
7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u> n/a </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Myron Angel House is a two-story, wood frame building, roughly cruciform in plan, located on the north corner of the intersection of Broad and Buchon Streets. The building does not strongly display the characteristics of any one style, but incorporates some Eastlake details into the composition including quarter sunbursts, window surrounds, and vertical boarding in the gable ends. Few alterations have marred the simple design of the building dominated by the intersecting gable roof with jerkinhead gable ends. The exterior is sheathed in horizontal redwood shiplap siding, and the wood shingle roof has been covered by asphalt shingles. A one-story kitchen wing is attached at the rear. Another small one-story wing is located on the southwest side, and a single-story glass-in entrance porch is located on the main facade. Windows are one-over-one, double-hung with glashed glass decoration in some of the ground floor windows. The original mudsill foundation was replaced in 1974 with a continuous concrete foundation.

The three largest rooms on each floor form a tee. The top of the tee is parallel to Broad Street and is the front parlor (15' x 15') and the back parlor (12' x 15'). The bottom of the tee is the dining room (12' x 15'). The dining room is wainscotted and the entry from the pantry has a swinging door. Directly above these three rooms lie three bedrooms. Most of the floors are four-inch tongue-and-groove Douglas fir. Because the lot slopes down toward the back, a porch and stairs lead to the ground level.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historian	

Specific dates circa 1880 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The Myron Angel House, built circa 1880, is significant chiefly for its association with Myron Angel, a noted journalist, historian, and educational advocate known as the "Father of California Polytechnic State University". The structure is secondarily important as a well-preserved example of late-nineteenth century vernacular residential architecture.

Myron Angel's biography is that of a successful "49'er", an American pioneer attracted to California by the wealth of the Gold Rush but who stayed to build the commonwealth. Angel was born in Oneonta, New York, in 1827, was orphaned at age fifteen, and was schooled at the military academy in West Point. He arrived in California in 1849. Angel pursued several lines of work -- mining in the Feather River and North San Juan Ridge areas, ranching in the Chico area -- before entering the field of journalism. Like many itinerant printers of the era, Angel edited newspapers in many different towns -- Placerville, California in 1860, Austin, Nevada in 1863, Oakland, California in 1868. In 1883, Angel settled in San Luis Obispo to edit the Weekly Tribune and later the Daily Republic. He moved into the subject structure in 1889 and remained there until his death in 1911.

In addition to his newspaper work, Angel was influential in compiling several county histories, popular in the late nineteenth century and which today comprise an invaluable addition to the historical record. In 1881, Angel completed a massive history of the State of Nevada. This was followed by histories of Placer County in 1882 and San Luis Obispo County in 1883.

Perhaps Angel's greatest contribution to the community of San Luis Obispo and the State of California was his role in the creation of a polytechnic institute in San Luis Obispo. Angel arrived penniless in California and was turned down for employment because he had not learned skills in his schooling. This experience gave him the idea for a school that would provide training in agriculture, mechanics, engineering, and business methods. Angel lobbied the California Legislature on behalf of the establishment of such a school. Largely through his efforts, the state's first polytechnic institute was located in San Luis Obispo. That university is today a key factor in the intellectual, social, and economic life of the community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Angel, Myron; History of San Luis Obispo County; Thompson & West, Oakland, 1883 (reissued, Valley Publishers, Fresno, 1979).
 Morrison, Annie; History of San Luis Obispo County and Environs; Historic Records Co., Los Angeles, California, 1917.
 San Luis Obispo Daily Telegram, 6/27/11, Obituary for Myron Angel.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one (0.15 acre)
 Quadrangle name San Luis Obispo Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The Myron Angel House occupies the northern corner of the intersection of Broad and Buchon Sts. The lot is roughly 70' x 95'.
Legal description: portion of Lots 11 and 12, in Block 89 of Murray and Church's Addition. Boundaries encompass the historic limits of the resource.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Leo W. Pinard II (owner) (Revised by OHP Staff)
 organization Old Town Neighborhood Association date August 17, 1981
 street & number 714 Buchon Street telephone (805) 544-4566
 city or town San Luis Obispo state California 93401

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

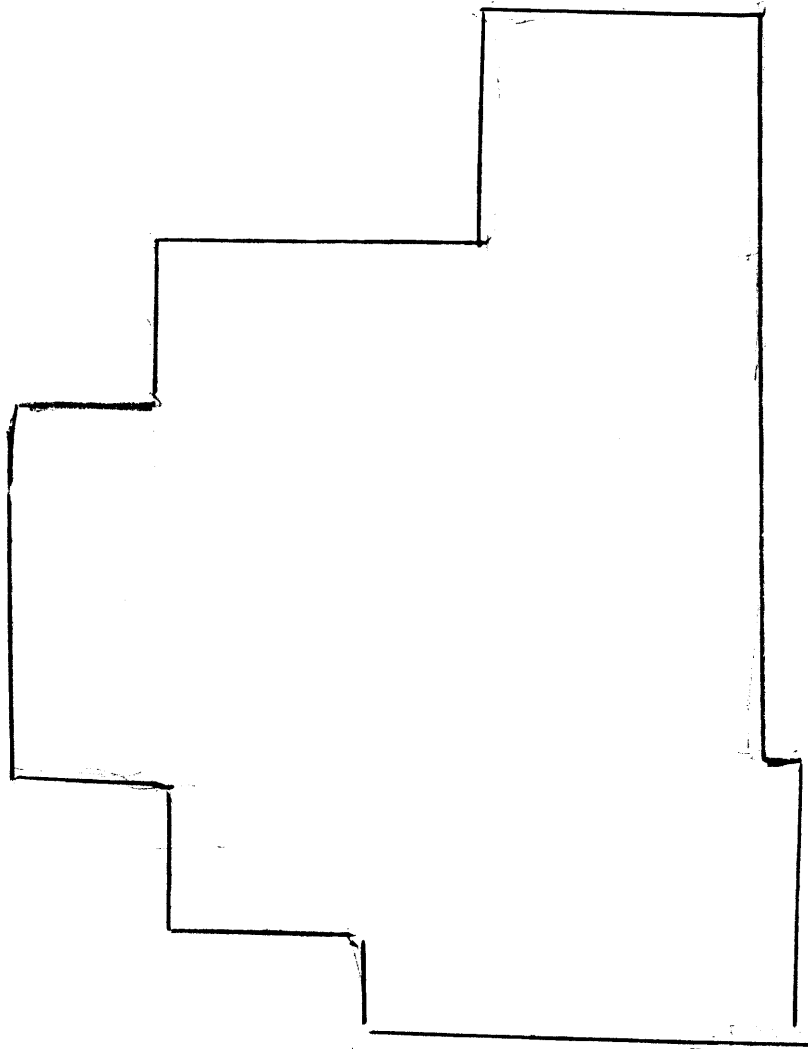
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature K. McEllen

title State Historic Preservation Officer date September 30, 1982

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
Linda McClelland date 11-22-82
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

MYRON ANGEL HOUSE
San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County, California



BROAD STREET

BUCHON STREET