

PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code

Other Listings
Review Code

Reviewer

Date

Page 1 of 4 *Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder): Bruce-Pait 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 Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted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: 111 Mott Ave.

City Santa Cruz Zip 95060

d. UTM:(give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S ; 588234 mE/ 4091450 mN

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

west side of Mott Avenue between Brook Avenue and Forbes Street. APN# 010-283-04

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

Although altered by replacement siding, many elements and details of this vernacular National style house at 111 Mott Ave. indicate that it was built sometime in the 1890s. The one-and-one-half-story house is constructed in a roughly symmetrical design and has a steeply pitched gable roof with a full-width front porch. The house features narrow 2/2 double-hung windows with slender muntins and a distinctive angled, tripartite window at the corner, similar to a bay window, which offered a view to Seabright Beach at the end of Mott Avenue. This house was constructed as a summer home, and sits within a neighborhood of similar scaled beach houses that has developed over an extended period of time, containing both old and new buildings of similar proportions. The single car garage that was previously associated with the property was demolished in 1971. Recent alterations to the building include a new foundation, a remodeled interior, repairs to the front and back porches, and replacement of the exterior wall cladding in 1992.

*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. 1894, visual, about 116 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:

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

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*P9. Date Recorded: 1/9/13

*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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation Sheet | <input type="checkbox"/> District Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Art Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (List): |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Map | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building, Structure, and Object Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Linear Feature Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Artifact Record | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sketch Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Milling Station Record | <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph Record | |

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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*NRHP/CRHR Status Code 5S3

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Bruce-Pait House

B1. Historic Name: None

B2. Common Name: 111 Mott St.

B3. Original Use: Single family residential

B4. Present Use: Single family residential

*B5. Architectural Style: National

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

Constructed ca. 1894. Alterations to property including new foundation, replacement of front and back porches, replace roof (SC BP #92-669, October 1, 1992).

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

Original Location: n/a

*B8. Related Features:

None. Single car garage was demolished (SC BP #18135, September 28, 1971).

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme Resort and Recreation

Area: Seabright

Period of Significance: 1890s

Property Type: Residential

Applicable Criteria: None

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

The house at 111 Mott St. was constructed as a summer home for Starr Manfield Bruce and her husband, Governor Morris Bruce who resided on Stockton Avenue in San Jose. The Bruce family purchased the lot from Mary F. Thorndike in 1894. Thorndike purchased the lot from Foster Mott in 1887. The beachfront community of Seabright, east of the early city limits of Santa Cruz, was first established in the mid-to-late 1880s with the creation of three residential subdivisions adjacent to the beach between the San Lorenzo River and Woods Lagoon (now the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor). Named after Sea Bright, New Jersey, by native New Yorker Foster Mott (a Sacramento farmer who was the first to subdivide property in this area), it quickly grew into a resort community reached by a new railroad station that first served the area in 1876. Mott Street is named for Foster Mott. By the 1920s, when the subdivisions had been built out, Seabright had been annexed into the City of Santa Cruz (in 1905) and a commercial strip had grown along Seabright Avenue. This development served both summer visitors as well as a

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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.
Cordes, Barbara Pait. Personal communication. 12/13/12
Lehmann, Susan. Historic Context Statement for City of Santa Cruz. 2000. Polk. R. L., Santa Cruz City Directory. 1892, 1902, 1916-1989.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1886-1950.
U.S. Federal Census, 1880, 1900-1930.

B13. Remarks: None

*B14. Evaluator: Leslie Dill

*Date of Evaluation: January 9, 2013

(This space reserved for official comments.)

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)



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* Map Name: Santa Cruz, Calif.

* Scale: n.t.s.

* Date of Map: 1954 (revised 1994)



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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
CONTINUATION SHEET

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more permanent population that had settled in later residential subdivisions to the north of the railroad tracks.

The Bruce family moved from Illinois to the San Jose area by the 1880s. Noted as a 'capitalist' in the 1880s census, earlier census data describes Bruce as a dry goods merchant. Information from extended family members indicate that he was a Civil War veteran. The house was then owned purchase by Mary and George Pait. George and Mary Pait lived on Cypress Street with their son, Charles. George Pait was a carpenter. When he died in 1930, Mary continued to live on Cypress Street with Charles. Charles was a general building carpenter and was married to Virginia Curtner Pait. In 1987 the house was quit claimed to their daughter, Barbara Pait Cordes, who is the current owner. A single-car garage was demolished in 1971. In the 1990s, Barbara Pait Cordes installed a new foundation, remodeled and repaired the interior and apparently replaced the exterior wall cladding.

SIGNIFICANCE

The property was not found eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources. The building is not individually significant to the development of the Seabright neighborhood, and thus would not appear to be eligible under Criterion (1). The early persons associated with the building are not individually significant and as such, the property would not appear to be eligible for the California Register under Criterion (2). The specific architect of the building has not yet been identified, and it was not found eligible for listing under Criterion (3), as the building, although a very good representative of beach house architecture in the National style, is not individually distinctive as a representative of the late nineteenth century.

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 ca. 1894 building constructed to serve Santa Cruz's emerging population during the later part of the nineteenth century; and
5. The building possesses special aesthetic merit and value due to its quality of National style architecture, retaining sufficient features that show its architectural significance; 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 Mott Avenue, in the Seabright neighborhood of Santa Cruz; 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 patterns of residential design and development in the late nineteenth century. The cottage has been altered with new siding, but retains much of its integrity with the National style, including its steep roof, low eaves, 2/2 windows, projecting porch design, and corner bay window. Because of the alterations, it is difficult to evaluate the original materials and workmanship for historical integrity from a sidewalk-type survey.