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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Rancho Las Palmas

AND/OR COMMON

Hiram Corey Home

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

200 River Road

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Salinas

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

16th

VICINITY OF

STATE

California

CODE
06

COUNTY
Monterey

CODE
53

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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input 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

Carlton Clayton

STREET & NUMBER

970 St. Andrew Ct.

CITY, TOWN

Salinas

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

California 93901

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Monterey County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

240 Church St.

CITY, TOWN

Salinas

STATE

California 93901

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__ FEDERAL __ STATE __ COUNTY __ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hiram Corey house, or Rancho Las Palmas as it was known, is an excellent example of the towered Queen Anne mode of architecture realized in a rural setting; the best example of this style in Monterey County. Typically, the structure of the main house is 3 story and asymmetrical in composition, consisting of a variety of forms and textures including both gable and hipped roof systems. The dominant decorative element of the building is texture. The redwood skin is in Cove Rustic ship-lap siding at the first story, banded with fish-scale shingles half way into the second story, to include gable ends (3rd story) and the tower (still retaining its original brass eagle finial detail). The first story siding is continued from the middle of the second story to a decorative bracketed cornice, detailed with dentils. Fenestration is uniformly one-over-one double hung sash, with sliding (vertically) louvered shutters incorporated in the casement. All full bays (square) are half-timbered to the second story including a turned balustrade above. The color appears to have always been white.

The only changes from the original main building noted include a shortening of the original brick chimneys (possible consequence of the earthquake of 1906). A removal of cresting overall, and the possible addition of an enclosed porch at the back (southwest) of the structure. Related features including a water tank (?) to the south and greenhouse to the north of the main house no longer exist. However, a small one story frame carriage house to the rear (west) remains, minus its chimney. This structure, in redwood, repeats the surface textures of the main ensemble. Designed by Mr. & Mrs. Corey, the construction was executed by a Mr. Bassett of Salinas

The property has recently changed hands and is in the planning stages for subdivision development. The new owners wish to retain the Corey House for restoration and some form of adaptive use.

The entrance way to the Corey House retains some of the original palm trees along with vestiges of earlier decorative plantings.

6 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Ranching	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1891 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Mr. & Mrs. Corey w/Mr. Bassett

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ranching

Hiram Corey was one of the most successful local farmers and stock raisers in Monterey County in the decade before the turn of the twentieth century. Born in Stanbridge, Canada, he first came to California in 1852 with his brother Noah and engaged in the lumbering business in Marion County. He later took up dairy farming in the same county, continuing that occupation until 1861. After a short stint at mining in the Owens River country, Corey returned to dairy farming until his move to Monterey County in 1872. In that year Hiram Corey leased the Buena Vista Rancho along the banks of the Salinas River. He operated the 7,725 acres as a stock ranch until 1883 when he purchased it. Operating on a large scale, keeping from 450 to 500 cows the ranch became known as one of the best dairy operations in California. In 1889 he sold the property then traveled in Europe with his family. In 1891 upon his return to Monterey County he repurchased 1,630 acres of the Buena Vista Rancho, renaming the property the Rancho Las Palmas. Corey went into horse breeding importing from England some of the best-blooded animals in the state, making a specialty of draft horses and roadsters.

Architecture:

Rancho Las Palmas, the Hiram Corey house, is the finest example of the Queen Anne mode of architecture realized in a rural setting in Monterey County. It was designed by the original owner and his wife with the assistance of a local Salinas builder named Bassett. Beautifully sited in a canyon mouth opposite the Salinas River one of Corey's biographers noted: "Its surroundings are picturesque and the residence grand in its architectural proportions, substantial in construction and elegant in arrangement, both within and without." The immediate grounds, currently in decline, suggest the extent and quality of the original ornamental plantings. The entrance drive is still flanked by many of the original palm trees. See item #7 for description.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Bowers, H.D., Memorial and Biographical History of the Coast Counties of Central California, 1893
- Guinn, J.M., History and Biographical Record of Monterey and San Benito Counties and History of the State of California, L vol. 1910

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3

QUADRANGLE NAME Spreckels

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES 960

A 10 6 18 9 20 4,0 5,3 4,6,5

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Boardered on the north by River Road and on the west by Toro Vista properties to the south by a small canyon mouth on the east by the foothills of the Sierra de Salinas.

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kent L. Seavey, Historical Coordinator

January 4, 1978

ORGANIZATION

County of Monterey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 367

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(408) 424-8611 ext. 208

CITY OR TOWN

Salinas

STATE

California 93902

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

Kroy M. Ellen

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11.20.78

ATTEST:

W. Ray Luce
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 11.17.78