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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

1. Name of Property

historic name El Toyon
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 211 Brook Road not for publication
city or town Auburn vicinity
state California code CA county Placer code 091 zip code 95603

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended.
I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local

[Signature] Date 8 FEB 2010

California Office of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official _____ Date _____

Title _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register
 determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register
 other (explain): _____

[Signature: John Edison H. Beall] Date of Action 3-31-10

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only **one** box.)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings
		district
		site
		structure
		object
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Shingle Style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Brick
walls: Shingle
Stone
roof: Asphalt
other: _____

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

El Toyon, an example of the Shingle Style of architecture constructed in 1889, is a three story, single family residence, which incorporates all of the irregular shapes and multi levels associated with the Shingle Style and brings harmony to the overall affect with uniform shingle sheathing and subdued additional decorative detailing. The building sits on the east edge of Auburn on the rim of the American River Canyon amidst 1.6 acres of landscaped gardens, which features ponds, a defunct lawn tennis courts, a greenhouse, and views of the American River Canyon. The property contains two noncontributing modern buildings, a four-car garage and a small guest house north of the garage. The property retains sufficient historic integrity to convey its significance as a fine local example of the Shingle Style of architecture.

Narrative Description

El Toyon sits on a brick and masonry foundation over a brick and masonry lined basement. The house is conventional wood frame construction. The core of the structure is two-stories with an attic and rectangular in shape. Various turrets, bays, porches, balconies, and one story units extend from the central core. The building is sheathed in running coursed wood shingles that wrap corner edges and unifies the various protrusion of the complex structure. The exception to the wood shingle sheathing is a one-story unit extending on the south side which features stone construction and incorporates a stone exterior chimney. Two double-storied turrets on the northwest and northeast corners add to the complexity. Two second-story bays are located on the east end of the house. The moderately pitched hipped roof is interrupted by cross gables, towers, three gable dormers and is of varying levels. An interior brick chimney rises up through the roof's north-slope and is topped with rows of brick forming a clean and simple pattern. Roofing material is asphalt shingle. Unadorned boxed eaves and simple, flat, six inch frieze trim add to the smooth look of the exterior. Windows are wood sash and predominantly double hung, but several casements, a few of which are leaded decorated in a diamond pattern, dot the exterior. All windows are trimmed with simple flat architraves and minimally protruding sills.

The prominent primary entrance is covered by a flat roof supported by classic columns and accessed by two brick steps leading to a brick platform. A dentil course bands under the porch roof soffit and is one of the few added decorative elements on the building. The entry door is of wood and has raised panels.

A flagstone veranda runs along the east and north sides of the building. The roof is supported by classic columns, and forms a second floor balcony which also runs along the east and north sides of the building. The balcony is enclosed by a simple square-cut railing. Additional porches and balconies off the back of the house mimic the classic columns and simple railings. While this is a complex building, the architectural detailing is minimal and the overall appearance is one of continuity characteristic of the Shingle Style.

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The restoration history of the building indicates that while several internal renovation projects were undertaken by different owners, the external structure historic integrity. Alterations undertaken in the 1920s replaced the windowless wall of the west (rear) end single story unit with a row of casement windows and a sun-porch through which could be seen an extended view of the American River Canyon. This alteration was discussed in a typed manuscript prepared circa 1960 by the then property owner, which discussed numerous maintenance and upkeep projects undertaken during the forty year of house ownership. The porch addition was updated when the building was restored in the early 1990s.

A comparison between site and floor plans of the 1990s restoration project and photographs and lithographic images and the original structure indicate no major alteration to the external footprint of the building. During reconstruction many individual elements underwent updating. A crumbling foundation section was reinforced with brick and mortar materials to compliment the original materials. Wood sash windows were replaced in kind; original window openings were not altered. Leaded casements were not altered. Original trim detail was retained or replaced with in kind. The two original eyebrow dormers were replaced with gable dormers during the 1990s renovation. Original porch roof support columns, balcony and porch railings were retained.

The property is accessed by a curving driveway that winds from the street through an expansive lawn set with heritage trees, and ends at a wide parking area bordered by the modern garage and guest house north of the main house, the two non-contributing resources. The four-car garage is of wood-frame construction, covered by a side gabled roof, and shingled to mimic the main house. The modern guest house constructed in 2009 also mimics the simple architectural detailing.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1889

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Period of Significance (justification)

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

El Toyon meets National Register eligibility at the local level of significance under Criterion C for architecture. It is a distinctive local example of the Shingle Style of architecture. The style, which dates between 1880 and 1900, is often characterized by the use of a continuous shingle covering to enclose and unify complex and irregular-shaped buildings. In the San Francisco Bay Area during the late 1880s and 1890s, this style was incorporated into the ideals of the Bay Area Tradition, which emphasized the use of natural materials, site-sensitive designs, and smooth integration of building and surroundings. In addition to architectural expression, El Toyon is set in almost two acres of landscaped gardens, retains unobstructed views of the American River Canyon, and continues to convey the feeling and association of an 1889 country estate.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Architectural Significance

Although the term "Shingle Style" was popularized in the 1950s, in the 1880s and 1890s, the style was a popular choice for the New England summer homes of the wealthy. The large size and sprawling form of the Shingle Style were particularly suited to open, natural settings.¹ The style spread throughout the United States, including Northern California, where the style was associated with the first phase of the Bay Area Tradition movement. Shingle Style borrows several characteristics from its contemporary, the Queen Anne style, including an asymmetrical, large, rambling form, shingled surfaces, and wide porches. The Shingle Style departs from Queen Anne in its presentation of smooth and flowing surfaces with horizontal lines, in contrast to the more angular and vertical massing and cluttered detailing of the Queen Anne. Character defining features of the Shingle Style include wall cladding and roofing of continuous wood shingles; the absence of cornerboards; verandahs; rounded or polygonal towers; and projecting bays. Houses were usually set on heavy masonry foundations or stone. Construction materials incorporate muted wood and stone hues. Architectural detailing is simplified: classical porch columns, small-paned windows often in horizontal bands, and low-arched eyebrow dormers continue the smooth expression.²

The First Bay Tradition movement brought in the architectural elements of the Shingle Style, while emphasizing natural materials and simple or classic architectural detailing. This simple and harmonious presentation was a direct architectural response to the overstated and extravagant architectural detailing of the contemporary and popular Queen Anne style. First Bay Tradition buildings contain four key elements: the use of natural materials from the local environment; designs that combined traditional craftsmanship and classic detailing with modern building materials and construction methods; careful attention to integrating building to surroundings; and a unique design that addressed the needs of the client while remaining sensitive to aesthetic expression.³

El Toyon exhibits numerous character defining features of the Shingle Style. The distinctive running coursed wood shingles sheathing wraps corner edges. The two double-storied bays, one on the front

¹ James C. Massey and Shirley Maxwell, *House Styles in America*, (New York: Penguin Studio, 1996), 145.

² Virginia & Lee McAlester, *A field Guide to American houses*, (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2000), 289-90; Massey, *House Styles in America*, 147-9.

³ Woodbridge, Sally, ed., *Bay Area Houses*, (Salt Lake City: Peregrine Gibbs-Smith Publisher, 1988), 10-14.
http://www.wildcelt.com/jullia_morgan_sustainable_design.html

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west corner, the other on the rear of the house add to the complexity. The complex roofline is moderately pitched, emphasizing the horizontal lines of the Shingle Style, and is interrupted by cross gables, towers, three gable dormers and is of varying levels. Simple ornamentation detailing is exhibited in the classic columns supporting the veranda covering and the entry pediment; the unadorned boxed eave; the flat frieze trim. The First Bay Tradition theme is manifested in the choice of natural material (redwood, locally quarried granite and stone), traditional craftsmanship and classic detailing expressed in modern (1889) design, and the integration of building to surroundings.

El Toyon is an excellent example of the Shingle Style in the City of Auburn. While other shingle-cover houses exist in Auburn, they are for the most part bungalows constructed in a later period. El Toyon has the distinction of being the most significant example of the Shingle Style in Auburn, dates to an 1889 period of construction, is surrounded by estate grounds, and exhibits the essential elements of the style.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

El Toyon is located in the City of Auburn in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Originally settled in 1848 by placer miners mining in the Auburn Ravine Creek, the area quickly developed into a thriving mining camp, and Auburn became the county seat of Placer County in 1851. Mining continued to be the primary industry in the Auburn area during the nineteenth century, although mining techniques evolved from individual placer mining to industrialized hydraulic and deep-vein quartz mining operations requiring a large work force. By the 1880s mining operations were still a major employer in the Auburn area. During this period, Colonel Walter Scott Davis purchased the Mammoth Bar Mine on the Middle Fork of the American River and relocated to Auburn.

Walter Scott Davis was born in Milton, a suburb of Boston Massachusetts, on July 15, 1837 into a long established Boston family. Walter's father, William, a successful wool merchant, was able to provide his family with a good life and Walter went to the best local schools, graduating from the Chauncey Hall School of Boston in 1854. Walter entered into the family business where he stayed until war broke out in 1861. With military tradition in his family (his grandfather, John Davis, had been a Revolutionary War patriot and father fought in the War of 1812) Walter enlisted in August of 1861 and was appointed 2nd lieutenant. His military service record earned him a rank of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel when mustered out of the army October 17, 1864. Davis retained the title of "Colonel" for the rest of his life. After the war Davis returned to the wool business, married and started a family. Perhaps restless from his military experiences, in 1874 he moved his young family to Southern California where he raised oranges in Anaheim. This successful enterprise ended in 1879 when Davis sold out and moved to Placer County in search of new adventures.

Colonel Davis purchased the Mammoth Bar Mine and subsequently ran one of the most successful mining operations in the area with the help of his son from the late 1880s up until his death in 1908. An 1890 mining report listed the output of gold for the Mammoth Bar Mine during summer operations as reaching one thousand dollars daily. It was during this time that Colonel Davis and his wife acquired the land where they were to build their home "El Toyon."

On September 21, 1887 Mrs. Davis, purchased twenty acres of land just outside the city of Auburn and overlooking the American River, from neighbor Jennie Hughes. The land was part of a one

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hundred eighty acre homestead patented to Jennie Hughes and her husband William the previous year. Ellen Susan Rich Larkin was also a native of Massachusetts, her father Charles being a successful Boston merchant and her maternal grandfather, Benjamin Rich, wealthy ship owner. Ellen was one of four sisters, and while she was the only one to move to California, Ellen kept close ties to her family, returning often to Boston for visits as well as entertaining her sisters in California. The close connection with their Boston families and the East is evident in the design chosen for their California home. Work on "El Toyon," named for the Toyon (a small evergreen tree native to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains) started soon after the property was purchased. The style chosen by the Davis', a Shingle Style is closely associated with New England. The choice is reflective of the connection to family in the East and indicates a familiarity with contemporary east-coast architectural trends. There is some evidence to suggest that when the Davis' purchased their property, a small three room house was already in existence. Both architectural structure and a narrative description offered by a subsequent owner support the idea that the core of the Davis house was present before they began work on their new residence. While no county or city records survive permitting the residence to be built, both newspaper accountings and entries in Colonel Davis' journal chronicle the progress of house construction culminating in an 1889 journal entry stating the family would be moving into the new house the next day. Several views of the residence when occupied by the Davis family exist today. A lithograph produced in 1893 identifies "La Toyon" as the residence of Col. W. S. Davis and is a fair representation of the house as it currently exists. An article in the May 1905 issue of *Overland Monthly* gives an overview of the property. Besides the house, the twenty acre estate property included a carriage house and stables, a green house, tennis court, orchards and vineyards, and was extensively landscaped. The property was described in the 1906 publication, *History of the State of California and Biographical Record of the sierras* as follows:

Colonel Davis has rounded out the years of a well-spent life by establishing in the evening of his days on e of the most beautiful homes in this portion of California; he owns one hundred and sixty acres of fine land adjoining the city of Auburn, known as "El Toyon," and here he has had erected an attractive residence, complete in all points of beauty and comfort, and eloquent of the refinement and culture which distinguish its occupants. Much attention has been given to the cultivation of the grounds (the training of the most superb flowers that the climate of California affords, the rarest plants, beautiful shrubbery and stately trees.⁴

Although originally a twenty acre property, the majority of the landscaping and outbuildings were confined to the three acres surrounding the house. When the Federal government purchased back the majority of the acreage in the 1970s as part of the Auburn Dam project, house and grounds retained their original orientation. The property passed out of the Davis family in 1918.

After Ellen Davis died in 1915, the Davis daughter, Elizabeth Roumage, sold the house to Frank Stanley and his wife Eleanor. The estate remained in the Stanley family, through three generations of owners until the current owners purchased and restored the estate during the 1990s. Through careful and thoughtful restoration, the building has retained the distinctive characteristics as originally constructed in 1889.

⁴ J.M. Guinn, *History of the State of California and Biographical Record of the sierras, an historical story of the state's marvelous growth from its earliest settlement to the present time*, (Chicago: Chapman Co., 1906), 293-295.

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During the second half of the nineteenth century, many Americans came to California in hopes of acquiring wealth. Some chose to stay and to build new lives. Along with a spirit of adventure, they brought with them ties to their past. For the Davis' these ties are reflected in the architectural style chosen for their home. This bridge between East and West through architectural style gives another perspective of the people who came to California. El Toyon began as the residence of a successful mine owner. This success was manifested in the Davis' lifestyle. Though they lived lavishly, both Davis' participated in community affairs. Col. Davis and his wife Ellen were prominent, well respected members of the Auburn community, lending their support to local charities and public improvement. The obituaries of both Colonel and Mrs. Davis listed their generosity to the community with their time and money as well as their leadership in local concerns. The Davis estate was a showcase, described as "one of the handsomest in Northern California." While the estate no longer is the extensive twenty acres it once was and the carriage house and stables are gone, the current approximate two landscaped acres provides enough of the pastoral setting to retain the sense of a country estate and preserves the necessary integrity to be of significance in its historical context.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University

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recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Other
Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.6
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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2				4			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Assessor Parcel Number 003-200-025

A portion of the NW1/2, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 14, Township 12N, Range 8E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, 20 acres. Beginning at the northwest corner of said section and running south along stone wall 660 feet more or less thence east along center of stone wall and continuing along said line to the southeast corner of the Nw1/2 of the NW 1/4 of said section; thence north to north line of said section then west to the place of beginning. Except right of way 20 feet wide in described portion thereof: A parcel of land situated within the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 12N, Range 8E in the city of Auburn and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the corner common to Sec 10, 11, 14, 15 and running along the line between sec 11 and 14 S 89 degrees 12' E 1295.7 feet to a point in line with a fence extending south. Then along line and fence south 312.7 feet; thence parallel to said line between section 11 and 14, n. 89 degrees 12' w. 1201.2 feet, thence s. 43 degrees 37' w. 67.4 ft, then s. 54 degrees 51' w. 64 feet, to the line between sec 14 and 15 then along said line n. 0 degrees 37' e. 399.7 ft to the point of beginning, 9.74 acres. Excepting Parcel A of Parcel map Book 3, page 41 recorded Jan 18, 1973 Placer County, California. Excepting there from a tract of land in the nw 1/4 or the nw 1/4 of sec 14, T12N, R8E being all that portion of that certain parcel of land described in the gift deeded to Kathryn A. Cosby from Eleanor Stanley dated May 28, 1960, Recorded Jun 22, 1960, Book 839, page 472 lying north of the S 1/2 of said nw 1/4 of the nw 1/4 and east of the following described line: Beginning at a point that bears south 00 degrees 03' west 1504.2 ft (1504.6 ft by deed recorded in book 92 of deeds p. 193) and north 40 degrees 23' east 564 feet from the NW corner of said Section 14 thence leaving said point of beginning, north 11 degrees 37' west 766.9 feet to a point on the north boundary of said parcel in the above said deed from which a brass cap, 20.70 feet south of the NW corner of section 14 bears north, 35 degrees 30' west 358.9 feet. Said tract contains an area of 8.2 acres more or less. PARCEL 2: A portion of the nw 1/2 of the nw Y1/4 of Section 14, T12N, R8E, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west line of Section 14 lies south 0 degrees 03' west 721.94 ft from NW corner of Sec

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14, running thence south 89 degrees 37' east 19.96 feet and 272.54 feet along a stone wall thence north 11 degrees 37' west along said west line of Section 1467.29 feet to point of beginning.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Boundaries conform to the legal description found on the property deed and encompass house building and estate grounds.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization _____ date November 2009
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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property: El Toyon

City or Vicinity: Auburn

County: Placer County

State: California

Photographer: Justin Coupe

Date Photographed: 9/30/09

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

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- 12 of 12. CA_PlacerCounty_EIToyon_012.tif. Interior detail of basement, pick marks from original Chinese workers, camera directed south in basement.

Property Owner:

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

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city or town Granite Bay state CA zip code 95746

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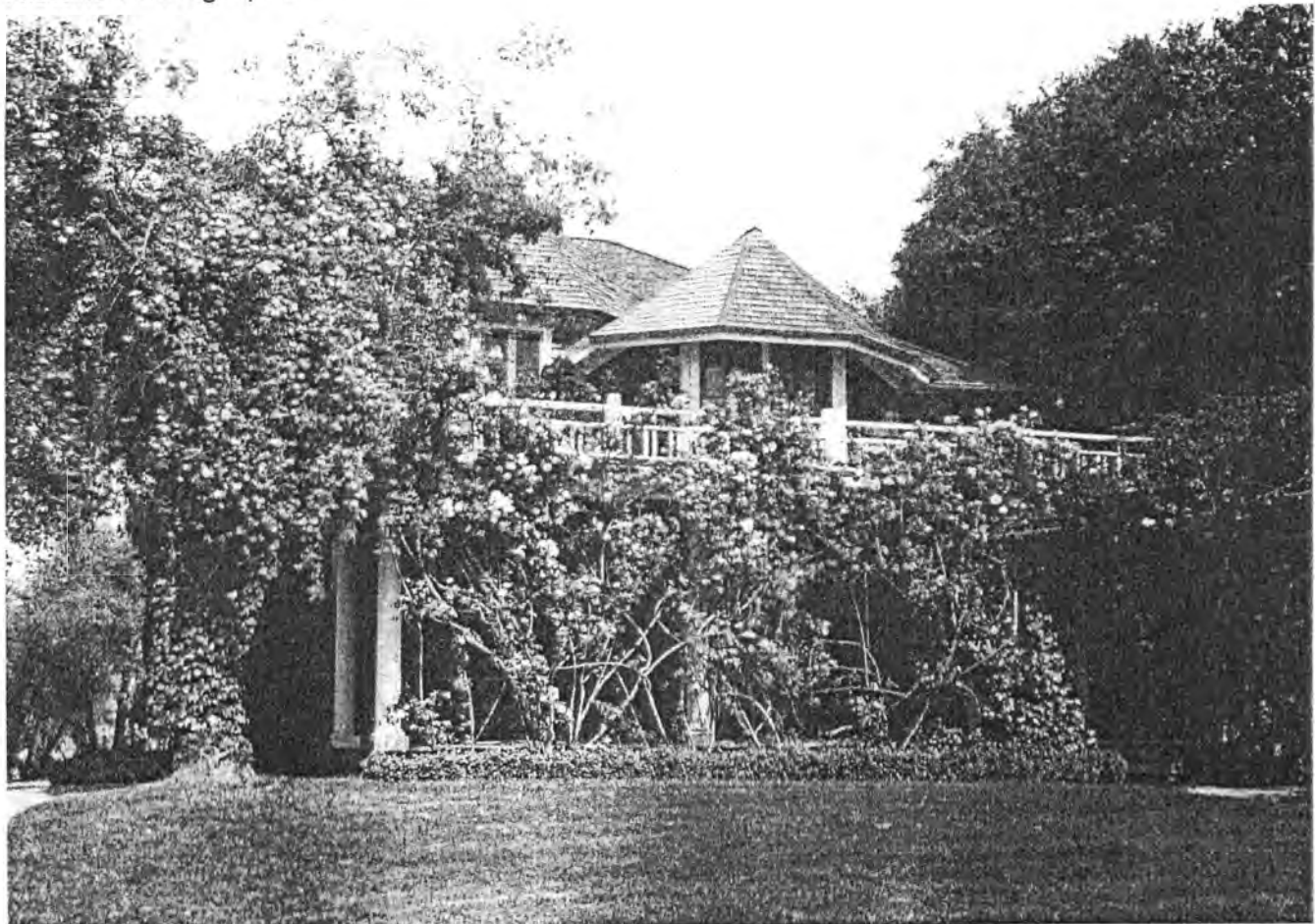
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Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

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Historic Photographs



El Toyon, Placer County, California. Circa 1920. Front elevation. Photograph courtesy of Teresa Bastel, property owner.

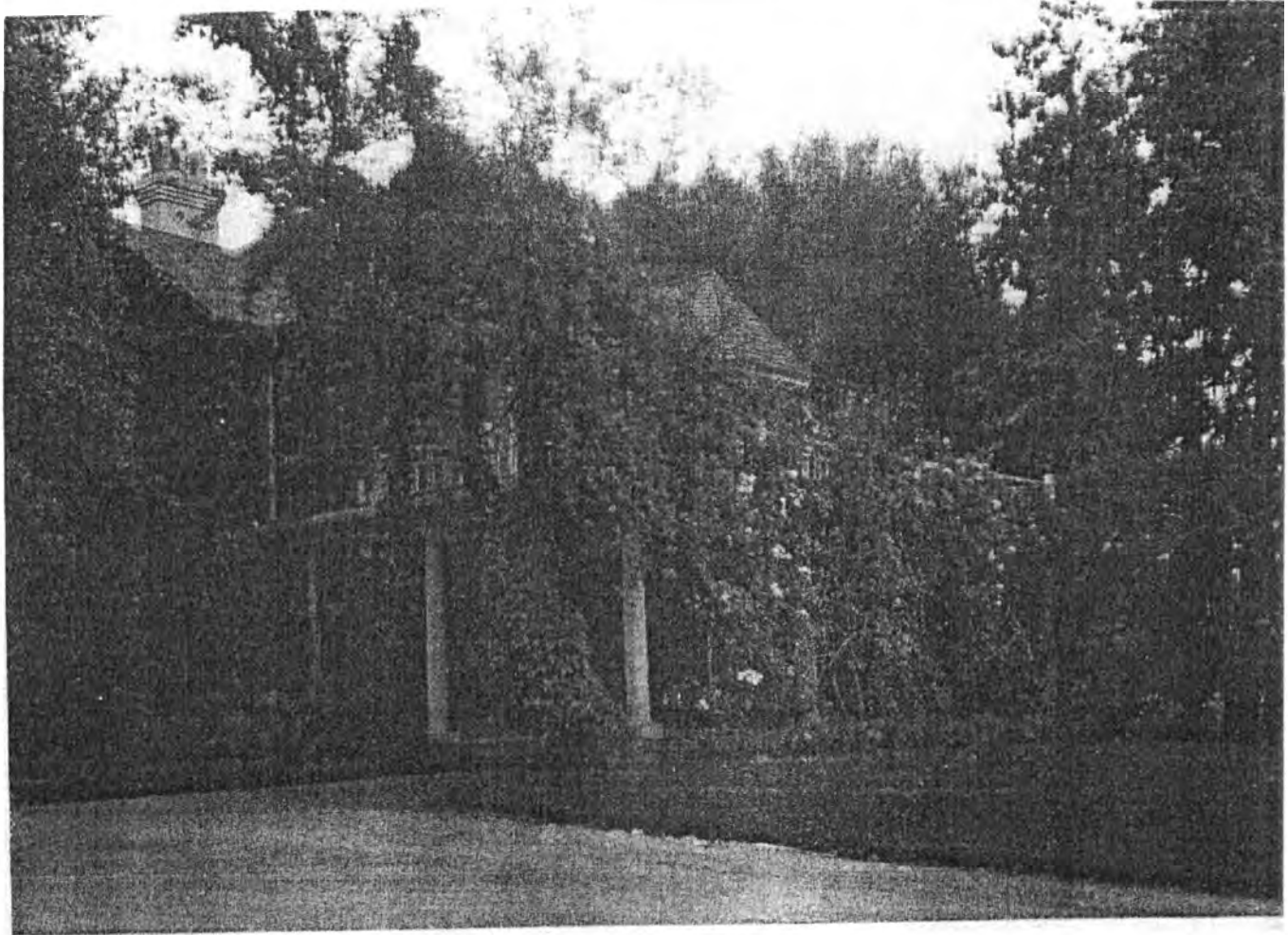
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El Toyon, Placer County, California. Circa 1920. Front elevation. Photograph courtesy of Teresa Bastel, property owner.

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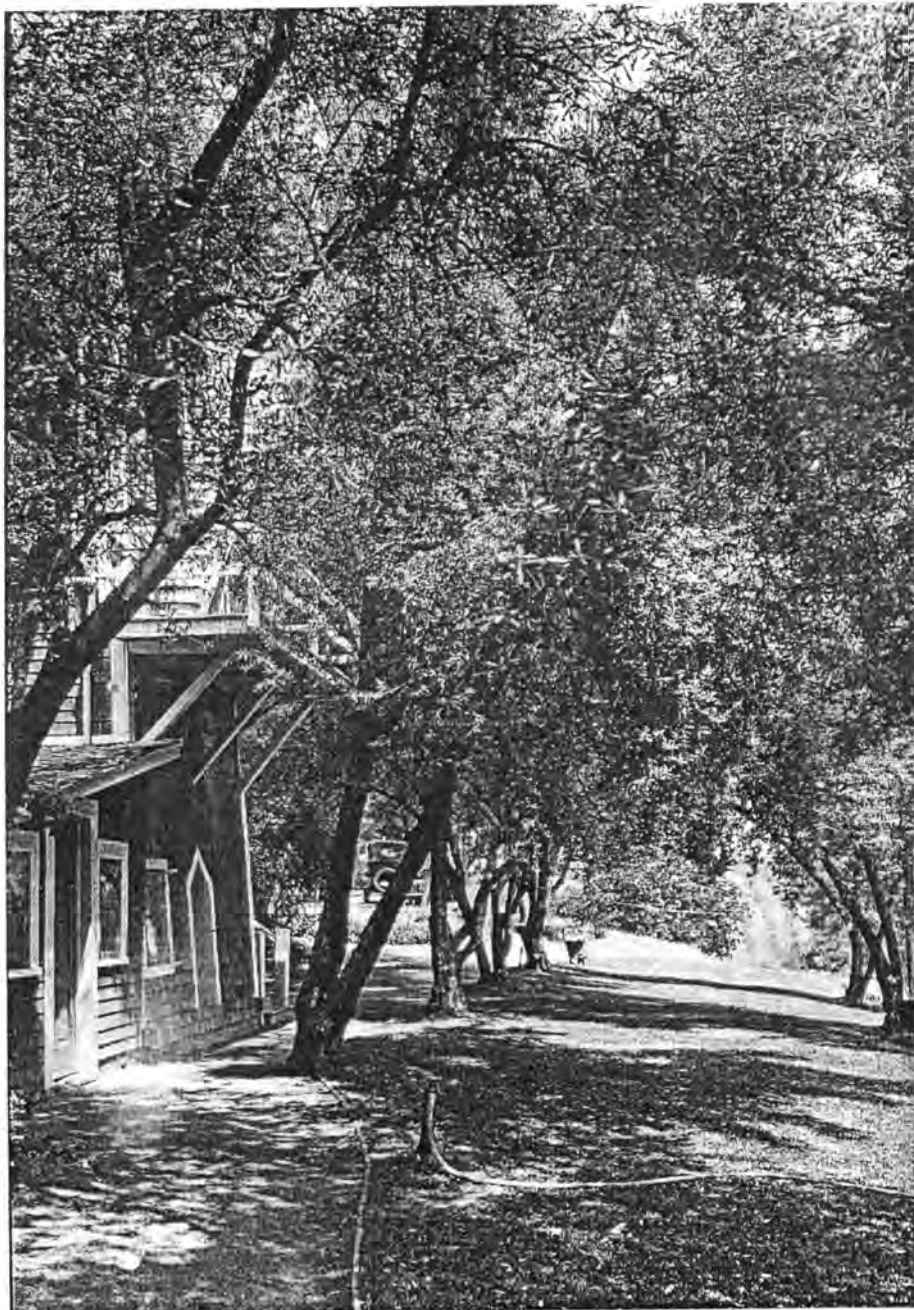
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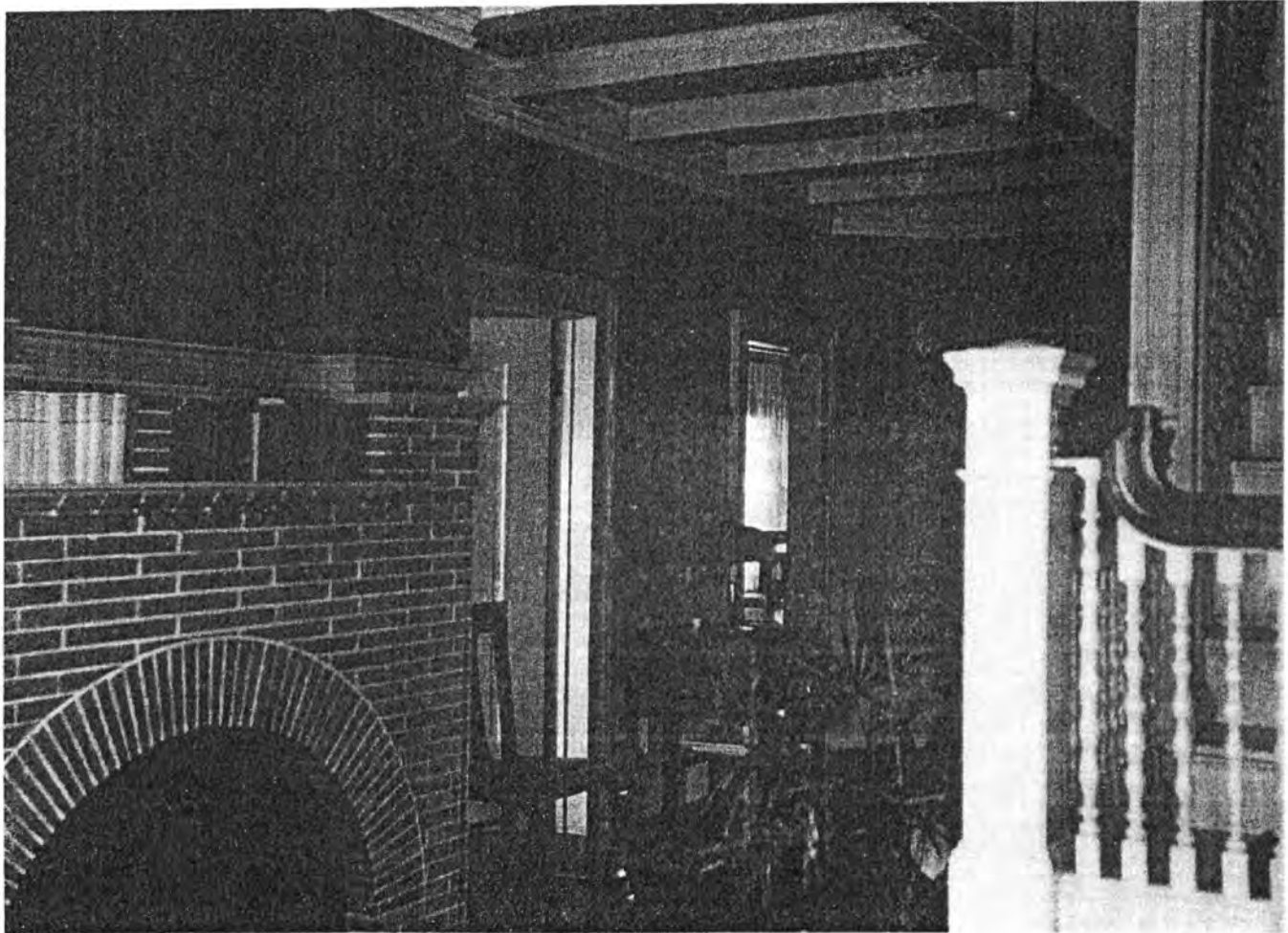
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Home of Col. W. S. Davis, Auburn, Placer County.

El Toyon, Placer County, California. Circa 1900. Photograph courtesy of Teresa Bastel, property owner.

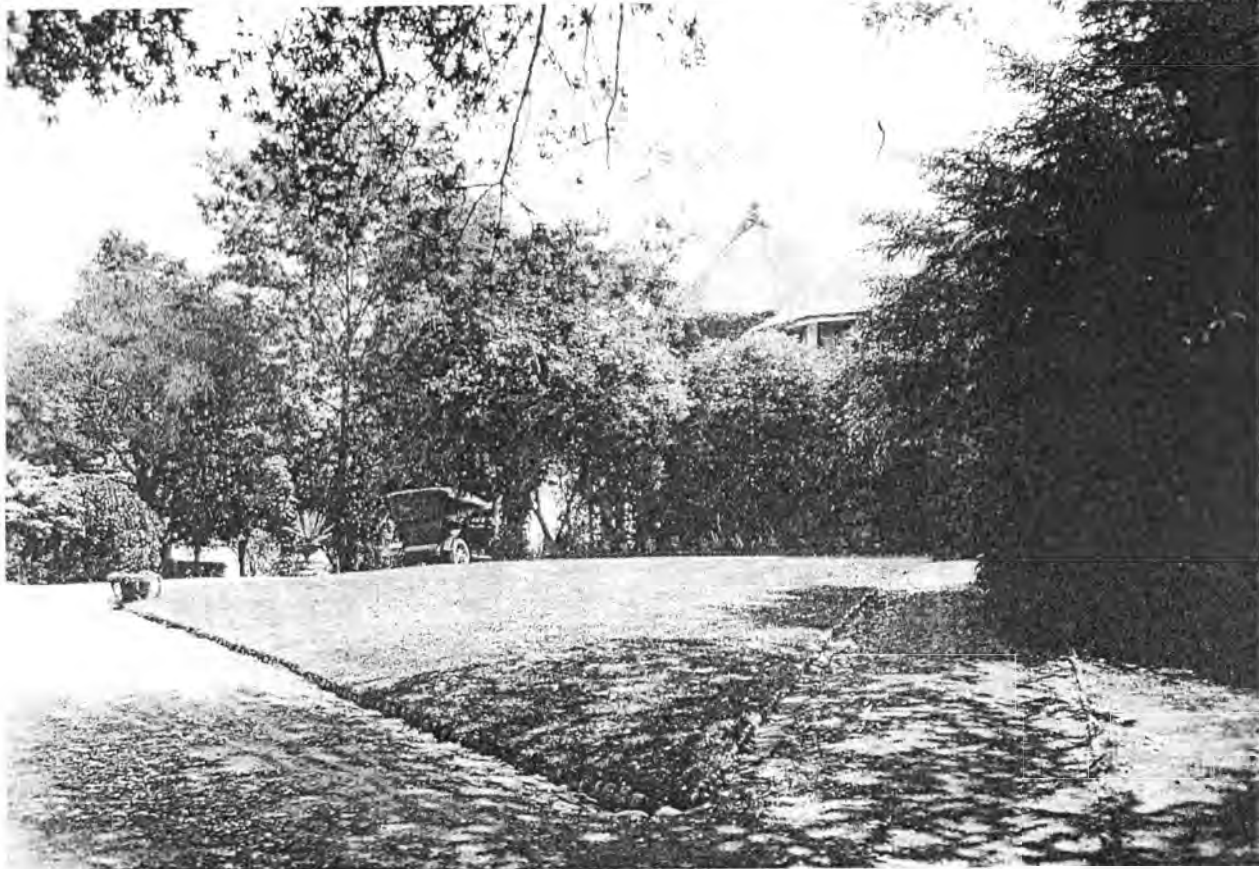
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY El Toyon
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: CALIFORNIA, Placer

DATE RECEIVED: 2/19/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/04/10
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/19/10 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/05/10
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10000118

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3-31-10 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places**

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.













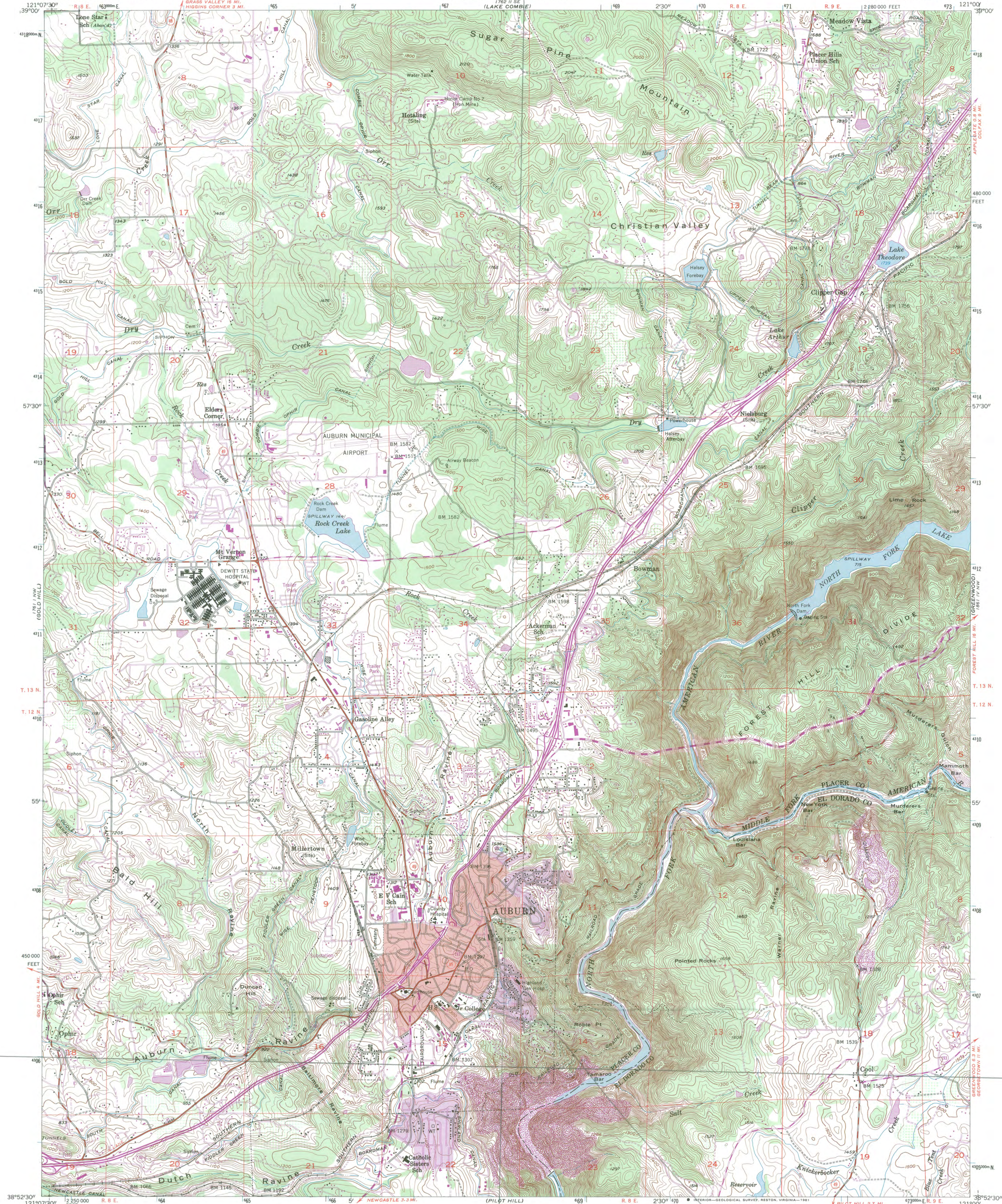




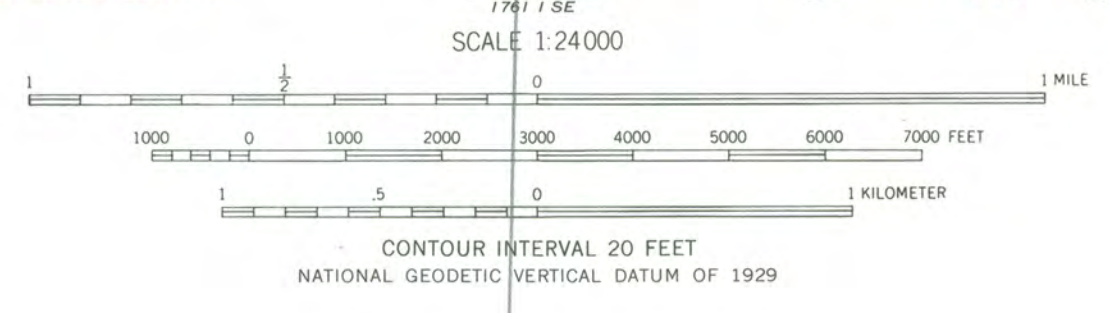
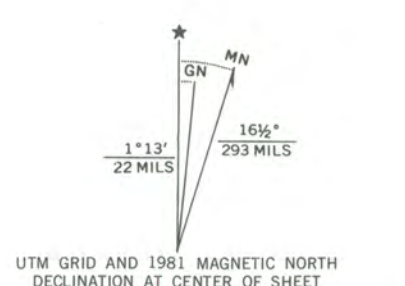








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Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

○ Interstate Route ⊕ U.S. Route ○ State Route



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February 8, 2010

Ms. Carol Shull, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service 2280
1201 I (Eye) Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Subject: **El Toyon**
Auburn, Placer County, California
National Register of Historic Places

Dear Ms. Shull: *Carol*

Enclosed please find the **El Toyon** nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. This property is located in Auburn, Placer County, California. On January 29, 2010 the State Historical Resources Commission unanimously found the property eligible for the National Register under Criterion C at the local level of significance.

If you have any questions regarding this nomination, please contact Jay Correia of my staff at 916-653-9054.

Sincerely,

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures

**El Toyon
Placer County
Staff Evaluation**

El Toyon is a Shingle style, three-story, single-family residence constructed in 1889. The property sits on the east edge of Auburn on the rim of the American River Canyon amidst 1.6 acres of landscaped gardens. The property includes two non contributing resources: a modern four-car wood frame garage constructed in the 1990s and a small, modern guest house located north of the garage. Several mature trees shade the gardens, which features ponds, a defunct lawn tennis courts, a greenhouse, and spectacular canyon views. The restoration history of the building indicates that while several internal renovation projects were undertaken by different owners, the external structure has retained historic integrity.

El Toyon is being nominated to the National Register at the local level under Criterion C as an excellent local example of the Shingle style of architecture. Character defining features are the distinctive running coursed wood shingles sheathing and wrapped corner edges; two double-storied turrets; bays; a moderately pitched, complex roofline emphasizing horizontal lines; simple ornamentation detailing exhibited in the classic columns, unadorned boxed eave, and flat frieze trim. While other shingle-cover houses exist in Auburn, they are for the most part bungalows constructed in a later period. El Toyon has the distinction of being the most significant example of the Shingle Style in Auburn, dates to an 1889 period of construction, is surrounded by estate grounds, and exhibits the essential elements of the style.

The property is nominated by its owner. As of the date of this staff report, the City of Auburn has not commented on the nomination.

Staff recommends the State Historical Resources Commission determine El Toyon meets National Register Criterion C at the local level of significance and recommend the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination for forwarding to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register.

Cynthia Toffelmier
Historian II
January 4, 2010