United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name	e Tult a	Jua K.	+ 1 1- 1- 1 √ 1			
historic	Joshua B. Tuft	Joshua B. Tufts-Longview-Anderson Home				
and/or common	Longview Schoo	Longview School or Tufts-Longview-Anderson Hone				
2. Loca	tion					
street & number	434 'J' Street			not for publication		
city, town	Davis	vicinity of	congressional district	4th		
state	Californiacode	06 county	Yolo	code 113		
3. Class	sification					
districtX building(s) structure	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered	Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible X yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:		
4. Own	er of Propert	ty				
name	Valerie Jones			1. A		
street & number	434 'J' Street					
city, town	Davis	vicinity of	state	California 95616		
5. Loca	tion of Lega	l Descripti	on			
courthouse, regist	try of deeds, etc.	Yolo County Re	corder's Office			
street & number	725 Main Stree	t				
city, town	Woodland		state	California		
6. Repr	esentation i	n Existing	Surveys			
Davis title	s Historic Landmark	has this pr	operty been determined el	legible? yes no		
De cen date	mber 1971		federal sta	te county _ <u>X</u> local		
depository for sur	vey records Davis H	istorical and Cul	tural Commission			
city, town ²²⁶	'F' Street, Davis		state	California		

Condition excellent good fair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	Check one unaltered altered	Check one original site moved date	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

The Tufts Home is located on the southeast corner of Fifth and J Street in the town of Davis, California. The house is situated in the middle of two city lots with an additional purchased lot sitting due south and adjacent to the nominated property. The atmosphere is that of a residential neighborhood with wide parkways interspersed with old and new trees on both sides of the streets.

The house is in good condition both inside and outside. Distinctive details consist of fan brackets and pendils at corner eaves, fish scale shingles, bay windows and worked/turned wood motifs. Elements of the Stick Style are borrowed in the stick-like gable braces and the decorative stick members suggestive of the interior framing structure.

The two story house is of wood construction with a brick foundation and horizontal siding. The roof is asphalt shingle but was originally wood shingle. The double hung windows are tall and slender and accentuated with wood moldings. Windows on each bay are paired. The attic window and the front door window contain colored leaded glass. The roof is basically hipped with gables extending over the two story bays. Bays are both slanted and square suggesting a very eclectic display of architectural elements. The porch faces J Street and continues around the house toward the Fifth Street side. Porch posts are turned wood with a straight cut baluster. The front door faces west onto J Street with the porch entryway, facing northwest, slightly off angle.

There is an addition to the south side of the house which serves as a breakfast nook (the date of the addition is unknown). A plain porch was added onto this structure. However, due to the placement of this addition the integrity of the original design remains essentially intact.

Most of the original interior features are still intact in the Joshua B. Tufts Home. The first floor arrangement contains the entry hall with a parlor and sitting room to the right and a dining room kitchen and pantry to the left. The parlor contains the original fireplace mantlepiece with spindlework. Ceiling light fixtures are framed with plaster rosettes. The second floor of the house contains three bedrooms, one bath, a storage room, and a kitchen that was remodeled from what was once a bedroom.

8. Significance

1700–1799 _X_ 1800–1899	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture X architecture art commerce communications	•	g landscape architectur law literature military music	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	Built 1890	Builder/Architect Ic	oshua R Tufts and his	two sons

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Tufts-Longview-Anderson Home is significant for its historic associations with the development of Davisville. This house is considered to be one of the two remaining homes in Davis whose architectural style reflects the more opulent expressions of Victorian architecture. The Tufts Home was built by owner Joshus B. Tufts, one of Davis' early and prestigious residents. In 1962 the house became the location of the Longview School, an alternative education school which continues its program, presently at another location, in Davis.

Joshua Bradstreet Tufts was an active citizen/resident of Davis. He was the Justice of the Peace, the Postmaster as well as an active member of the Presbyterian Church. Tufts died in 1914 and the building passed through various ownerships. In 1962 it was purchased by Henry Rae and the Longview School was set up in the building. To meet the needs of the school a downstairs bathroom was added and brick work was done on the foundation. In addition the Jewish Fellowship and the Davis Friends Society rented the house on weekends for meetings. With the continuing rise in the enrollment of the Longview School, new quarters were necessary to meet expanding needs and the School moved to a new location in 1971. The house now functions as a private residence.

A showplace of its day, the Tufts house was surrounded by spacious lawns and stately trees, giving the home a quiet residential neighborhood atmosphere which it retains today. Although the architectural style is not as flamboyant as many Victorian structures in nearby Sacramento, for the town of Davis it is one of the few structures remaining from the last decade of the nineteenth century. Isolated from the community of Davis the style might not be significant, but within the context of the local tradition, it remains a highly significant architectural statement to a local builder's eclectic knowledge of "Victorian" architecture.

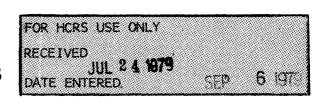
9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached continuation sheet.

10. Geographical	Data	
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11. Form Prepared	Bv	
name/title Valerie Jonesproorganization	esent owner of resid	lsion: Office of Historic Preservation dence date May 1, 1979
street & number 434 'J' Street		telephone (916) 758-4479
city or town Davis		state California 95616
12. State Historic	Preservation	n Officer Certification
The evaluated significance of this property national sta	within the state is: $\frac{X}{1} = \frac{X}{1}$	
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State Historic Preservation Officer signatur	e March	1 Ellon
title		date 7-17-79
For HCRS use only Thereby certify that this property is in	ncluded in the National Regi	ster 9-6-79
Keeper of the National Register Attest:		date 9-5-29
Chief of Registration		

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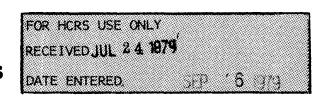
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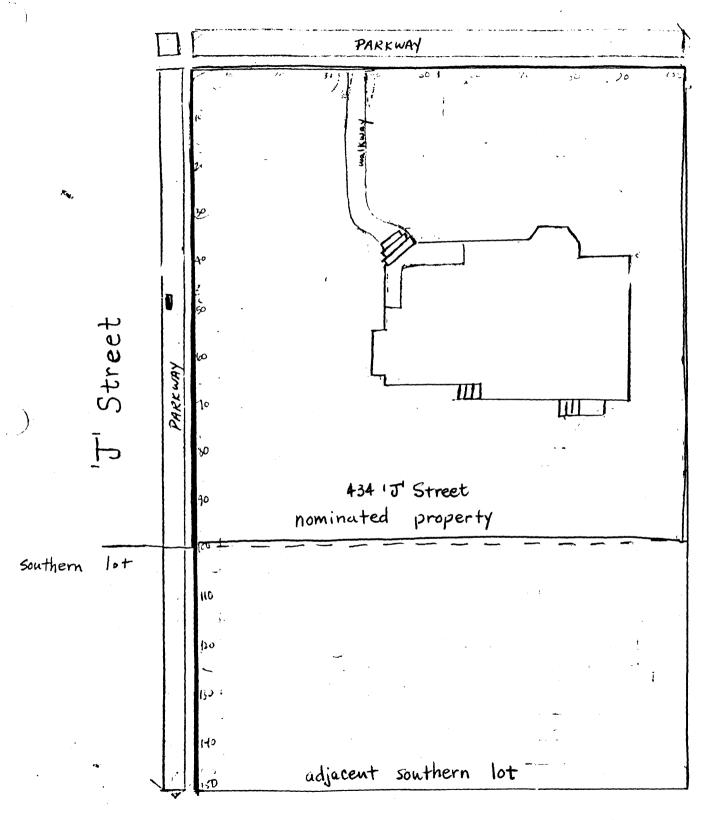
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Verbal Boundary Description:

- 1. The Tuft Home is located on the southeast corner of Fifth and J Streets in the city of Davis, Yolo County, California.
- 2. The nominated property occupies two city lots 11 and 12 in Section 751 and is $100.25' \times 100.12'$ in size.
- 3. Beginning at the southeast corner of Fifth and J Streets proceed 100.25' east along Fifth Street. Then turn due south and proceed 100.12' Then turn west and proceed for 100.25' and then turn north and proceed for 100.12', returning to your origin.

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Joshua B. Tufts-Longview-Anderson Home
434 'J' Street, Davis, Yolo Co., CA

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