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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**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

HISTORIC *We and Our Neighbors Clubhouse*

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
15460 Union Ave.

---NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN
San Jose *vic* VICINITY OF *Union Dist.* 13th

STATE
California CODE 06 COUNTY Santa Clara CODE 005-85

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
We and Our Neighbors Club

STREET & NUMBER
15460 Union Ave.

CITY, TOWN
San Jose VICINITY OF STATE California 95124

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Santa Clara County
Recorders Office

STREET & NUMBER
70 West Hedding

CITY, TOWN
San Jose STATE California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Santa Clara County Heritage Resource Inventory
by the Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission

DATE
October, 1975
---FEDERAL ---STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors Files, 10th Fl. E. Annes,
County Govt. Center, 70 W. Hedding St.

CITY, TOWN
San Jose STATE California

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This rustic shingle cottage with craftsman details, constructed of redwood with redwood siding, was dedicated in May of 1910. It was built for club meetings and community gatherings within the Union District.

The building is sixty feet long by forty feet wide. It contains an entrance hall and ladies room, each ten feet by ten feet. The entrance hall opens to the parlor, a room twenty by twenty-two feet with a rock fireplace. There are five windows on the south side of this room, each with a built-in window seat.

A sixteen foot doorway with folding doors connects the assembly room with the parlor; this assembly room is twenty-eight by thirty feet with a stage at the north end. The stage is twelve by sixteen feet with a column on each side. There are dressing rooms on both sides of the stage (six feet by ten feet); each contains a window on the north side. The assembly room has two groups of windows on the east side with built-in window seats.

The dining room attached to the west side of the assembly room is twelve by thirty feet. It has five windows on the west side and built-in window seats beneath. Adjacent to the dining room is the kitchen which is twelve by ten feet. It has two windows, cupboards on either side with sink below, a chimney for the stove, a door to the outside, and a door to the stage.

The interior of the building is finished in five foot pine panelling with a plate rail, stained and varnished with five feet of plaster covering. The ceilings are ten feet in height and are coved in the parlor and assembly rooms.

Bids for the building contract were accepted beginning in January of 1910. Mr. C.H. Wheeler, with the lowest of three bids (2,650.00), was awarded the contract. He commenced work in February. The Club House was accepted and final payment made in June of 1910.

Few changes have been made to the Club House except for the maintenance and modernization of the kitchen and ladies room. Electricity has replaced carbide gas, and gas floor furnaces have been installed for heat. A fire door has been added to the assembly room by request of the fire department and the folding doors have been removed for safety.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1910	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Dedicated May 27, 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT C. H. Wheeler

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "We and Our Neighbors" Club is one of the five oldest organizations in the California Federation of Women's Clubs. It is the oldest club in the Loma Prieta District which includes Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties.

The "We and Our Neighbors" Club was started in June 1892 by women whose families owned farms or ranches in Union District. The first meeting was held in the Club House on May 27, 1910 by a large gathering of Club members and friends of the community. The Club was formed for the social entertainment of the community. The organization is still active and holds monthly meetings in the Club House. Six descendants of the charter members are active members at the present time.

This Club House was the community social center of the district. It housed annual Christmas and New Years' parties and Harvest dinners in November. These activities included the entire community. Parties and dances, held to raise money for the Red Cross, the Belgium Relief Fund, and many other worthy causes, also took place in the building. The Club members contributed their efforts through three wars and the San Francisco fire of 1906 by furnishing food, bandages, clothing, and books. They have participated in numerous other community projects.

The Club House also has been used for religious services, graduations, weddings, receptions, Church school, and voting. Meetings of Veterans, Farm Extension members, and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts also took place here. The Club House was used by Santa Clara County as a branch library for a number of years.

The property on which the building was constructed was part of a one hundred sixty acre farm located at the corner of Union Avenue and the Los Gatos Almaden Road. The property is rectangular in shape and is one hundred five feet by one hundred fifty feet.

This Club House was built for the women of the "We and Our Neighbors Club" on one-third of an acre of land donated by property owner Sophia LaMontagne, a charter member. Money with which to build the Club House was donated by the Club's first president, Mrs. Chris Schofield, who held that office from 1892 through 1921.

Regular meetings of the "We and Our Neighbors Club" are currently held each month in the Club House which is also donated for use by the Boy Scouts. The building is rented for meetings, weddings, receptions, social affairs, and voting.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Complete minutes of the We and Our Neighbors Club since June, 1892.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/3rd of an acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Los Gatos Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #10)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

Miss Ruby Howes - Board of Directors (Amended 2/17/78)

NAME / TITLE

We and Our Neighbors Club

July 15, 1977

ORGANIZATION

We and Our Neighbors Club

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

14960 Los Gatos-Almaden Road,

TELEPHONE

377-2572

CITY OR TOWN

Los Gatos

STATE

California

95030

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Knox Mellon

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

5/22/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *William Lebowich*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

12/15/78

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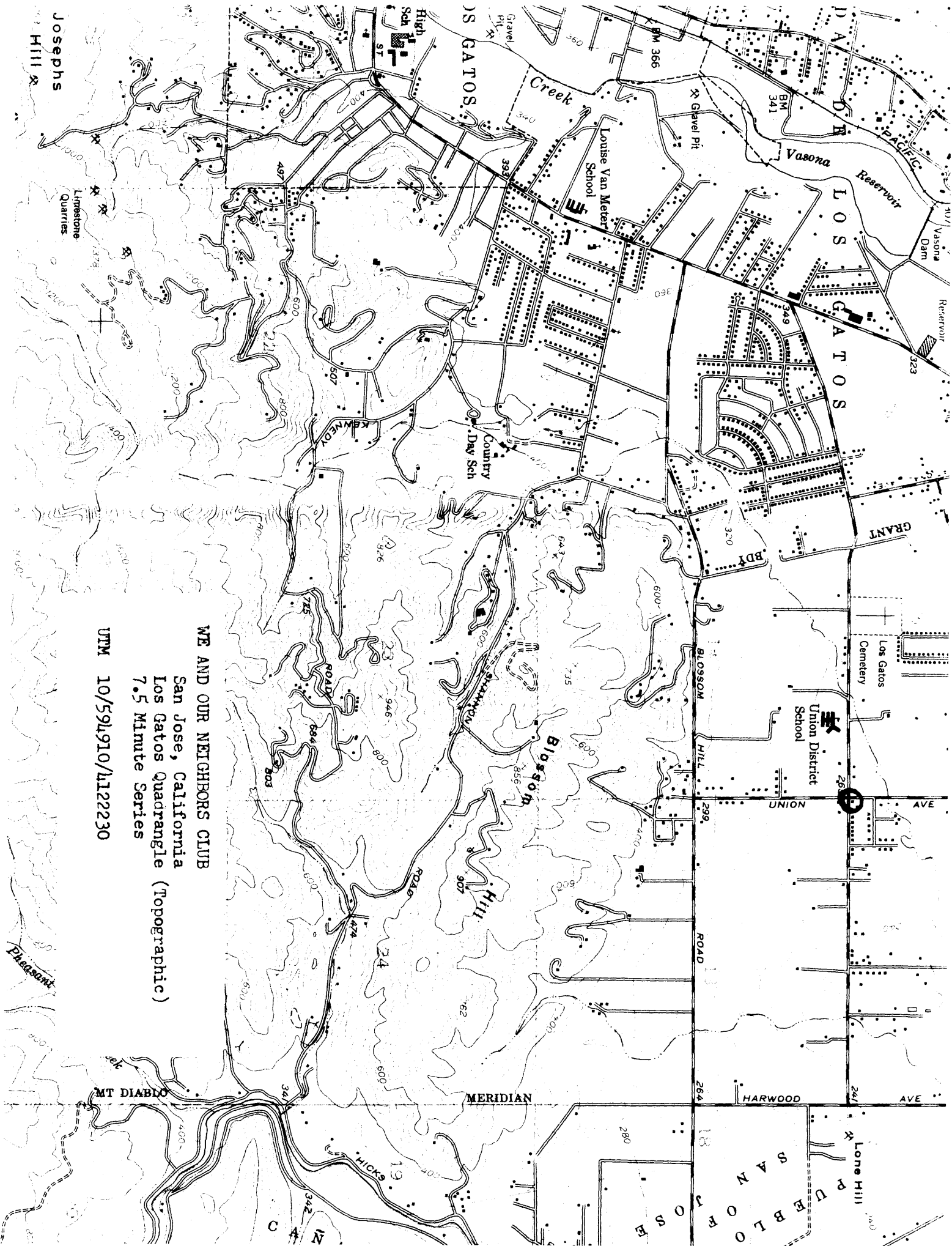
CONTINUATION SHEET

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(VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION)

The building is located on the North East corner of the intersection of the Los Gatos-Almaden Road and Union Ave. Los Gatos, California.

Beginning at the corner of Sections 11, 12, 13, & 14 Township 8 South Range 1, West MDM thence along center line of the Los Gatos-Almaden Road S 69 58' E. 105 feet to a point in the center line of the Los Gatos Almaden road, thence leaving said road N. 0 2' E 155 feet to a 2" x 3" stake thence W 89' 5" west 105 feet to the center of Ware or Union Ave. thence S 0 02" W 155 feet to the place of beginning.



WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS CLUB
 San Jose, California
 Los Gatos Quadrangle (Topographic)
 7.5 Minute Series
 UTM 10/59L910/4122230