

State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code 1D

Other Listings
Review Code

Reviewer

Date

Page 1 of 4 *Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder): Vossberg House

P1. Other identifier: None

*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted

*a. County Santa Cruz County

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a location map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Santa Cruz Date Revised 1994 T .11 S. ; R .2 W. ; Mount Diablo B.M.

c. Address: 313 Chestnut St. City Santa Cruz Zip 95060

d. UTM:(give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S ; 586326 mE/ 4092024 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

west side of Chestnut Street between Maple and Taylor Streets.

APN# 006-502-10

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

The one-story Victorian-era cottage located at 313 Chestnut St. exhibits many Stick style details, including the decorated king-post trusses at the gable ends, the Italianate corbels above each of the porch posts, the openwork brackets between the porch posts, and the diagonal porch handrail design. The gabled form and square bay window, original materials such as channel rustic siding and enclosed soffits, and other ornate details provide important contributions to the late nineteenth century character of the design. This building is a known contributor to the National Register of Historic Places Downtown Neighborhood District.

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

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



P5b. Description of Photo:
(View, date, accession #)
View facing west, 2009.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

☒ Historic ☐ Prehistoric ☐ Both
ca. 1889-1892, Santa Cruz Voter
Reg., about 120 years old

*P7. Owner and Address:

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

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*P9. Date Recorded: 5/6/09

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Intensive

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none".)

Santa Cruz Historic Building Survey - Vol. III, Department of Planning and Community
Development, City of Santa Cruz, 2012.

*Attachments:

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

DPR 523A (1/95)

* Required Information

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Vossberg House

B1. Historic Name: None

B2. Common Name: 313 Chestnut St.

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Stick

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

Constructed sometime between 1889 and 1892. Repaired in 1990 (SC BP # B90-060).

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

Original Location: n/a

*B8. Related Features:

Rear ancillary building.

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Architecture

Area: Central

Period of Significance: early 1890s

Property Type: Residential

Applicable Criteria: A(1), C(3)

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

The residence was built sometime between 1889 and 1892, as part of the Weeks Tract which was first recorded on April 15, 1889. The first known resident was Gottlob Vossberg, a native of Germany who came to the United States as a child. It is not known if Vossberg actually owned the property or just resided in the house, but in the 1890s he was known to be working in Capitola as a cook. By 1900, the residence was occupied by Joseph Lawrence, a widower from New York who worked as a teamster and lived in the house with his children. By 1920, the house was owned by Vicente and Adele Dominguez. Vicente worked as an oven tender at the Santa Cruz Portland Cement Company. The Dominguez's occupied the house with their three children until the late 1930s, and over the next half century the residence was occupied by a myriad of tenants and/or owners. In 1990, the house was repaired from earthquake damaged sustained in the 1989 earthquake.

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

*B12. References:

City of Santa Cruz building permits.
 City of Santa Cruz Standard Map, 1929.
 Lehmann, Susan. Historic Context Statement for City of Santa Cruz. 2000.
 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1886-1950.
 Polk. R. L., Santa Cruz City Directory. 1892, 1902, 1916-1989.
 U.S. Federal Census, 1900-1930.

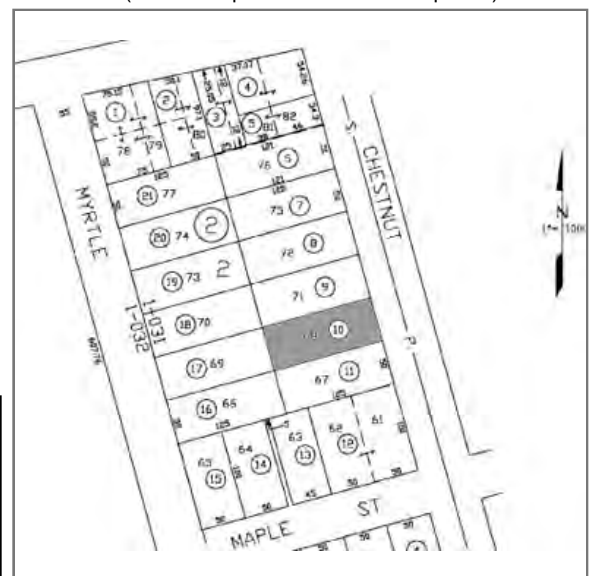
B13. Remarks: None

*B14. Evaluator: Leslie Dill

*Date of Evaluation: May 6, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)





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CONTINUATION SHEET

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* Date 5/6/2009

☒ Continuation ☐ Update

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SIGNIFICANCE

The property is listed on the National Register as a contributor to the Downtown Neighborhood Historic District under National Register Criteria A and C, and is therefore also listed on the California Register of Historical Resources. The early persons associated with the early construction and use of the building are not known well, with Gottlob Vossberg and then Joseph Lawrence being the only early occupants known for certain. Little is known about these early residents and neither appear to be persons that were important to the development of the local community. The property's eligibility thus is not related to historic personages under Criterion (2).

When considered for listing within the Historic Building Survey of the City of Santa Cruz however, the property meets the following criteria:

1. The building is a significant example of the built environment heritage of the City as a representative of a Victorian-era building; and
5. The building is recognized as possessing special aesthetic merit or value as a building with quality of architecture and that retains sufficient features showing its Stick style architectural significance; and/or
6. The building is recognized as possessing distinctive stylistic characteristics or workmanship significant for the study of the Victorian period; and
7. The building retains sufficient integrity to accurately convey its significance.

Integrity

The property maintains most of its apparent historical integrity as per the National Register's seven aspects of integrity. It maintains its original location on Chestnut Street, in downtown Santa Cruz, in an area developed mostly in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; it is still surrounded by much, but not all of its apparent historic setting, including surrounding houses of similar age, scale and design and parcels with similar setbacks, parking, and streetscape. It retains its residential scale and feeling and continues, through its form, massing and detailing, to illustrate its associations with minor patterns of residential design and development in the late nineteenth century. The house retains its integrity with its Victorian-era Stick style.