of it in advertising published in his promotional magazine, One Acre and Independence.

20. Sources

Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford, (Palo Alto: Willis L. Hall, Publisher, 1919-1920, & 1921-1922); *Polk's Palo Alto City Directory*, (San Francisco: R.L. Polk, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1938, 1944, 1948); advertisement in One Acre and Independence (March 1921).

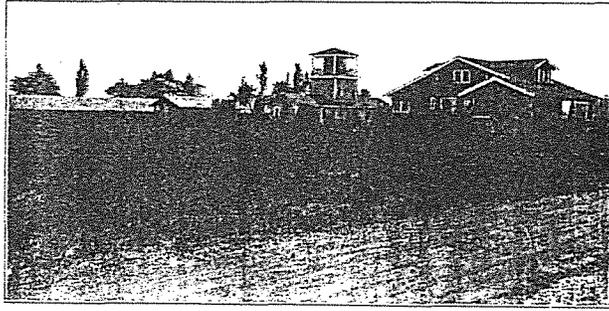
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- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
- State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
- Date of evaluation March 12, 1994
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1994

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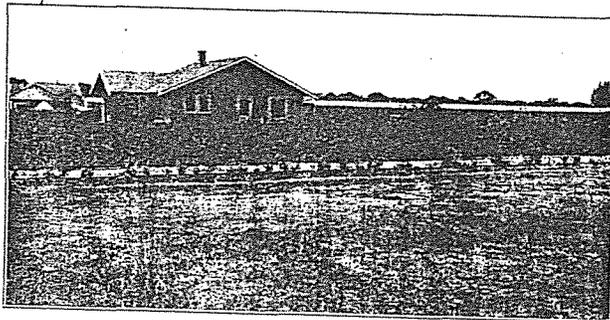
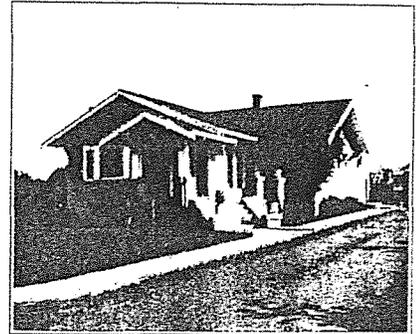


GARDEN HOMES in the Charles Weeks' Colony

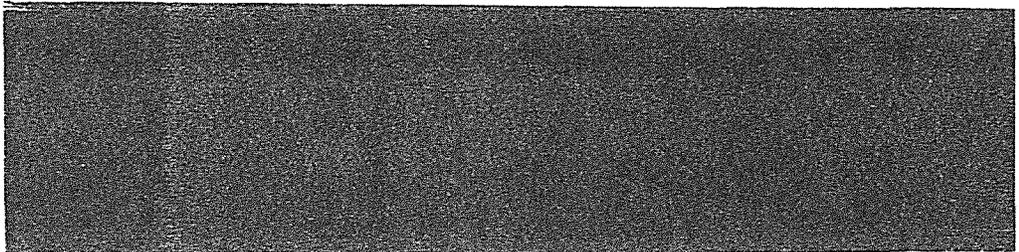


(1) A country estate of a retired business man, a lovely home with all modern services, garage space for three cars, fully equipped with the latest poultry houses and machinery. Just the sort of a home a successful business man hopes to own.

(2) A lovely modern home housing a happy family. Many branches of intensive cultivation are taken up by these enterprising people, berry growing, fruit raising, incubating, brooding and poultry raising.



(3) The comfortable home of a widow and her son, where they live a peaceful life, making a good living from poultry and berries, while the son attends the splendid school in the Colony.



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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Ser. no.

1. Historic name formerly 611 Runnymede

National Register status 5S2
 Local designation

2. Common or current name

3. Number & street 971 Runnymede

Cross-corridor

City East Palo Alto

Vicinity only

Zip 94303

County San Mateo

4. UTM zone A10

B 576770

C 4147030

D

5. Quad map No. 1558

Parcel No. 063 265 170

Other

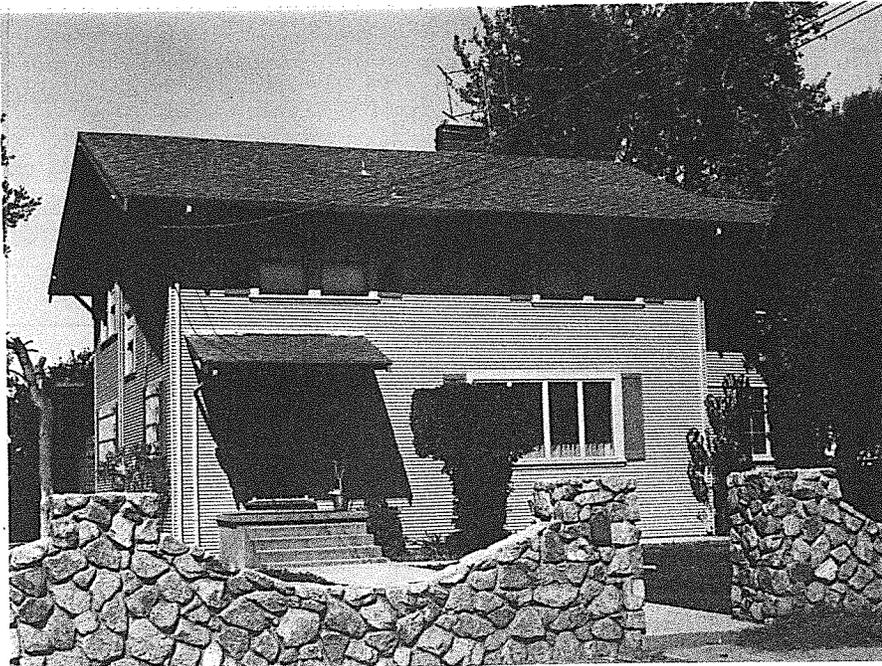
DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building

If district, number of documented resources

7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

971 Runnymede is a variation on the traditional I-house form. It is a two-story, side-gabled structure with a compact rectangular plan. The front door, sheltered by a shed roof resting on enormous brackets, opens into the far left side of the house and may be reached by flight of four concrete steps. A long horizontal window with four vertical lights stretches across the right two thirds of the ground floor and represents an alteration. Narrow louvered shutters flank this window as well as the paired double-hung windows above. These windows, with their multipaned upper sashes, are original and suggest what the ground-floor window might have been like. A small window is nestled next to the paired window on the left. Similar windows light the side elevations. Narrow clapboard siding clads the entire house, which is in excellent condition. A stone wall of rustic boulders, which dips and curves between rectangular piers, separates the front yard from the street. (See continuation sheet.)



8. Planning Agency

East Palo Alto Planning Department

9. Owner & address Floyd Wright

971 Runnymede, East Palo Alto
 94303

10. Type of ownership Private

11. Present use Residential

12. Zoning R-1-5000

13. Threats

971 RUNNYMEDE, CONTINUATION SHEET

DESCRIPTION (continued)

A tankhouse, considerably altered, stands behind the house to the left, at the end of the driveway. Like the house, it once was clad with narrow clapboard siding, but today it has been stuccoed over. The water tank and the roof and railing which once sheltered it, are now gone. The windows have all been replaced with aluminum ones, but the door remains in approximately its original location, providing an entrance into the apartment which the tankhouse has now become.

The only remnant of their agricultural lives is the much-altered tankhouse which stands behind the house. The tankhouse's renovation, which appears to be fairly recent, represents a great loss. A photograph taken before it was altered shows that it was perhaps the best example of a Runnymede tankhouse to survive into the postwar period.

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

Although the Buchanans continued to live in East Palo Alto throughout the 1930s, like so many other colonists, it appears that they had ceased to make their living exclusively from farming with the onset of the Depression. (In 1930 Albert Buchanan is listed in the city directory as a minister.) Although this house contrasts with most of its Runnymede-era neighbors, in many respects its history is typical of Runnymede. The houses the colonists constructed varied with individual tastes and means, though distinctiveness usually veered more in the direction of variations on the Craftsman-style bungalow. The tankhouse recalls the colony's agricultural past, and its transformation into a dwelling bears witness to the colony's disintegration and the pervasive transformation of its agricultural structures to other purposes.

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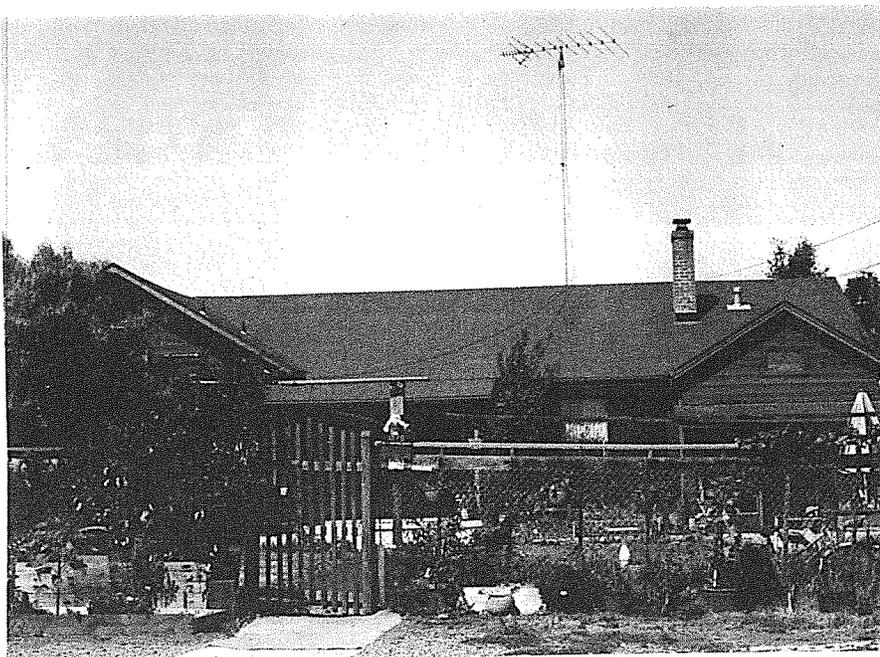
IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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| 1. Historic name | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 5S2 |
| | Local designation |
| 3. Number & street 1275 Runnymede | Cross-corridor |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only |
| | Zip 94303 |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | County San Mateo |
| | C 4147050 |
| | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-271-070 |
| | Other |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Set at the end of Runnymede St., adjoining the Baylands Nature Preserve, the house at 1275 Runnymede St. is a long one-story building covered with brown clapboard siding. The dwelling has a large 1.37 acre lot, with an ample front yard set behind a chain-link fence. A cross-gabled roof covers the house; asphalt singles clad the roof. Two front facing gables are located on either end of the south facade, joined by a long side-gabled central section. The west front-facing gable is larger and taller than that of the east. The east and west gables are opened by small windows with fixed wooden sashes. An assortment of windows on the south facade creates an irregular fenestration. A small extension of the side-gabled roof extends over the front door, in the middle of the south facade, creating a covered entry porch. The front door is protected by wrought iron bars.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
Thomasyne Lightfoote Wilson
1275 runnymede
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) 1937 Original location Yes Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Suburbanization in the 1920s and 1930s Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1930s-1940s Property type Domestic structure Context formally developed? Yes
- 19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

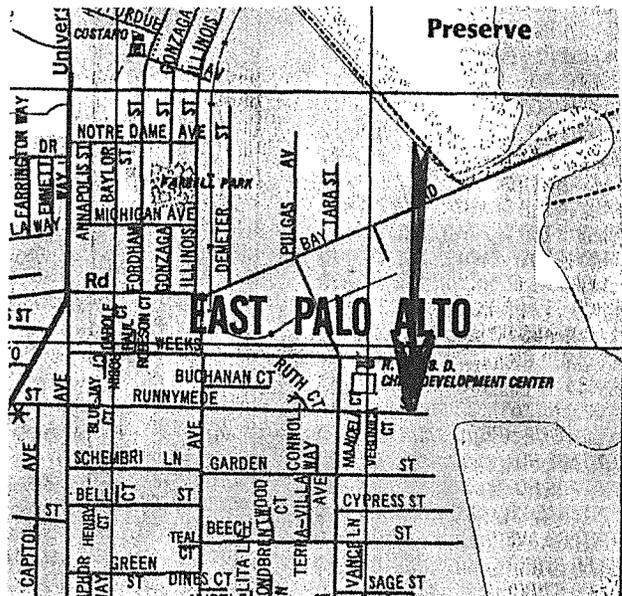
This lot may have accommodated Charles Weeks's "Demonstration Acre," a plot of land on which Weeks's methods of intensive farming were demonstrated for potential settlers. See *One Acre and Independence*, Nov. 1922 for a picture of Weeks standing in the Chard Patch on this site.

Built in 1937, the current house at 1275 Runnymede St. is one of East Palo Alto's earliest California Ranch Style houses. During the 1930s, architects in the state began to study and re-use architectural elements of the Hispanic adobe houses built in California during the early nineteenth century. (See continuation sheet.)

- 20. Sources *R.L. Polk's Palo Alto City Directory*, (San Francisco: R.L. Polk, 1944, 1948, 1954).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson
 Date of evaluation February 16, 1994
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1994
 By (name) A. Michelson
 Organization San Mateo County Historical Association
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1275 RUNNYMEDE CONTINUATION SHEET

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

These figures, such as William Wurster and Cliff May, liked the long simple rooflines and undecorated appearances of these early California houses. They also wanted to use architectural sources that they felt were indigenous and well-adapted to the traditions and climate of California. The builder of 1275 Runnymede St. was probably aware of these contemporary trends. The dwelling has the attenuated, ground-hugging plan and simple farmhouse-like aesthetic common to California Ranch Style houses of the 1930s. Popular interest in the ranch house's long, low and open design grew during the '30s. In the 1940s and 50s developers built new subdivisions of Ranch Style houses, as seen on many streets in East Palo Alto.

Early owners of this house were Juan and Bernice Villariza, whose names are listed in the 1944, 1948, and 1954 Palo Alto city directories. Like a number of others in East Palo Alto at this time, Villariza worked at the nearby Veteran's Administration Hospital in Menlo Park.

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

1. Historic name
2. Common or current name
3. Number & street 1939-43 University Avenue
 Cross-corridor
- City East Palo Alto
4. UTM zone A 10
5. Quad map No. 1558

Vicinity only

Zip 94303

County San Mateo

B 575980

C 4145950

D

Parcel No. 063-474-150

Other

Ser. no.
 National Register status 3S
 Local designation

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

1939-43 University Avenue is a long, two-story structure of white stucco which displays many of the features commonly associated with the Monterey style. Its side-gabled roof, covered with red tile, shelters a second-story recessed balcony which runs the full length of the building. Five pairs of French doors, with ten lights each, open onto the balcony. A balustrade of plain, narrow wooden balusters encloses the balcony, and thin, square wooden posts topped with wide, gracefully curving brackets rise to support the roof. Below, the building houses three shops, each with a separate door recessed from the sidewalk and flanked by large plate-glass display windows. A panel of vertical wooden boards runs beneath the windows, which appear to have been replaced and set in aluminum frames. The building, which is in excellent condition in all respects, is integrated into the row of shops that lines University Avenue. It makes an effective unit with the one-story Spanish Colonial Revival commercial structure that stands to its right. A sidewalk and diagonal, on-street parking run immediately in front of the building.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning
 Department
9. Owner & address: Shuman Muti
 635 Donahoe St.,
 East Palo Alto, CA., 94303
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Commercial
12. Zoning C-1
13. Threats Private development

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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| 1. Historic name | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 3S |
| 3. Number & street 1945-47 University Avenue | Local designation |
| City East Palo Alto | Cross-corridor |
| Vicinity only | Zip 94303 |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | County San Mateo |
| B 575980 | C 4145970 |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | D |
| Parcel No. 063-474-140 | Other |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings and (if appropriate) architectural style.

1945-47 University Avenue is a single-story commercial structure which stretches horizontally along University Avenue. Its shallowly-sloping, side-gabled roof of red tile and its creamy stucco facade allude to the Spanish Colonial Revival Style. Except for two brackets with triangular ends, the building is devoid of applied ornamentation. Instead, this handsome structure's impact relies on its simple, boldly-conceived facade defined by two piers which divide it into three bays. Because the shop fronts are recessed behind these piers, three cleanly cut rectangles define a shallow covered area over the doors and windows. The central window provides a projecting display case resting on two slender supports, added later. This is flanked by two doors and two windows, flush with the recessed portion of the facade. A thin mullion, possibly of aluminum, bisects each window vertically and a transome surmounts each of the doors. A zone of painted brick runs beneath the windows and also forms the lower quarter of each of the piers. The building has been altered very little, and its excellent condition is comparable to 1939-43 University next door.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning
 Department
9. Owner & address John L. &
 Mary M. Giovanzana, 225 Oa
 Ct., Menlo Park, CA 94025
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Commercial
12. Zoning C-1
13. Threats Private developmen

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

14. Construction date(s) 1935A Original location Same Date moved
15. Alterations & date The door on the right has been changed to a metal-framed door and a low brick planter has been constructed below the window on the right. The central projecting window is a later alteration.
16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 06—Commercial Building, 1-3 stories

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

18. Context for evaluation: Theme Highway 101 and East Palo Alto's Business District Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1920s-1950s Property type Retail store Context formally developed? Yes

19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

Like 1939-43 University beside it, this building is an excellent example of a period revival commercial structure. The Spanish Colonial Revival style was considered especially appropriate for California because of the state's own Spanish heritage. Period revival styles like this became increasingly popular for commercial architecture during the 1920s and 1930s. The building was probably constructed in the mid 1930s; the Palo Alto City Directory lists Berges and Huss Real Estate at 1745 University Avenue. As a fine example of its style as well as one of the oldest structures in the business district, this building harks back to the commercial growth along University Avenue during the 1930s in response to the newly constructed Highway 101. Well integrated into the row of shops lining the street, this building joins 1939-43 University Avenue in contributing to the character of University Avenue.

20. Sources *Polk's Palo Alto City Directories* (San Francisco: R.L. Polk, 1925-1940); *Palo Alto Times* (various articles and advertisements)

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc Name each feature.

21. Applicable National Register criteria
22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
23. Evaluator K. Solomonson
Date of evaluation September, 1993
24. Survey type Comprehensive
25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
26. Year form prepared 1993
- By (name) A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
Organization San Mateo County Historical Association
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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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| 1. Historic name Safeway Grocery Store | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name University Liquors | National Register status 3S |
| 3. Number & street 1991 University | Local designation |
| City East Palo Alto | Cross-corridor |
| Vicinity only | Zip 94303 |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | County San Mateo |
| B 575980 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Other |
| Parcel No. 063-474-280-3 | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

Located in East Palo Alto's business district near Highway 101, 1991 University Avenue was once a Safeway store. The building is integrated into the row of shops that line University Avenue, but it also provides off-street parking in an adjacent lot to the east. The University Avenue facade of this one-story stucco structure features two main piers, one at each end, between which runs a long expanse of flat wall, bisected horizontally with a flat molding. Beneath this are two large square windows with black ceramic tile under them. These are separated by a door which rises to their same height; another door opens to the left of them. It is quite possible that these windows and doors represent alterations. The facade facing O'Connor is framed and divided by tall piers similar to those on the University facade. Two large windows which reach to the ground light the store's interior. These windows, which are divided into six lights, the lower ones smaller than those above, are clearly alterations. Dark ceramic tile, rising to a level higher than on the facade, wraps around each of the corner piers. The building was designed with a bold (See continuation sheet.)



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning
 Department
9. Owner & address: Joseph F.X.
 and Gloria Murphy, 2700 Pierce
 St., San Francisco, CA., 94123
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Commercial
12. Zoning C-1
13. Threats Private development

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

14. Construction date(s) opened 1937 F Original location Same Date moved
15. Alterations & date: The two windows on the east side of the building have been enlarged to meet the ground and reglazed (with six large windows). The two front windows may also have been altered.
16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 06--Commercial Building, 1-3 stories

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

18. Context for evaluation: Theme Highway 101 and East Palo Alto's Business District Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1920s-1950s Property type Retail store Context formally developed? Yes
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

On August 13, 1937, the new Palo Alto Safeway, located at E. University and O'Connor, threw its doors open to the public. The advertisement announcing the opening promised each visitor a gift and "free Coca Cola, ice cold!" East Palo Alto had a number of markets at this time, but this Safeway appears to have been the first supermarket in town. (The Buy and Save Market at Bayshore and Manhattan would follow four years later.) By the 1930s, with the growth of the Palo Alto Park and Woodland Place subdivisions, East Palo Alto had the population to support a supermarket. Its location just off Bayshore also made it easily accessible to other peninsula communities. (See continuation sheet.)

20. Sources

Palo Alto Times, Aug. 12, 1937; *Redwood City Tribune*, Sept. 28, 1974; Richard Longstreth, *The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture* (Washington, D.C.: Preservation Press, 1987).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

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22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
23. Evaluator K. Solomonson
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Continuation of description

simplicity and it features little ornamentation. The piers, which project slightly from the facade, are characteristic of Depression-era structures, both public and private. Each of these has a slight ridge rising up its center, terminating in a shallow triangular projection above the roof line. Running beneath the molding that stretches between the piers is a small scalloped band. Taken together, these features represent a highly simplified form of Deco ornamentation. Inside, the building was designed to provide the expansive floor area necessary for the display of this chain store's goods. Currently the structure is painted a dark brown (which tends to minimize its ornamentation) and a sign with "University Liquors" on it wraps around the corner.

It is interesting to compare the structure as it is now with a drawing inserted into the advertisement announcing the store's grand opening. (See illustration on continuation sheet.) In the drawing, the University Avenue facade bears a long SAFEWAY sign that stretches between the piers, and a single striped awning shades the door and windows. It is difficult to get more than a generalized impression of the structure itself from this drawing. The awnings and a crowd of eager people obscure the doors and windows, but the general shape of the building is the same (except perhaps a bit wider), and the facade consists of little more than a pier at each end framing the horizontal expanse in between. The principal difference between the drawing and the structure as it is today is that the piers in the drawing lack the pointed tops. Because these do not look at all as though they are the result of later alterations, it is likely that the artist simplified the structure or that the drawing was a generalized rendering of the architectural type Safeway preferred for its stores at that time. Except for the obvious alterations and some chipped tile, the building today is generally in good condition.

Continuation of significance and evaluation

The Safeway was sited with the automobile in mind. One of its greatest assets was a paved parking lot in addition to the usual on-street parking. The store billed itself as "Palo Alto's new drive-in complete food market." Its ad explained: "No need to drive 'round and 'round looking for a place to park when you want to buy meats, groceries and vegetables. Just drive out University almost to the Bayshore and park on our smooth surfaced parking lot." (*Palo Alto Times*, Aug. 12, 1937) A parking lot on its east side still remains. Today the building is integrated into the row of shops on University Avenue. Since the building next door appears to be newer, the supermarket may have been free standing when it was first constructed. Even so, it maintains the established street line. As a result, it combines the traditional siting of the pre-automobile main street with the newer concept of space for off-street parking. Eventually, the Safeway chain and other supermarkets would break away from the street grid altogether to become free standing structures surrounded by vast, open parking lots.

Small by today's supermarket standards, in 1937 the new store offered the large open floor area that supermarkets and other chain stores needed for the display of their wide selection of goods. Here the shopper could find meat and fruit as well as a broad choice of staples and prepared foods. These were lit by "bright new fixtures," and accessible from "wide clean aisles." Safeway felt confident that the shopper would "delighted with this new store...." (*Palo Alto Times*, Aug. 12, 1937) Its boldly-designed facade, with its simplified Art Deco ornamentation, connoted the newness and modernity the new chain store offered.

In 1959 Safeway moved to a new building one block north of University Avenue at Bayshore. When this store closed in 1974, East Palo Alto was left with only smaller markets and convenience stores in their immediate vicinity. The Safeway building at 1991 University represents a time when business in the area was gathering momentum and the commercial district included many of the basic stores and services its local population needed. Though the Safeway building has received some alterations and has now been converted into a liquor store, it represents the introduction of a new building type and chain store retail concept into East Palo Alto. At a time when people were experimenting with various ways to accommodate the automobile into the retail environment, East Palo Alto's Safeway presents a solution that combines the traditional with the new.

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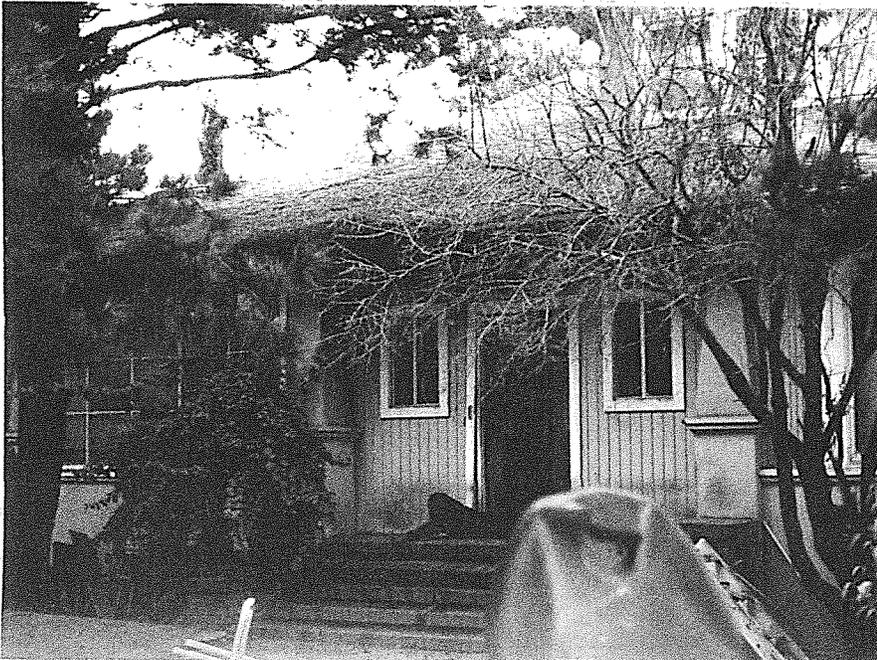
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| 1. Historic name | | Ser. no. | |
| 2. Common or current name | | National Register status 582 | |
| 3. Number & street 2126 University | | Local designation | |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | Cross-corridor | |
| | | Zip 94303 | County San Mateo |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | B 576020 | C 4146400 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-321-050 | Other | |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The Martinelli house at 2126 University Ave. is a large two-story bungalow with a long side-gabled roof. The house is set in a dense residential subdivision. Smooth stucco covers the walls and asphalt shingles protect the roof. The house has a basically square footprint, although a sizable gabled bay projects on the east. The front facade displays the extended horizontal lines typical of the Bungalow Style popular c.1915. Seen from University Ave., battered pylons support what was originally an open front porch on the first floor. It has since been enclosed to create more interior space. A group of replacement doors and windows line the wood walls of these new front rooms. To the left of the front facade, facing north, is a large glazed bay, also supported by pylons, which probably functioned as a sun room originally. Large knee brackets support the long roof of this bay. Returning to the main (north) facade, a large gabled dormer with a triplet of double-hung windows with wooden sash, occupies the center of the roof. (See continuation sheet.)



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
Ina Mae Norman and Pauline Wells
2124 University, East Palo Alto
415/329-1290
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

.ISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) 1919 Original location Yes Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1910s-1920s Property type Domestic structure Context formally developed? Yes

19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

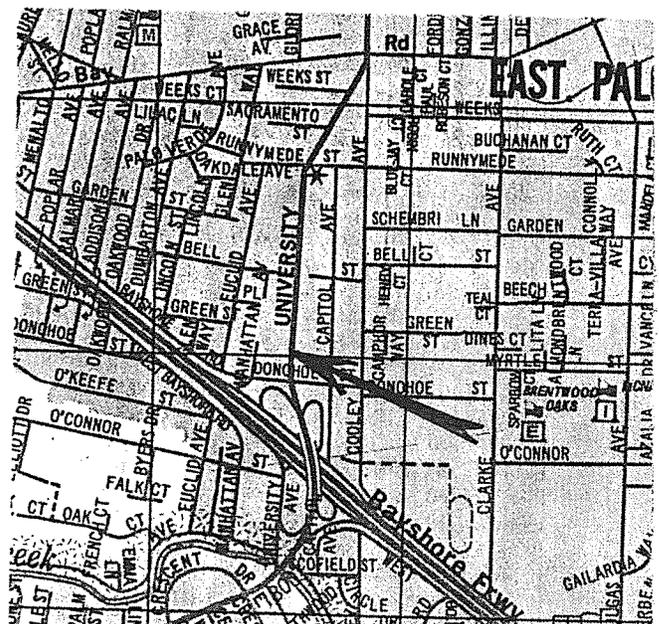
This house at 2126 University Ave. possesses many of the architectural features associated with a Craftsman bungalow. The dwelling's long lines, its extensive outdoor living spaces (such as its sun room and front porch), pylons, ample fenestration, and projecting rafter tails make it a good example of this style. The early owners were Arnold E. and Louise Martinelli, according to a 1922 property map of East Palo Alto. According to the *Runnymede News* (April 1919), Martinelli was a retired businessman, one of many retirees who chose to make his home in Runnymede. With Louise he raised poultry on this ranch until the early 1930s. When Arnold Martinelli died in the mid-1930s, Louise moved to Woodland Avenue and the house became a convalescent home run by Mrs. Linnie Wilson, a widow. (See continuation sheet.)

20. Sources

Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo County, Ca., 1922; *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford* (Willis L. Hall, Publisher, 1919-1920 & 1921-1922); "New Buyers in the Ravenswood Tract," *Runnymede News*, April 1919, vol. 1, no. 20.

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
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- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
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2126 UNIVERSITY CONTINUATION SHEET

DESCRIPTION (continued)

Each dormer window has one over one lights; rafter tails project from the dormer's roof, another feature typical of bungalows. The roof's notably low pitch can be seen especially well on the south facade. Seven heavy knee brackets support the roof's eaves. A tall chimney faced in stucco extends up on this facade. (Its wide fire box tapers to a narrow flue.) Windows of this facade (many of them recent replacements) make up an irregular fenestration. A bay window with two large main lights occupies the center. To the left are two, recent, aluminum, sliding windows (on either side of the chimney), and to the right is a thin, horizontal, sliding window and a pair of double-hung windows toward the rear.

In the rear stands one of East Palo Alto's most notable tankhouses. Thin clapboards clad the building and asphalt tiles sheath the roof. In the center rises a two story portion, which once supported the tankhouse's reservoir. On the west facade it has two wooden double-hung windows with mismatched casings illuminating a second floor space. A gable roof with slight pitch covers this towered form. On either side of the central tower are two spaces used for storage and garage purposes. The central tower flanked by two first floor rooms creates an imposing formal composition, suggesting at a glance the owner's wealth and status.

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

She made numerous changes in the interior of the house. The Martinellis originally held about 4 acres of Faber Tract land, and their farm apparently prospered. Their house was one of the largest and most up-to-date bungalows in East Palo Alto at the time of its construction, and their tankhouse, with its grand tower and symmetrical garages, reified the owner's prosperity.

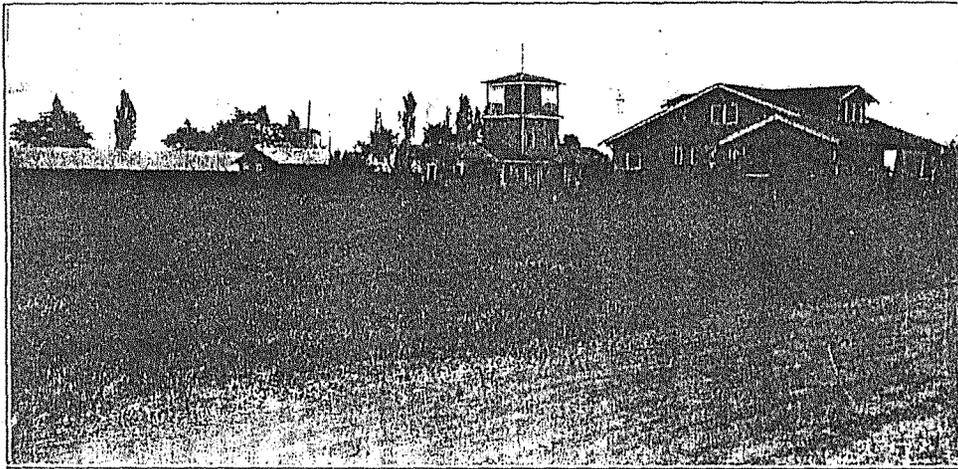
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One Acre (Sept. 1922)

ONE ACRE AND INDEPENDENCE 9/22

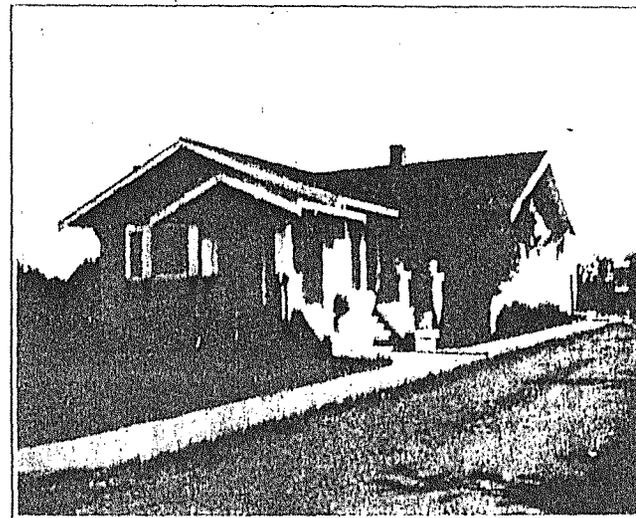
MAKINELLI HOUSE AND TANKHOUSE
(TOP PHOTOGRAPH)

GARDEN HOMES in the Charles Weeks' Colony



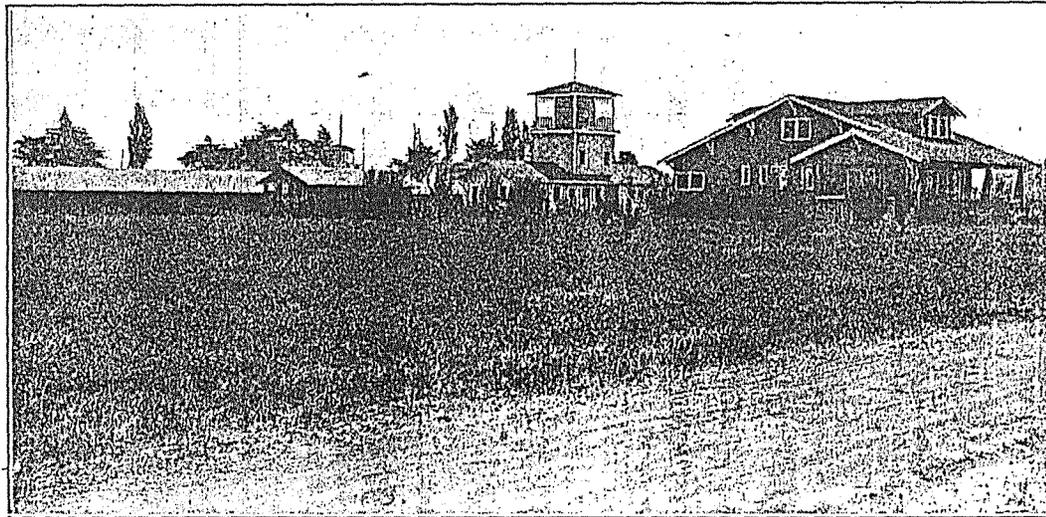
(1) A country estate of a retired business man, a lovely home with all modern devices, garage space for three cars, fully equipped with the latest poultry houses and machinery. Just the sort of a home a successful business man hopes to own.

(2) A lovely modern home housing a happy family. Many branches of intensive cultivation are taken up by these enterprising people, berry growing, fruit raising, incubating, brooding and poultry raising.



Back cover
One Acre (Sept. 1922)
ONE ACRE AND INDEPENDENCE

GARDEN HOMES in the Charles Weeks' Colony



(1) A country estate of a retired business man, a lovely home with all modern devices, garage space for three cars, fully equipped with the latest poultry houses and machinery. Just the sort of a home a successful business man hopes to own.

(2) A 1 1/2 acre lot

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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Historic name | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 4S2 |
| 3. Number & street [^] unknown | Local designation |
| City East Palo Alto | Cross-corridor |
| Vicinity only | Zip 94303 |
| County San Mateo | |
| 4. UTM zone A | B |
| | C |
| | D |
| 5. Quad map No. | Parcel No. unknown |
| | Other |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category building If district, number of documented resources district; 3 resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

This cluster of buildings — a house, a tankhouse, and a barn — are situated in a setting that retains its rural character. They are reached by an unused gravel road, and they are surrounded by open land and overgrown foliage. The house is a simple bungalow clad with thin clapboard siding. A small front porch covered with a gabled roof projects from the right side of the facade. Its supports are plain square posts. The house itself is front-gabled, with widely overhanging eaves, exposed rafters, and large triangular brackets. The roof, covered with asphalt shingles, appears to be in good condition. A triple window, the narrow portion wider than those flanking it, is located to the left of the door. The upper sash has been divided into four narrow, vertical lights, a motif that is echoed in the windows that light the side of the house. Several window panes are broken but other wise the structure appears sound.



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
10. Type of ownership private
11. Present use vacant
12. Zoning
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

14. Construction date(s) unknown Original location Date moved
15. Alterations & date unknown
16. Architect unknown Builder unknown
17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property; 33--Farm/Ranch

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony; Floriculture Area East Palo Alto

Period 1916-1920s Property type residential/agricultural Context formally developed? Yes

19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

Behind a fence and down an unused gravel road in the midst of East Palo Alto's greenhouse operations lie the remnants of a Runnymede farm. The house, the tankhouse, and the barn represent the only remaining Runnymede structures that still may be seen in such a rural setting. It is possible that the tankhouse and its addition, like others in Runnymede, were constructed first to provide an immediate water supply and shelter for the new settlers. In its general outlines it is similar to the extended tankhouse at 2190 Clarke and may suggest what that structure looked like before it was re clad. Early photographs of Runnymede reveal a number of other similar tankhouses in the area. (See continuation sheet.)

20. Sources

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

21. Applicable National Register criteria

22. Other recognition -----

State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----

23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson

Date of evaluation April, 1994

24. Survey type Comprehensive

25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project

26. Year form prepared 1993

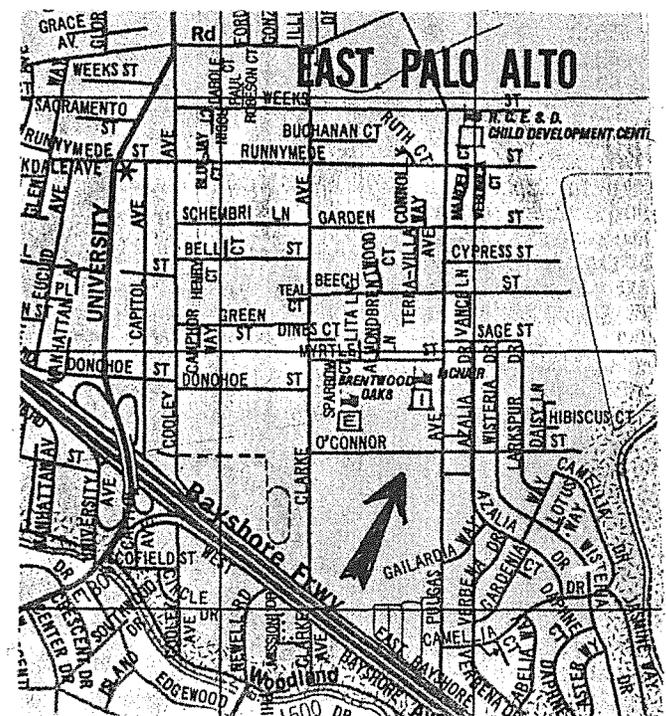
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CONTINUATION SHEET

DESCRIPTION (continued)

To the right of the house stands the tankhouse, augmented by a two-story extension. The right half of the structure, topped with a sturdy platform that rises slightly at the center, once supported the water tank. The two-story addition, which extends to the left, is covered with a shed roof that slopes gently down from the tankhouse platform. The entire structure is clad with narrow clapboard siding similar to the bungalow. Double-hung windows, irregularly placed, light both portions of the structure along with an assortment of other, smaller openings. The main door opens into the tankhouse on the long side facing the gravel road leading into the site. A low lean-to, one story high, projects from the left side of the tankhouse. In the bushes near the lean-to is an old pump, cylindrical in shape.

Behind bungalow and tankhouse is a gabled barn, portions of which are obscured by foliage. The shingled roof is chipping away, and the weathered vertical siding is beginning to burst loose at the bottom. Various openings have been cut into the building to make windows, which are now sagging and without their glazing.

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

Because the bungalow next to it is somewhat more substantial than many of the other cottages constructed in the first portion of Runnymede (where this is located), it is possible that the house was constructed after the family was well settled. It is now relatively rare to find both house and extended tankhouse on the same property. Rarer still is the presence of a barn. Though Charles Weeks did not prescribe a barn as one of the structures necessary to his approach to farming, photographs reveal that a number of colonists constructed them anyway. The barn on this property joins the one at 250 Donohoe as one of the few that remains in East Palo Alto today. The most unusual remnant of Runnymede found on this site is an old pump, nestled in the bushes near the tankhouse. Its cylindrical form closely resembles pumps that were advertised in Runnymede publications during the late 'teens and early 'twenties. Though there is no poultry house in evidence, this cluster of structures, together with its undeveloped setting, is an important fragment of Runnymede's landscape. The long greenhouses that surround them represent the next phase of East Palo Alto's agricultural history.

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Historic name 550 Weeks | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 552 |
| | Local designation |
| 3. Number & street 820 Weeks | Cross-corridor |
| City East Palo Alto | Vicinity only |
| | Zip 94303 |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | County San Mateo |
| | B 576470 |
| | C 4147160 |
| | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. |
| | Other |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The house at 820 Weeks St. is a one story side-gabled residence. An addition with a hipped roof can be seen in back, connecting the main house with the garage behind. The house has thin clapboard siding on its walls, and asphalt shingles on the roof. Seen from Weeks St. on the north, one sees a projecting front-gabled porch in the center. The porch has a segmental arch over the doorway, and is supported by two Tuscan piers. On either side of the central front door, are two sets of triplet windows. Each set features two thin windows with double-hung sash sandwiching a middle fixed window. This square middle window is separated into one large light below with a thin row of four lights above. The east facade features two small double-hung windows on each side of a tall brick chimney, and two pairs of double-hung windows behind. A pair of French doors is visible on the addition's north wall. The dwelling's west wall is punctuated by two square plate glass windows with fixed sash. Louvered attic vents open the gable peaks on both the east and west facades. Especially prominent on the lot are two large black walnut trees which edge Weeks St. The current owner was instrumental in preserving these trees when the county sought to widen Weeks St. Many such mature trees were eliminated in East Palo Alto during widening projects in recent years.



8. Planning Agency
East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address
Larry and Emma Atwater
820 Weeks, East Palo Alto, CA
10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- 14. Construction date(s) c.1928 Original location Yes Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date
- 16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
- Period 1910s-1920s Property type Domestic structure Context formally developed? Yes

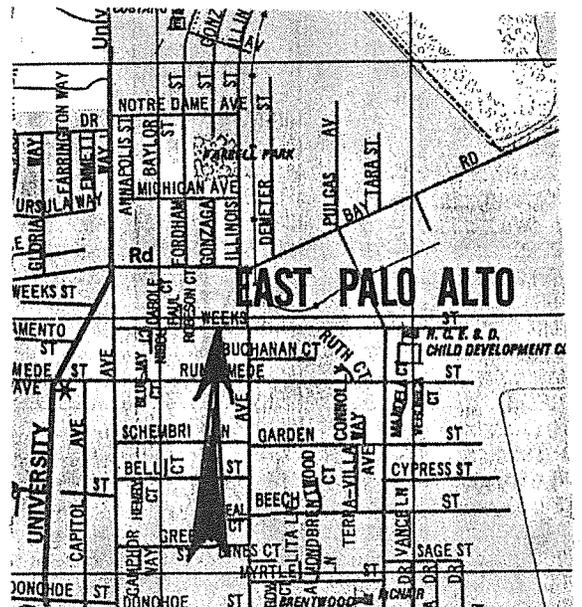
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

The residence at 820 Weeks St. is located in the Weeks Colony's First Addition (begun 1916) , although this house was not built until c. 1925. A 1922 property map of East Palo Alto shows lot 42 to be part of a five acre parcel owned by P.C. Poulson. P.C. Poulson came from Utah and grew corn on his holding, as noted in a *Palo Alto Times* article of May 1918. This article shows a photo of Poulson in his cornfield - but none of his buildings. Poulson sold this land to Lloyd O. and Mary Mayer, who raised poultry on this land in 1921-1922. The first listing for residents at 550 Weeks St. (its previous number) was of Harold C. and Mathilda A. Frewert in 1928. The Frewerts were poultry farmers, who may have built this house at about this time. They continued to farm on this land until the mid-1930s, at least. The dwelling has a cleaner, more polished look to it than many of the bungalows constructed in the 1910s and early 1920s, such as the dwelling at 761 Weeks St. Fascia boards give rooflines a trim, neat look; rafter tails do not protrude as at 761 Weeks St. Knee brackets, typical of earlier bungalows in East Palo Alto, are missing here. (See continuation sheet.)

20. Sources Article in the Palo Alto Times, May 1918; interview with Larry Atwater, July 1993. *Polk's Palo Alto City Directory*, (San Francisco: R.L. Polk, 1928-1940).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

- 21. Applicable National Register criteria
- 22. Other recognition -----
State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
- 23. Evaluator A. Michelson & K. Solomonson
Date of evaluation December 13, 1993
- 24. Survey type Comprehensive
- 25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
- 26. Year form prepared 1993
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820 WEEKS CONTINUATION SHEET

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

Decorative Tuscan piers support the projecting porch, whose arch is neatly molded over the entryway. This arch is a decorative feature not found in simpler earlier designs. The front fenestration is symmetrical, and window muntins are thin and elegant. The house resembles many bungalows illustrated in mass-market plan books published in the late 1920s. The house's polish and size may reflect a prosperous owner and the greater levels of affluence enjoyed during the late 1920s, a period of active building. The house has been owned for over twenty years by Lawrence and Emma Atwater. Lawrence Atwater, a Stanford University employee, has maintained both the house and grounds (especially the two black walnut trees in front) in excellent condition.

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Ser. no.
 National Register status 4S7
 Local designation

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Historic name | Runnymede Clubhouse | | |
| 2. Common or current name | | | |
| 3. Number & street | 906 Weeks | Cross-corridor | |
| City | East Palo Alto | Vicinity only | |
| 4. UTM zone | A 10 | B 576610 | C 4147160 |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | Parcel No. 063-263-010 | Other | D |
| | | | County San Mateo |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

906 Weeks was once Runnymede's community center, known as the Runnymede Club House. (See illustrations on continuation sheet.) After it fell into disuse as a clubhouse by the early 1920s, it was converted into a house. In the process it has undergone a number of changes over the years. The one-story building is a long rectangular structure, the length of its gabled roof running along Weeks Street. Five large brackets have been inserted beneath each gable, and the gable end is closed by a long, horizontal line. Early photographs show that vertical boards of a lighter color than the walls below once filled the gable, but today these have been covered by what appear to be asbestos shingles. The same material clads the rest of the structure, but it is difficult to discern from the existing photographs the original siding they now cover. While it was still a clubhouse, the main door was centered beneath the gable. Today, a similarly positioned door opens onto Clarke Avenue, but it is narrower than it was in 1922. The fenestration at this end of the building has also been changed. When it was still a clubhouse, two vertical, rectangular windows, with eight lights each, flanked the door, one on each side. These, like the rest of the windows lighting the building, appear to be casements. Today, the window on the left is wider, and the one on the right has been converted into a double hung window placed lower in the wall. From early photographs, it appears that the fenestration on the sides of the building consisted of a row of paired windows similar to those in the gable end. This has been disrupted. The Weeks Street facade currently has two double windows at the left end, between which has been inserted a glass door with thin mullions delineating narrow panes around its edges. This end of the building is obscured in early photographs, so it is difficult to discern whether these were there when the building was a clubhouse. (See continuation sheet.)



8. Planning Agency
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 Department
9. Owner & address
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 Darlene J. Excell
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10. Type of ownership Private
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

14. Construction date(s) 1917A Original location Believed to be same Date moved

15. Alterations & date The building has been re clad with asbestos and the fenestration has been altered throughout. While paired casement windows once lined the building's Weeks Street facade, two double hung windows have been added, an undetermined number of original windows have been eliminated, and two pair appear to have been lowered to align with a glass door, which is in character with the structure and may have been added when it was converted into a residence. The door beneath the gable on the Clarke Avenue end has been narrowed.

16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 13--Community Center/Social Hall

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area
 Period 1916-1920s Property type Community building Context formally developed? Yes

19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

906 Weeks Street was once the community center, the place where Runnymede's colonists gathered for social events and to discuss business. When the poultry colony was first founded, its settlers met in each others homes, but Weeks realized that a common space was necessary. In the second addition to Runnymede, he designated one of the lots laid out for a one-acre farm for the community center. Although the site was not particularly central, nor was it set off in any way from the surrounding farms, it was located near the railway spur and the community warehouse, Runnymede's other common structure. There, the community center was constructed.

20. Sources Edna Wolverton, "The Process of Social Life In Runnymede," *One Acre and Independence* (Oct. 1922): 10-11; Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo County, Calif., 1922 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); Map of Ravenswood and East Palo Alto San Mateo County Calif., 1925 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford* (Palo Alto: Willis L. Hall, Publisher, 1919-1920, 1921-1922); *R. L. Polk Directory of Palo Alto*, (San Francisco: R.L. Polk, 1923, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1937, 1940).

Sketch map. Show location and boundaries of property in relation to nearby streets, railways, natural landmarks, etc. Name each feature.

21. Applicable National Register criteria

22. Other recognition -----

State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----

23. Evaluator K. Solomonson

Date of evaluation Sept. 8, 1993

24. Survey type Comprehensive

25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project

26. Year form prepared 1993

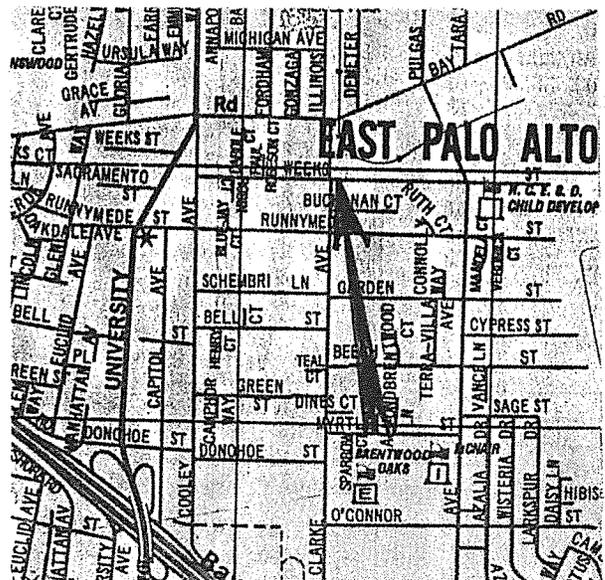
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CONTINUATION SHEET, 906 Weeks

DESCRIPTION (continued)

Door and windows form a well integrated unit, their tops all at the same level, but the windows are set lower than they appear to be in the old photographs. This door may have been inserted and the windows lowered when the building was converted into a house. Another pair of windows, set higher in the wall, appear at the right, and then a larger double hung window, a single casement window, and a smaller double hung window. Though the fenestration has been altered and the building reclad, enough of the building remains intact to get some sense of how it appeared as a clubhouse. It stands on lot 46 of the Charles Weeks Poultry Colony (the second addition to Runnymede). Early photographs show it in the midst of open fields. Today, with the widening of Weeks Street and Clarke Avenue, only a thin strip of yard space separates it from the sidewalk and street.

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

Though it was (and still is) a simple rectangular box, it displays such Craftsman details as the triangular brackets at the gable ends and a broad, low-pitched roof. This building came to be known as the Club House, a place where the colonists met for business meetings, box suppers, musical performances, and other cultural events. It is not clear how many rooms the building contained, but an article in *One Acre and Independence* described a large room where the colonists gathered.

906 Weeks served as a clubhouse for only a short period of time. As Runnymede continued to grow, the building could no longer accommodate all of the colonists. In 1919, a building with four classrooms and an auditorium for Runnymede gatherings was constructed in Woodland Place and named Woods School after Isaiah Woods. (This received a Mission Style addition in the early 1920s and was renamed Ravenswood School, but has since been torn down.) As early as 1919 or 1920, a gardener named James W. Taylor had made the Old Club House (as it came to be known) his home. It appears from city directories that the house was thenceforth occupied by people who made their living from something other than farming. For example, Guy R. Payne, who lived there with his wife Jennie probably from 1923 into at least the 1940s, was involved with insurance. This makes sense, since the building occupied a larger portion of its lot than the typical Runnymede house, thus limiting possible agricultural activity. Though the building has been somewhat clumsily altered in its cladding and fenestration, as Runnymede's clubhouse, it is a particularly important historic resource in East Palo Alto.

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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Historic name | Ser. no. |
| 2. Common or current name | National Register status 5S2 |
| 3. Number & street 965 Weeks | Local designation |
| City East Palo Alto | Cross-corridor |
| Vicinity only | Zip 94303 |
| 4. UTM zone A 10 | County San Mateo |
| B 576730 | D |
| 5. Quad map No. 1558 | C 4147210 |
| Parcel No. | Other. |

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources
7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

965 Weeks is a tankhouse has been converted into a residence through a variety of additional features. The tankhouse itself is similar to those found throughout the Weeks Poultry Colony area. It reaches two stories up to a sturdy wooden platform covered with an extremely shallow gable. This supported a water tank, now missing. Two rectangular double-hung windows, placed close to the corners, light each side of the second story, while paired windows light one side of the first.

At the front of the tankhouse, a gabled porch with a shake roof suggests its domestic character. The gable end is filled with the same narrow clapboard siding that clads the tankhouse itself. Below this, a wider siding, added later, encloses the porch, and aluminum sliders provide light. A door cut into the left side of the porch now provides access to the building. At the back of the building, a one-story extension expands the limited living space within the tankhouse. This appears to be connected to the garage, at the left, which is also attached to the house by a low passageway. Gabled shake roofs shelter garage and extension, both of which are clad with narrow clapboard siding similar to the tankhouse. Additional rectangular windows light the garage, three on the north side and one on the east, and wide, hinged, double wooden door provides access. (See continuation sheet.)



8. Planning Agency
 East Palo Alto Planning Department
9. Owner & address Unknown
10. Type of ownership Unknown
11. Present use Residential
12. Zoning R-1-5000
13. Threats Private development

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

14. Construction date(s) 1917A Original location Believed to be same Date moved
15. Alterations & date The gabled porch has been enclosed with wider clapboard siding than the main structure and aluminum sliders have been inserted to light it. A rear addition with clapboard siding and a gabled roof has been appended to the rear at an unknown date. It could have been added not long after the tankhouse's construction.
16. Architect Unknown Builder Unknown
17. Historic attributes (with number from list) 02--Single Family Property; 33--Farm/Ranch

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

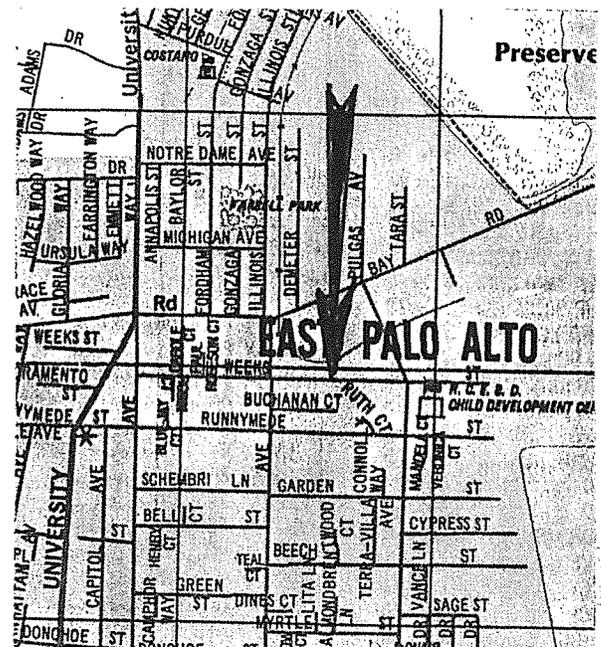
18. Context for evaluation: Theme Runnymede: The Charles Weeks Poultry Colony Area East Palo Alto
 Period 1916-1920s Property type residential/agricultural Context formally developed? Yes
19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

The tankhouse-residence located at 965 Weeks stands on the berry farm run by Edward and Ida Tobin at Runnymede's peak. The Tobins held four lots in the second addition to Runnymede (they were among this section's first settlers) just beside the spur track that looped down between Bay Road and Weeks Street. Professor L. Barnier of the University of California wrote that the Tobins raspberries were two and a half times the size of ordinary Logans, and they had be advantage of growing on thorn-free bushes. Their location next to the track was convenient, for they shipped their loganberries to San Francisco. Today, the area the Tobins once cultivated remains wide open and undeveloped. (See continuation sheet.)

20. Sources Professor L. Barnier, 'A Dream Come True,' *One Acre and Independence* (Aug. 1922): 12; *PA Times*, 19 May 1922; San Mateo County, Assessors Records (printout in the archives of the San Mateo County Historical Association); Map of the Subdivisions at Runnymede, San Mateo County, Calif., 1922 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); Map of Ravenswood and East Palo Alto San Mateo County Calif., 1925 (collection of Palo Alto Historical Association); *Directory of Palo Alto, Mayfield, Runnymede, and Stanford* (Willis L. Hall, Publisher, 1919-1920 & 1921-1922).

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21. Applicable National Register criteria
22. Other recognition -----
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) -----
23. Evaluator K. Solomonson
 Date of evaluation September 7, 1994
24. Survey type Comprehensive
25. Survey name East Palo Alto History Project
26. Year form prepared 1993
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CONTINUATION SHEET 965 Weeks

DESCRIPTION (continued)

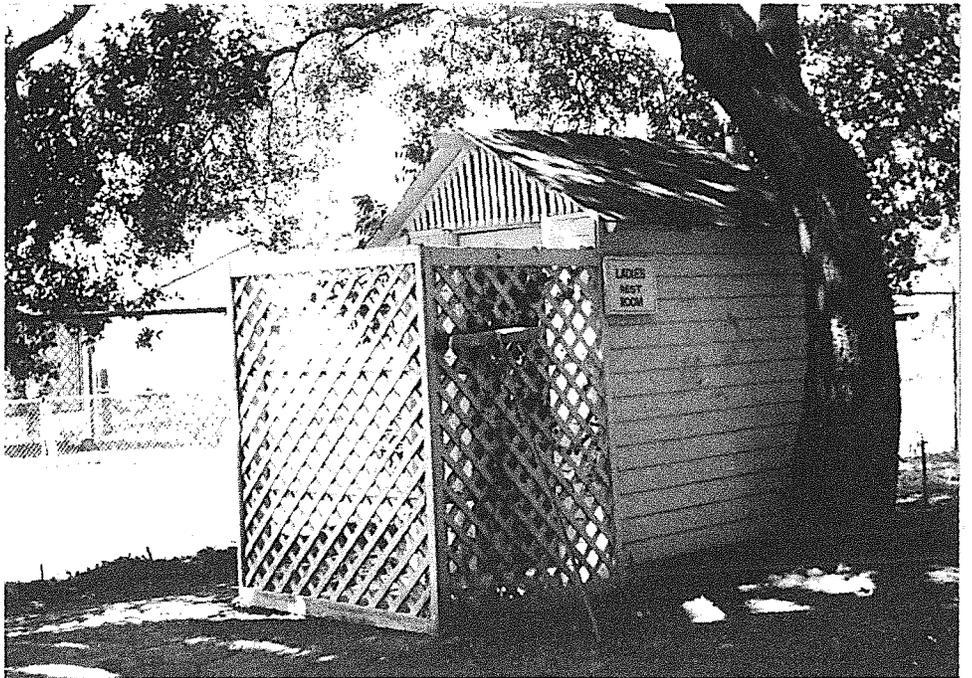
Today, tankhouse and garage are painted a bright turquoise with pink trim, which have grown somewhat faded, and grills protect some of the lower windows. The garage doors are beginning to splinter, and some of the siding has slipped out of alignment, but otherwise the structures are in fairly good condition. They now stand in a broad open space devoid of other development.

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION (continued)

Because the Tobins were not poultry farmers, it is unlikely that there was ever a poultry house on this property. In fact, it is possible that there were few other structures on the site than those that remain today.

The extensions added to the tankhouse may represent the Tobin's own efforts to turn their tankhouse into a residence. This was not uncommon in Runnymede. Since the tankhouse was often the first structure built on a Runnymede farm, some families lived in their tankhouses while their homes were under construction. Others made the tankhouse their permanent home with the addition of several rooms. 2190 Clarke, for example, combines a tankhouse with a two-story addition and a small porch. Old photographs reveal a number structures like this in the early days of Runnymede. Less usual is the broad, low porch appended to the Tobin's tankhouse. The residence possibly grew by accretion, the back extension added as needed. Since many Runnymede colonists owned automobiles, the garage could be original to the Tobin farm.

965 Weeks suggests one way in which the agricultural tankhouse was domesticated in Runnymede, and it also represents more recent changes in East Palo Alto's cultural landscape. The intensity of its bright turquoise and pink color scheme, covering paint that was once a weathered brown, is showing up in other parts of the city as the area's Mexican population has increased. On its wide sweep of land, 965 Weeks suggests what the Tobin property may once have been like, minus the berries. Though the immediate area has changed, it presents an abbreviated glimpse of Runnymede's open expanse, punctuated by vertical tankhouses such as this.



CONTINUATION SHEET. PALO ALTO PARK MUTUAL WATER DISTRICT

Description (continued)

On the other side of the property stands a broad tank or pump house. This building is approximately square in plan. Its battered walls, which slope up to support a shallow gabled roof, are clad with clapboard siding painted white. The roof has exposed rafters. Lighting the interior are two horizontally proportioned windows (side by side), one double, the other triple. Because these windows were taken from other older buildings to replace the originals, the appearance of the original windows is uncertain. A rectangular doorway, set off-center to the left on one side, gives access to an interior which continues to house pumping equipment. These structures are all meticulously maintained.

Significance and evaluation (continued)

The sloping concavity that remains on this site, as well as chunks of concrete that lined it, are among the few tangible remnants of the large nineteenth-century land holdings that once covered the East Palo Alto area.

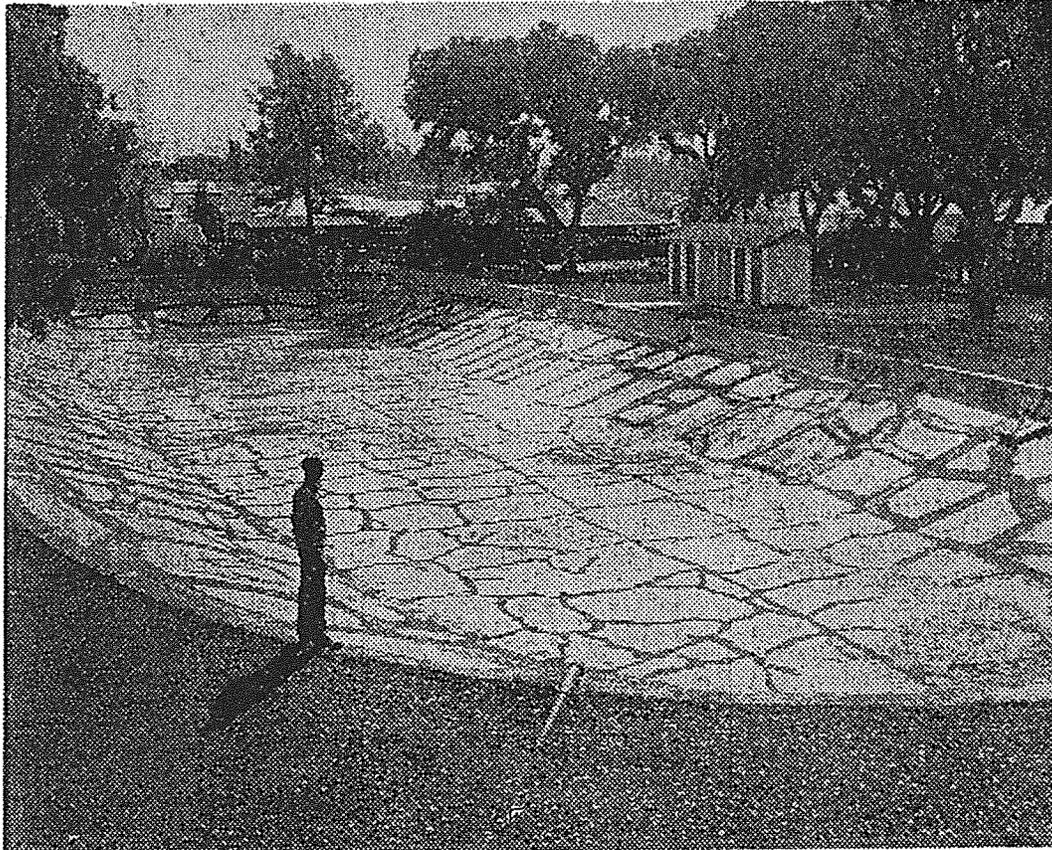
In addition to recreation, the Donohoe swimming pool was also used as a reservoir. It is possible that Edward Donohoe irrigated a prune orchard with water from the pool. By 1915, A.B. Partee rented it to irrigate his own prunes and strawberries. During World War I, the U.S. Army transformed the site into Camp Remount, a horse and mule depot associated with Camp Fremont in Menlo Park. In 1955 (just before the pool was decimated), a local resident recalled that soldiers from Camp Fremont used to swim in the pool, which served primarily to water the animals.

The 1920s saw a transition from military and agricultural use back to recreation. East Palo Alto's good climate and country atmosphere made it an attractive country retreat for urban families. People who later bought property in the area camped out around the pool during the first half of the decade. Then, in 1925, the Koff Realty Company acquired the pool and the area around it and transformed it into the subdivision of Palo Alto Park. It was conceived as a resort area where people might spend weekends and summers, but some residents chose to live there year round. The pool and the park around it provided the development's centerpiece and contributed to its resort-like atmosphere. The Palo Alto Park Mutual Water Company, which continues to operate on this site, was founded to provide a centralized water supply. Its operation was turned over to the residents of Palo Alto Park in 1929.

Except for a brief period during World War II, when it once again served as a reservoir (to maintain an emergency water supply), the pool continued to be used for recreation, averaging more than 300 swimmers per day by the early 1950s. In 1955, Palo Alto Park residents came to the reluctant conclusion that their swimming pool could no longer be maintained. Because it lacked automatic chlorinating and filter systems, it could not meet the county's public health requirements. Because it would cost a prohibitive sixteen to thirty thousand dollars to bring the pool up to code, residents resigned themselves to giving it up. It was replaced by a new, modern pool constructed by the Ravenswood Recreation and Park District at University and Bell. The abandoned Donohoe pool was completely filled in by 1958.

It is likely that the tankhouse and the two restrooms on the site were constructed during the early development of Palo Alto Park during the 1920s. The stout tankhouse, which survives in excellent condition, shelters the pumping equipment that filled the pool and provided water to the subdivision's houses. With its gabled roof and broad proportions (due to the amount of equipment it houses), it contrasts with the smaller individual tankhouses that once irrigated Runnymede's ranches. As such, it represents the 1920s transition in East Palo Alto from independent to centralized water management. Standing among the oaks, these structures, along with some of the tiny cottages sprinkled throughout the subdivision, represent a period when a large land holding that had once belonged to a single family was transformed into a sunny resort-like subdivision.

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POOL TO BE CLOSED—The swimming pool in Palo Alto Park, an East Palo Alto residential area, will not open when swimming time comes around next month. Residents have decided that the cost of improvements to bring the

pool up to standards required by the county health department is too high. They're now considering what to do with the new property. Here Harry Wilcoxon, water company superintendent, looks at the empty pool.

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

(State use)

City _____ State _____

Lat _____ Lon _____ Era _____ Sig _____

Adm _____ T2 _____ T3 _____ Cat _____ HABS _____ HAER _____ Fed _____

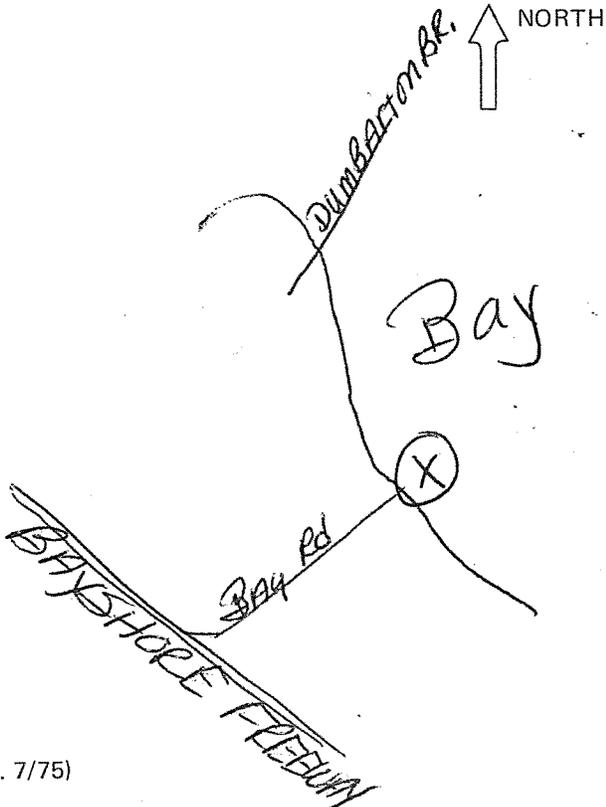
IDENTIFICATION

- Common name: Cooley Landing
- Historic name, if known: _____
- Street or rural address S.F. Bay Front
 City: East Palo Alto ZIP: _____ County: San Mateo
- Present owner, if known: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ ZIP: _____ Ownership is: Public Private
- Present Use: _____ Original Use: _____
 Other past uses: _____

DESCRIPTION

- Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
No longer in existence

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



- Approximate property size:
 Lot size (in feet) Frontage _____'
 Depth _____';
 or approx. acreage _____.
- Condition: (check one)
 a. Excellent b. Good c. Fair
 d. Deteriorated e. No longer in existence
- Is the feature a. Altered? b. Unaltered?
- Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary)
 a. Open land b. Scattered buildings
 c. Densely built-up d. Residential
 e. Commercial f. Industrial
 g. Other _____
- Threats to site:
 a. None known b. Private development
 c. Zoning d. Public Works project
 e. Vandalism f. Other _____
- Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): _____

NOTE: The following (Items 14-19) are for structures only.

14. Primary exterior building material: a. Stone b. Brick c. Stucco d. Adobe e. Wood
f. Other _____
15. Is the structure: a. On its original site? b. Moved? c. Unknown?
16. Year of initial construction 1853 This date is: a. Factual b. Estimated
17. Architect (if known): _____
18. Builder (if known): _____
19. Related features: a. Barn b. Carriage house c. Outhouse d. Shed(s) e. Formal garden(s)
f. Windmill g. Watertower/tankhouse h. Other _____ i. None

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Adams and Co. of S.F. (President Isaiah C. Woods) purchased 3,673.76 acres from owners of Rancho de las Pulgas. Caused subdivision of new town "Ravenswood" to be laid out near eastern end of where Bay road now runs. Wharf was constructed (all because they thought the railroad was coming through). The RR abandoned its plans. Wharf known as Cooley's Landing was named for Lester Phillip Cooley, purchaser of ranch adjacent to townsh~~de~~ development. Only one steamer landed, Jenny Lind, in 1853. The steamer exploded. Site now the county dump.

21. Main theme of the historic resource: (Check only one): a. Architecture b. Arts & Leisure
c. Economic/Industrial d. Exploration/Settlement e. Government f. Military
g. Religion h. Social/Education

22. Sources: List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates:

23. Date form prepared: Feb. 1977 By (name): _____
Address: _____ City _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Organization: _____

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