United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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1. Name

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| and/or common | Trimmer Hill | | | |
| 2. Loc | ation | | | |
| street & numbe | 230 Sixth S | Street | | not for publication |
| city, town | Pacific Gro | ove n/a vicinity of | congressional district | l6th |
| state (| California | code 06 county | Monterey | code 053 |
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| city, town | Pacific Grove | n/a vicinity of | state | California 93950 |
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| courthouse, req | jistry of deeds, etc. | Monterey County Court | chouse | |
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| city, town | | Monterey | state | California |
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| city, town | Pacific Grove | | state | California |

7. Description

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Trimmer Hill, constructed in 1893, stands virtually unaltered. Its integrity of location, design, matdrials, workmanship, feeling and association remain exceptionally high. Only the integrity of setting has seen some compromise. As the area developed, the large original lot was subdivided and reduced to its present 60' x 120' size. The original iron fence still remains on the south and east sides of the property. The grounds were landscaped recently in the style of an English garden. Alterations to the building are confined to the enclosure of a second story porch at the south-west corner, the loss of the tower finial, and some interior modifications when the building was converted to apartments.

The building is a type example of the Queen Anne style. It is a two-story house characterized by irregular plan and massing with a variety of roof shapes. The central mass of the building is rectangular, sapped by a hipped roof with end gablets enclosing a large attic space. The building is extended on the east, south and west with projecting two-story bays terminating with medium gabled roofs. A two-story round ctower anchors the northeast corner of the building, capped with a conical roof with panelled cornice frieze. Two molded brick Queen Anne chimneys rise from the roofline at the center of the house, and a third chimney is at the northwest corner.

The building is elevated on a low base; the sloping site allows for a partial basement at the rear. Access to the main floor is by stairs at the front and rear. The building is divided into distinctive upper and lower units by a belt course which supports a slightly flared shingle band on the upper story. Distinctive material changes further divide the composition into separate portions. The first story is sheathed in painted redwood horizontal shiplap siding. The bays on the south and east sides are slanted and each contains a large central window flanked by narrow windows in the slanted portion. Elaborate stained glass transoms are fixed above the windows. Corner brackets with incised detailing, pendants, and turned spools accentuate the upper portions of the slanted bays. The bay on the north side is squared, with a single large window with stained glass transom on the first floor. A large arched window with a semi-circular stained glass panel is placed in the south wall near the entrance. The remaining windows on the first story are tall and narrow with simple molded surrounds. The main access is through a porch at the southeast corner of the building reached by a short flight of six steps flanked by gently curved railings with turned ballusters. The porch roof has a scrolled pediment. It rests upon a classical entablature supported by turned posts. A broad horseshoe arch with lattice infill appears above the entrance steps; a smaller horseshoe arch with lattice is on the south side of the open porch. Entrance is through a set of double doors with small glass panes and decorative millwork. An elaborate stained glass transom is positioned above the doors.

The upper story displays the mixing of shingle patterns which characterized the Queen Anne style. Alternating bands of different patterns encircle the building on the second level. The bays are squared on this level, with central paired windows with molded surrounds. Heavy cornice returns mark the ends of the gables. The walls terminate in a plain frieze with classical boxed cornice. Upper story windows in the tower match those of the ground floor. The second story is angled slightly at the southeast corner, creating a space for a small window with a balcony of turned ballusters. A tiny gable with heavy cornice returns projects over the window at a 45 angle to the building. The small gablet of the main roof repeats the boxed cornice, and has a

8. Significance



Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Trimmer Hill, constructed in 1893, remains in a remarkable state of preservation. The house is an unaltered, exuberant example of period Queen Anne styling. It displays clearly the major characteristics of the style: asymmetry, projecting volumes, irregular plan and massing, a corner tower, and the strong juxtaposition of varied patterns, textures and materials. It is one of the most outstanding examples of its type and period in a community which is known for its 19th century architecture. It has been illustrated and described as "a very good example of the Queen Anne style" in the authoritative book on Northern California architecture, <u>A Guide to Architecture in San Francisco and Northern California</u>, by David Gebhard, et. al.

Trimmer Hill was built for Dr. Oliver Smith Trimmer. Dr. Trimmer was the first mayor of Pacific Grove and served in that office for twenty years, contributing to the town's gradual transition from a summer community to a permanent residential community. In addition to his political activities, Dr. Trimmer maintained an active medical practice and was a trustee of the first bank in Pacific Grove. He also served as president of the first railway system in Pacific Grove. He installed the town's first telephone line, running from Trimmer Hill to Pacific Grove's first pharmacy. Significantly, Trimmer Hill has undergone no major alterations in its long and venerable history, thereby providing the community with an invaluable example of last century's architecture and a direct link with an individual of major importance in the history and development of the area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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