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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

Felton Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

Faye G. Belardi Memorial Library

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

6299 Gushee Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Felton 95018

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

16th

VICINITY OF

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

Santa Cruz

CODE

087

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Town of Felton- (Faye G. Belardi Memorial Board of Trustees)

STREET & NUMBER

6299 Gushee Street

CITY, TOWN

Felton 95018

STATE

California

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER

710 Ocean Street

CITY, TOWN

Santa Cruz 95060

STATE

California

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Felton Presbyterian Church. Listed in California Inventory of Historic Resources

DATE

Listed under Belardi Library. Aug. 1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Santa Cruz County Records. see map of Felton, June 10, 1868, vol. 10, pg. 799

CITY, TOWN

Santa Cruz 95060

STATE

California

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a one-story frame vernacular Victorian church (measurements: 52 feet 10 inches by 24 feet 4 inches) with Gothic windows and sheathed in wide horizontal siding. The steeple is a closed bell cupola which rises from the apse. The apse is a partial gabled mansard roof.

The interior of the structure consists of one large room (measurements: 38 feet 10 inches by 23 feet 4 inches) and one small room (measurements: 13 feet by 23 feet 4 inches). The former room was the nave and the latter room was the Sunday school room. The rooms are connected with large vertically sliding redwood doors. The floor is the original redwood and the arched ceiling is made up of pressed tin panels of a floral design. There are three doors, one on the south side of the structure is a flat door with lower wood panel and rectangular glass pane; above this door is a three paned gothic window. On the side of the building are two flat doors. On the north-east end is the main door consisting of a wood panel with a rectangular glass pane. On the north west end of the building is a flat wooden door. Over both north side doors are two asphalt shingled overhangs which were added on to the original structure.

The roof consists of asphalt shingles which replaced the original redwood shingles. A cement foundation was installed to replace the original wooden foundation. The building is kept in excellent repair and freshly painted as required.

The Faye G. Belardi Memorial Board of Trustees in May of 1973 set aside the south garden as the Walter Fikes Nature Garden, Mr. Fikes was an active supporter for the preservation of the structure while he was editor of the Reporter, Felton's newspaper. The garden is being developed by the Library's staff and Board to grow and display plants native to the San Lorenzo Valley, location of the town of Felton.

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	
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<input 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 Built, March to July 1893 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown architect, volunteer carpenters.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The town of Felton had grown steadily since the coming of the first railroad, the Santa Cruz Felton Railroad in 1875. Lumbering had swelled the town with new workers and their families. Along with these new workers, Felton was the nexus for summering tourists who came into the Santa Cruz Mountains from their homes in the larger cities. From Felton they departed to their cabins, summer homes, and hotels for the entire summer and returning to the town for their trip back to their original homes. With the growing tourism and industry, the support industries also grew. There were new stores, restaurants, and saloons and as mentioned above new people to operate these industries. The quality of life slowly but steadily improved.

The first church group in Felton was started as early as 1869. This group was a small Episcopal parish but they had no permanent structure. It was not until the winter of 1892 that a religious structure was proposed for Felton. In that year, the Rev. R.J. Campbell announced that a church could be built for, \$1,200. The donations from the town were not enough to go ahead with the building until F.A. Hihn, Santa Cruz entrepreneur who had been instrumental in starting industry in Felton and bringing the railroad to the San Lorenzo Valley, donated the land for a church building in Felton. This land was located on the corner of Gushee and Bennett (later Felton Empire Grade) Streets. (see attached map) The church was built by volunteer carpenters from March to July 1893. It was called the Presbyterian Community Church and existed as a church on this site for sixty-three years.

In the early 1950's the congregation built a larger church in Felton. Local restaurateur, Nick Belardi bought the property with plans to dismantle the building. The citizens of the town were determined to save the structure and after months of preservation effort, Mr. Belardi graciously donated the land and building to the residents of Felton, thus preserving one of the oldest church structures in the San Lorenzo Valley.

On April 15, 1956, the church was dedicated as the Faye G. Belardi Memorial Library. Money had been raised by the local townspeople to carry out the necessary renovation. But the structure was not altered dramatically as were many of the older buildings in Felton. It alone retains its unique look; overlooking the town and allowing one to catch a glimpse of Felton's past.

Architecturally, the building is significant as a late 19th century vernacular country church. The arched ceiling made of pressed tin panels in a floral pattern is noteworthy.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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C

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D

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
 A portion of lot 24, Felton, California; approximately 100' by 100', bounded on the east by Gushee Street and on the north by Bennett Street (now referred to as Felton-Empire Grade, see attached map).

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

Mrs. Edith E. Fikes, secretary, Faye G. Belardi Board of Trustees

ORGANIZATION

Faye G. Belardi Memorial, Inc.

DATE

August 17, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 34 (24 Kellidon Dr.)

TELEPHONE

(408) 335-7238

CITY OR TOWN

Felton

STATE

California

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

K. M. Miller

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE November 17, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE <i>4/16/78</i>
ATTEST: <i>W. H. Souder Cole</i>	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <i>4-4-78</i>

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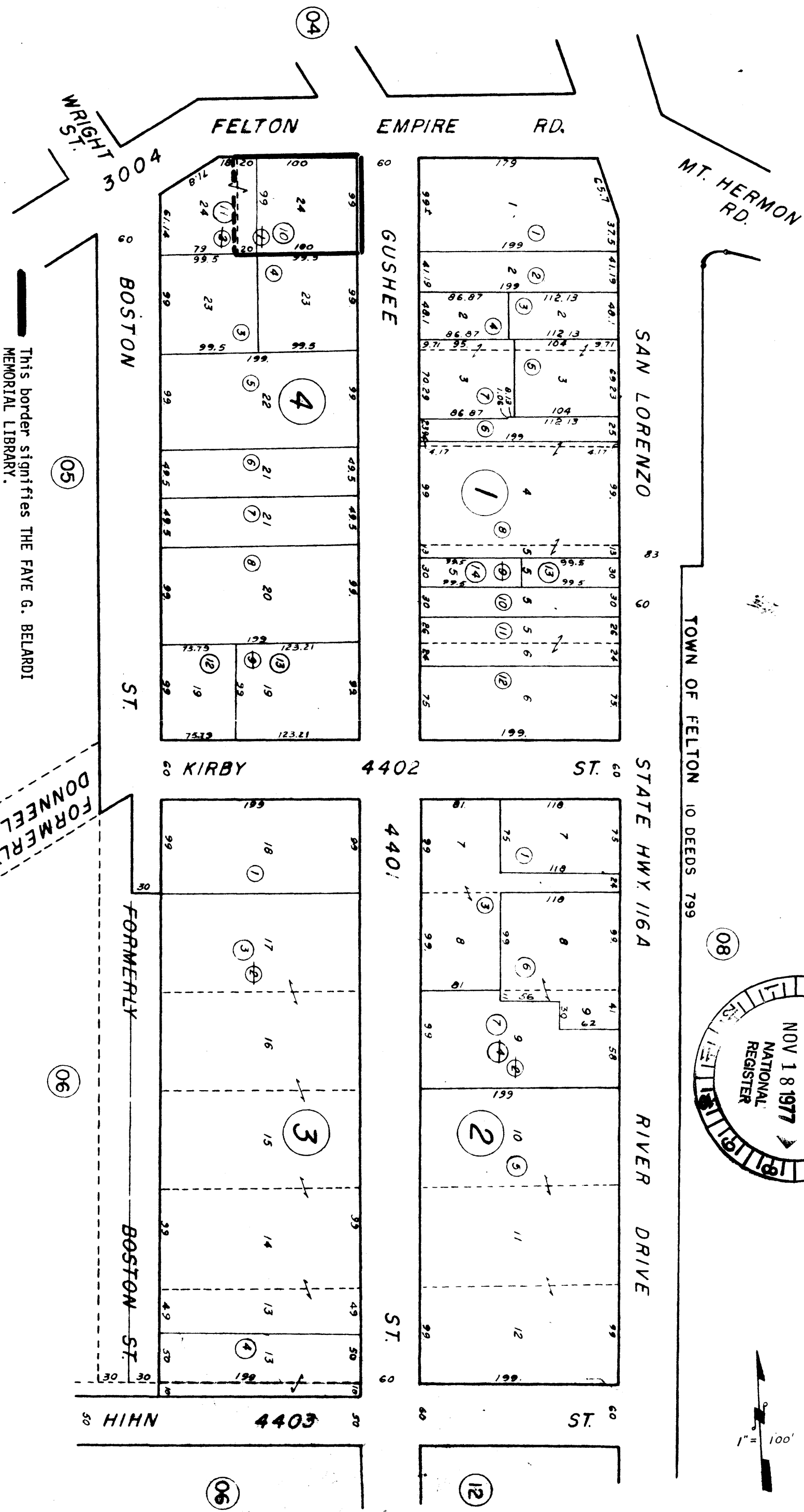
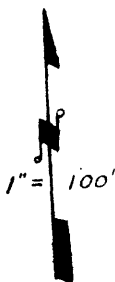
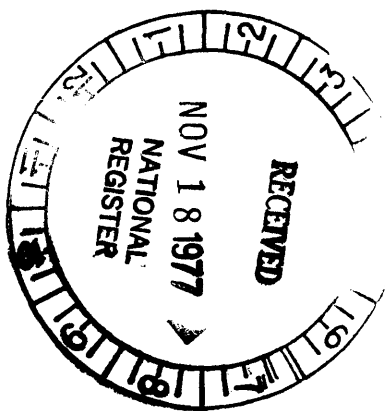
In the Santa Cruz Public Library: Numerous press clippings of the Valley Press and the Santa Cruz Sentinel (no dates) concerning the Faye G. Belardi Memorial Library and the town of Felton, California.

FOR TAX PURPOSES ONLY

POR. RANCHO ZAYANTE
SEC. 22, T.10S., R.2W., M.D. B. & M. PROJECTED.

Tax Area Code
90-041

65-07



This border signifies THE FAYE G. BELARDI MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Note - Assessor's Parcel Block & Lot Numbers Shown in Circles.

Assessor's Map No. 65-07
County of Santa Cruz, Calif.
Jan. 1952

REV. SEPT. 12 '66 J.F.W.
REV. 2/16/70 R.F.
REV. 8-12-70 R.S.T.