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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

RECEIVED
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AND/OR COMMON
Park Apartments

OHP

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
300 Santa Rosa Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Santa Rosa

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd

VICINITY OF

STATE
California

CODE
06

COUNTY
Sonoma

CODE
097

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Greg Sanford c/o Getchell Corporation

STREET & NUMBER
19375 Highway 116

CITY, TOWN
Monte Rio

VICINITY OF

STATE
California

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Sonoma County - County Recorder

STREET & NUMBER
2555 Mendocino Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Santa Rosa

STATE
California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

GOOD

RUINS

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

Being restored

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is of wood construction, 2 stories in height and has been used as a multiple dwelling unit since its construction. The exterior siding is a drop type clapboard with a small quarter round detail at each board which was unusual in this area for its period. The roof is hipped with flared eaves.

Access to the living units is from a two tier veranda which is on the street side faces of the building which sits on a corner lot. The units were originally heated with wood stoves which vented into two common masonry chimneys through the roof. The interior masonry chimneys were set at a 45 degree angle to provide for 4 wood burners in the corners of 4 rooms. The windows are wood double hung and the doors are 4 panel.

The building is simple in its anonymous architecture showing that it was built for the moderate income persons. Its location to the rest of the community and to the adjoining Burbank neighborhood further supports the notion that this structure provided housing for the moderate income person and was close to the job markets in the community.

This building is located on the Old Redwood Highway, which until the freeway (US 101) was built was the main artery through Santa Rosa to the north and to the south. Directly across the street from this site to the north is located the gardens and home of Luther Burbank, a noted horticulturist, which is a state landmark. To the west is Julliard Park which was developed in the 1930's through WPA labor.

The Park Apartments, according to local directories, have been bought and sold often since their construction. As far as possible, it is believed that the building has continually served as a multiple residence, first as a 4 apartment structure with two upstairs and 2 downstairs. It was later converted to 8 apartments with the major changes taking place internally.

Little is left of the environment that Luther Burbank worked and studied and experimented in. The Park Apartments building helps to preserve a sense of what Santa Rosa was like for Burbank at the turn of the 20th century

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 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 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-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Constructed between 1904 and 1906 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this building is that it is one of the oldest multi-dwelling wooden buildings left in the Santa Rosa area. Before the 1900's there were several wooden hotel structures north of this site in downtown Santa Rosa which have been demolished. The later hotels and multiple dwelling places in the early 1900's were built of stone or brick due to the fire risks created by wooden buildings.

The two tier design theme is also an unusual feature for this area and has primarily been found in the early architecture done during the Mexican-American era by General Vallejo and his officers. The two tier veranda exists on the Old Petaluma Adobe, a state park, and the Temelac Hall in an early Greek Revival theme which was built by Captain Smith, one of Vallejo's officers. More commonly used in this area, such as in the old barracks in Sonoma and many of the early wooden hotels was just a continuous covered balcony which cantilevered a just a side walk portico.

The other important part of this building is that it does serve as a focal point on the main street to the adjacent neighborhood built in the 1910's. This neighborhood, now known as Burbank Neighborhood, consists of narrow streets and small Greek Revival or Queen Anne cottages and small bungalows. Though not much is known about the building and there are no historical facts about it, the citizens of Santa Rosa have always had a curiosity about the building as it does not only serve as a focal point to the residential neighborhood but serves to reinforce the environmental setting for the Burbank residence and gardens which is a State Landmark (#234) and a National Historic Landmark. The Burbank Home and Gardens are continually visited by visitors from out of state as well as local residents and students who studied Burbank's horticultural experiments in school. While the Gardens are open to the public, the Home, a Greek-Revival farmhouse built in 1870, is not. The Park Apartments along with two other houses on Charles Street serve as a historic connection with the Burbank Home and Gardens when Burbank was active in his field.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

South east corner of Santa Rosa Avenue and Charles Street. Lot size approximately 35' x 70', the building takes up the whole lot.

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

Dan Peterson, A.I.A. & Associates

Nov. 21, 1978

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

930 Mendocino Avenue

TELEPHONE

707-545-0895

CITY OR TOWN

Santa Rosa, California

STATE

95401

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

Kenneth M. Gillon

2-5-79

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Charles E. Peterson

DATE

9-9-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

John J. ...

DATE

4-2-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER