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Title:

Mission Hill Area West View.

Santa Cruz Co., Ca.

Loc.

Downey Apts 303-309

Mission St. - Front view.

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Downey Apartments, 303-309 Mission Street - Front View. A hipped-roof, Colonial

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(over)

Revival-style apartment house, c. 1905-1910. Sheathed in narrow clapboard, it has simple brackets under the eaves, and a partially-recessed central porch with pedimented gable finished with fish-scale shingles. There are grooved pilasters with composite capitals. Matching columns support the two-story porch. Edward Van Cleeck might have been its architect.



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Title: Mission Hill Area Hist. Dist.

Santa Cruz Co., Cal.

Loc. Plaza Municipal Park

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Plaza Municipal Park - Sylvar, Emmet, Mission and High Streets - Emmet Street View.  
(over)

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It was originally the Mission quadrangle. A map by Elihu Anthony in 1854 depicts Mission buildings around three sides of the quadrangle, with the road to the beach beginning on the fourth side.

There were originally no roads around the perimeter of this trapezoidal space, as it was just an unfenced area between buildings. In the early days, quarrelling couples were placed in stocks on the upper plaza to be jeered at by crowds.





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Title:

Missouri Hill Area Historic

Santa Cruz Co., Ia.

Loc.

210 Missouri St - front porch

Redwood

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210 Mission Street - Front-South Sideview. A plain two-and-a-half story house  
built sometime between 1888 and 1892.



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Mission Hill Area photo dist.

Santa Cruz Co., Cal.

Loc.

214 + 218 Mission St. - front

view

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214 & 218 Mission Street - Front View. 1884-87 seems to have been another period  
(over)

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of improvement for the Plaza. R.G. Ulrich, "a well known gardener," laid out new paths in 1887 and Louis Doeltz, gardener at the Phelan estate, built a rockery around the fountain in 1885.





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Mission Hill Pres Hist. Dist.

Loc.

Santa Cruz Co, Ca.

222 Mission St - Front

view.

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222 Mission Street - Front View. The main feature of the design is a steep  
(over)

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central gable containing a pedimented window inset with carving, and a crisp  
sawn-wood Gothic bargeboard. The original portico has been removed. The  
front door is similar to that of 207 Mission St. and there are box cornices  
above the windows.



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Mission 7 Mile Area H.D.

Santa Cruz Co., Ca.

Loc.

Reynolds House

123 Green St. South-

side view

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Reynolds House - 123 Green Street - Southside View. A square-fronted, two-story

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(over)

Italiante with low hipped roof. A sawn-wood balustrade of overlapping circles tops the arched porch. The entrance stairway is bordered by a classical balustrade ending in large newel posts. At the southside of a Palladian window and a two-story slanted bay with a squeezed pediment cornice.





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Missouri Hill Area H.W.

Santer Cruz Co., Ca

Loc.

127 Green St. - Front

view

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127 Green Street - Front View. A clapboarded story-and-a-half house with central  
(over)

PHOTO NO. 7 of 13

gable and a classically-balustraded porch supported by split pilasters. This house was probably erected in the late 1860's by painter Otis A. Longley. Longley had purchased the property, which extended from Mission St. to the bottom of the hill, from the Methodist church in 1864.



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Title: Mississippi Area H.D.

Santa Cruz Co. Cal.

Loc. Wessendorf Home

134 Green St. -

Front view,

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Wessendorf House - 134 Green Street - Front View. A red-stained Bungalow-style  
(over)

house built for the Wessendorf family c. 1911. It is set in a shady manicured garden, and bordered by a row of close-clipped plane trees along Green St. Present are the wide eaves, brackets, riverstone chimney, shingling and clapboarding typical of the style.





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Title:

Mission Hill Area N.D.

Santa Cruz Co, CA.

Loc.

Sally Cross Roman

Catholic Church

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Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church - 126 High Street - Front View. A landmark

(over)

because of its hilltop site and tall, whitewashed spire. Designed by San Francisco architect, Thomas J. Welsh, it was constructed on the site of the Mission chapel and graveyard.

It is described in the 1885 SENTINEL article, "From the tower, a wooden spire of octagonal form will rise 64 feet, making the height from the ground, 149 feet. The walls of the tower and main building are to be constructed with buttresses to receive the thrust of the roof trusses which are six in number, with one-half trusses next to the chancel arch and tower walls, the buttresses at the four corners rising above the roof and crowned with pinnacles. Over the chancel and sacristy, the roof will be slightly octagonal in shape, and of a lesser height than the main building." Inside the front of the church is a gallery.

The style of architecture is English Gothic, but will be carried out with due regard to economy and simplicity.



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Mission Hill Area E.D.

Loc.

Santa Cruz Co., CA  
215 High St. Front

view

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215 High Street - Front View. A simple saltbox with a delicate spindle railing  
(over)

above the porch. The gables were added sometime after the house was built. It is possible that this is one of the former James Leslie buildings, once located at the corner of Mission and Emmet Sts. and moved by Sylvar to his High St. property, where it was fitted up for 2 residences.





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Title: Missouri Hill Area H. 10,  
Santa Cruz Co., CA.

Loc. Nearby - Rodriguez Adobe  
Front view.

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Neary-Rodriguez Adobe - School Street - Front View. At the head of the street  
(over)

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was a two-and-a-half story adobe building, once used as the "juzgado" or legal, administrative and judicial headquarters for the area. It had double porches on its Emmett and School St. sides, posts, with a spindle railing on the second floor. Simple two-story pillars supported the pedimented gable of this Greek Revival building.



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Mission Hill Area H.S.

Santa Cruz Co., Ca.

105 Sylvan St. Front -

northside view.

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105 Sylvar Street - Front-Northside View. A two-and-a-half story Eastlake house.  
(over)

The basic vertical lines of the house itself contrast with the horizontal lines of the porch which surrounds it on three sides. Although the porch looks as though it were part of the original design, it was constructed some 20 years after the house was built, and designed to match existing porticos.

The hipped roof is interrupted by gables and dormers of various sizes and there is a wide band of patterned shingling below the eaves. The porch has Chinese railing supporting the multiple, lathe-turned columns, and large, sawn-wood brackets.

An unusual detail is the large, square, attic dormer set flush with the eaves and curved out over the second story, its underside embellished with carved anemones and acanthus foliage.





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Alzina House - 107 Sylmar St.

Front view

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Alzina House - 107 Sylvar Street - Front View. A clapboarded saltbox of the 1850's  
(over)

constructed with hand-split lath.

Customarily referred to as the oldest frame house in Santa Cruz, it was constructed by Francisco Alzina c. 1850, and replaced the adobe home of his in-laws, the Gonzales'.