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# 7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"The tower is a circular, well constructed, cut ashlar sandstone edifice, formerly with a similarly constructed sandstone arch passing over the road between the tower and a miniature tower on the nearby hillside. The battlemented stone portion of the tower is surmounted by a wooden superstructure; this consists of several turned wood pillars supporting a conical roof of low profile.

"Originally the open space under the roof was partially enclosed in a wood framed 'office' with slat-shingles, painted in striped patterns. In the lower stone portion of the tower were two doors with glassed transoms, each with eight lights, and four windows of double-hung design, having twelve lights. The whole structure is positioned on a rocky promontory overlooking Raccoon Straits of San Francisco Bay, and Angel Island. Surrounding the tower at ground level is a bettlemented parapet."

> --- Dr. Joseph A. Baird, Jr., Professor of Art and Architectural History, University of California, Davis (Complete text of letter enclosed)

Measurements: Tower is 14 feet, three inches high from floor to top of the stone parapet (bottom of crenel) and the wood structure rises 12 feet more to the point of the roof. Outside diameter is 15 feet, ten inches.

Dimensions of the original archway, plotted from an early photograph, are as follows: .

Smaller circular stone tower at foot of hill: 5 ft. in diameter, 15 ft. in height (road level to top of bettlements).

Distance between stone towers (face of stone to face of stone): 14 feet, eight inches. Stone archway: height (road level to bottom of keystone) 11 ft., 3 inches width

(face of stone to face of stone) 13 ft. point of spring 5 ft. above road

Thickness 1 foot

Height of bettlements above ground (road) 14 ft. 2 in.

Alterations: 1. Removal of archway and smaller stone tower

- 2. Removal of second floor of main tower, shingled second-floor walls and original stairway, following deterioration from exposure and vandalism.
- NOTE: Enclosed please find early photo of tower and archway, and photo of the tower as it appears today.



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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

<u>Period</u>: Lyford's Stone Tower was build by Dr. Benjamin Lyford about 1889 as a gatehouse and office at the entrance to the southern portion of his development (first subdivision on the Tiburon Peninsula), Lyford's Hygeia or Goddess of Health. The archway and miniature tower (described in 7) were torn down when the road was widened in the 1920's but the main tower is still standing.

A major historical landmark with strong visual impact, the tower has served generations of residents and visitors as a stopping place and overlook. It represents continuity for all ages, and pride in our sultural heritage.

<u>Architecture</u>: "The structure conforms to a simplified form of Richardson Romanesque executed in fine local materials. The building, in its basic form, is well preserved. Although the interior is stripped of its fittings, including the stairway and flooring of a second story, with only the fireplace remaining, the overall integrity of the structure is first rate. The tower is a sturdy and compelling instance of early stone architecture, rarely found. This is a major work of historical design, with important local associations and a close connection with national trends in architecture."

--Dr. Joseph A. Baird, Jr.

<u>History</u>: "Lyford's Tower has an exceptional place in the history of the Tiburon Peninsula, being the only tangible reminder and survivor of a pioneer and exceedingly interesting piece of land development along Utopian lines. It is one of the most important historic structures in Marin County."

--Dr. Joseph A. Baird, Jr.

<u>Conservation</u>: Because the tower site is on a point of land sloping down to the water, it offers the potential of development as public access to the shore -- one of the few such points remaining in the local area -- plus a shelter for ped-estrians and bicyclists in the tower itself.

## **9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Map No. 3 of Lyford's Hygeia. 1889. Marin County Recorder's Office.

Photostatic copy in files of Landmarks Advisory Committee.

Lyford's Hygeia or Goddess of Health. 1895. Xerox copy in files of Landmarks Advisory Committee.

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Lyford's Stone Tower is located on a high point of land on Paradise Drive, overlooking Raccoon Straits of San Francisco Bay. The site is irregular in shape, extending about 54 feet along Paradise Drive and 97 feet along the shore.

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<u>Re: Architect</u>, Gustav Albert Behrnd. He is listed as an architect in <u>Langley's</u> <u>San Francisco Directory</u><sup>(1)</sup> from 1885 through 1907 with these exceptions: 1890 through 1894, 1896 and 1897. Behrnd's known work includes five buildings in San Francisco, two in Sausalito, and one in San Leandro. According to local Tiburon stories, Behrnd designed Lyford's Tower and provided other architectural services for Lyford in payment, or in return for, a lot in Lyford's Hygeia.<sup>(3)</sup>

Behrnd's residence was "Lyford's Point, Marin County" from 1902 through 1907, (4) according to the city directories. In 1909 he lived in Midlake, Lake County. (4) When his wife died in 1913 he still resided there. <sup>(5)</sup> After that we know nothing of him. The Department of Health in Sacramento has no record of his death in California.

- (1) Rare Book Special Collections Room, San Francisco Public Library
- (2) <u>California Architectural & Building News</u>, San Francisco, 1880-1900. Courtesy of Dr. Joseph A. Baird, Jr.
- (3) One long-time resident, the later J. F. C. von Rosen, who knew Behrnd, related this in an interview about 1956 with Mrs. Louise Teather, local historian and member of the Tiburon Landmarks Advisory Committee. Records in the Marin County Recorder's Office show that Lyford transferred Lot 4, Section 6, of Lyford's Hygeia to Behrnd's wife, Anna, on February 27, 1901, and that she deeded it to her husband on September 17, 1904.
- (4) Behrnd sold Lot 4, Section 6 to the Hotaling Banking Co. on June 16, 1909 (Marin County Recorder's Office).
- (5) Behrnd was informant as to details of his wife's death on December 15, 1913 (death certificate, County Recorder, Lake County).

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<u>Re: History of "Utopian" development</u>: The term Utopian was used in the medical/health sense and did not refer to a visionary socio-political colony. Lyford is believed to have been influenced by the example of Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, British physician and pioneer in public health work, and particularly by Richardson's address on "Hygeia, A City of Health" in Brighton, England, in 1875. The address appeared in book form. <sup>(6)</sup> Richardson extolled the idea of health and happiness through sanitation and the elimination of disease, all subjects in which Lyford as a physician was greatly interested.

"Medical-Utopia" was the theme of Dr. Benjamin Lyford's residential development, Lyford's Hygeia. The first sentence in the 1895 pamphlet about the development reads: "The one supreme possession of man... is health." Lyford appears to have been motivated by a wish to provide homes in a healthy environment as well as a desire for profit and prestige.

Lyford worked as an embalmer outside Gettysburg prior to the Civil War. He did participate in the Civil War, afterward becoming a physician with a private practice in San Francisco.

Lyford also had a large dairy farm and house on nearby Strawberry Point.

Lyford was married to Hilarita Reed, daughter of land grantee John Reed, from whom she had inherited much property including the southern end of the Tiburon Peninsula. Lyford subdivided part of this property, naming it Lyford's Hygeia or Goddess of Health.<sup>(7)</sup> The first subdivision on the Tiburon Peninsula, its street pattern followed the contours of the land instead of being laid out in gridiron form as were many subdivisions of the day. The subdivision is now part of the City of Tiburon, suburban area on San Francisco Bay.

- (6) The book formerly was in the California State Library but is no longer to be found there. A zeroz copy was obtained from the Edinburgh, Scotland, Public Library.
- (7) First map dated 1883. Stone Tower first shown on 1889 map (Marin County Recorder's Office)

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"It (Lyford's Stone Tower) is 'Richardsonian' because of its <u>overall design</u> (heavy arch over road, medievalizing tower now standing), but also because of its <u>rough-faced</u> <u>stone of a warm tone</u>. It is obviously not <u>by</u> Richardson, but is very clearly 'Richardsonian' by the well accepted standards of that **maxx**" era." (1)

> (1) Statement by Dr. Joseph A. Baird, Jr., architectural historian, UC/Davis.

NOTE: In the Glossary of architectural terms in <u>Here Today, San Francisco's</u> <u>Architectural Heritage</u> (Chronicle Books, San Francisco, 1968), with which Doctor Baird assisted, descriptive terms under "Romanesque" also apply to Lyford's Tower: "Generally characterized by use of semicircular arches, extremely solid masonry construction, heavy piers."

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