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1. Name of Property

historic name: Hawkins, Joel and Rena, House

other name/site number: Hawkins, Laurel House

2. Location

street & number: 801 South Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Hollister

vicinity: N/A

state: CA

county: San Benito

code: 069

zip code: 95023

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic Resources of Hollister, California

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this   x   nomination        request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property   x   meets        does not meet the National Register Criteria.        See continuation sheet.

Stade R. Craigo  
Signature of certifying official

June 11, 1992  
Date

California Office of Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property        meets        does not meet the National Register criteria.        See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

  ✓   entered in the National Register

       See continuation sheet.

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       determined eligible for the National Register

       See continuation sheet.

       determined not eligible for the National Register

       removed from the National Register

       other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

fa Signature of Keeper    Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: DOMESTIC

Sub: single dwelling

Current : DOMESTIC

Sub: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Late Victorian: Italianate

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation concrete roof asphalt
walls weatherboard other

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1876

Significant Dates : 1876

Significant Person(s):

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. Y See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: City of Hollister Redevelopment Agency

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>10</u>	<u>641860</u>	<u>4079020</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
San Benito County Assessor's parcel 055-040-002-0.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
The boundary includes the current city lot, which encompasses all the historic resources associated with the property. The original parcel was much larger, -but it has been subdivided over the years.

11. Form Prepared By

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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: December 31, 1992

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City or Town: Sacramento State: CA ZIP: 95816

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DESCRIPTION

This wood-frame Italianate house has two stories with a one-story extension in the rear. The plan is basically rectangular, although front and side elevations have slightly projecting bays. Windows are narrow and double hung. Siding is horizontal board. Quoins mark wall intersections. A shallow hipped roof has overhanging eaves supported by pairs of ornamental brackets. The banded cornice includes a dentil course. A brick chimney cuts the cornice in the rear. A band about two feet above ground level tops the base of the house. The building is in excellent condition and has had only minor alterations.

The front elevation has two bays. The one on the left (east) is wider and dominated by a two-story bay window topped above the cornice by an octagonal roof with cresting. The second-story windows are segmentally arched; those below have semi-circular arches. Both have banded architraves with colonnettes between windows. A bracketed cornice with dentil course tops the first-story window. The narrower bay, which is recessed, has a segmentally arched window with a keystone on the second story. The window is capped by a curved, bracketed hood and overlooks a balcony ringed by a short balustrade with turned bannisters. Below is a flat porch roof that has a dentiled cornice and is supported by a square-sectioned corner post with plain capital. The front door has vertical panels and is topped by an arched transom.

The side elevations have second-story windows like the one above the front porch. First story windows have semi-circular arches and bracketed hoods. The rear extension has a shallow hipped roof. The back porch, some of which is enclosed by lattice-work, wraps around to the rear. Square-sectioned posts support the porch roof. The porch has a balustrade and paneled staircase. At the southwest corner of the extension is a small, recently constructed sun porch.

The building has only a few alterations. The three original chimneys were damaged after earthquakes and removed. The chimney now on the rear of the house dates from ca. 1990. The small window on the first floor of the east elevation is a replacement for an original hooded, full-height window like those that remain on either side. The wood balustrade on the side porch replaced an original metal balustrade. The concrete foundation is also a replacement; the original was brick.

Behind the house are two single-story outbuildings. One is square-shaped two-car garage with balustraded parapet, pilasters, and horizontal board siding. The other (not included in the resource count) is a small gable-roofed shed with vertical board-and-batten siding. The garage was

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completed in 1990. The construction date of the shed, originally used to store fire wood, is unknown. The grounds include a variety of trees and bushes, as well as a long driveway that lines the eastern edge of the parcel. Landscaping is well maintained, but appears to contain no original elements.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Hawkins House meets the requirements for National Register nomination as set forth in the multiple property nomination for historic properties in Hollister, California, within the context of residential building in the city from 1868 to 1941. The building clearly exemplifies an architectural style popular during Hollister's first decade.

The Hawkins House is Hollister's most successfully executed example of an Italianate residence. Elements of the style include: a shallow hipped roof; a prominent entablature with wide eaves, banded and dentiled cornice, and curved brackets; and arched windows with elaborate hood molding. The window treatment typifies the more elaborate versions of the style in two ways. First story windows are taller than those above, and two kinds of arches are used--segmental on the second story and semi-circular on the first. Other Italianate touches are the crested octagonal roof above the bay window and the quoins at wall intersections. The porch treatment, though restrained, is also in keeping with the style.

The house was built for Joel and Rena Hawkins in 1876. They later told their children that they hired an architect and construction crew from San Francisco to insure the highest quality work. The house, through its sophisticated design and skilled craftsmanship, reflected the importance of the original owners. Joel Hawkins, like his father, Nicholas, and older brother, Thomas, was one of the members of the San Justo Homestead Association, which purchased the ranch lands of W. W. Hollister in 1868. The Hawkins family was subsequently involved in a number of important local enterprises. Joel Hawkins participated in these activities to some extent. He focused most of his attention, however, on managing the farms that he owned near town. Wheat was the major crop during his lifetime. He resided in the house until his death in 1914. His wife lived there until she died in 1928. Their son, Ray Hawkins, then inherited the property. The current owner is the granddaughter of Joel and Rena Hawkins.

The house retains a high level of architectural integrity and, after sustaining some damage in a 1989 earthquake, has returned to excellent condition. The building, Hollister's most important remaining Italianate residence, meets the registration requirements of its property type.

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Additional Documentation

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PROPERTY OWNER

Margaret Houghton Revocable Trust  
801 South Street  
Hollister, California 95023

PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographs have the following information in common:

3. Donald S. Napoli, Photographer
4. December, 1992
5. Hollister Redevelopment Agency  
375 Fifth Street  
Hollister, CA 95023

Photo No. 1

6. House and garage, view from the northeast

Photo No. 2

6. Front (north) elevation, view from the north

Photo No. 3

6. Front and east elevations, view from the northeast

Photo No. 4

6. Front and west elevations, view from the northwest

Photo No. 5

6. Shed and rear (south) and east elevations, view from the southeast

Photo No. 6

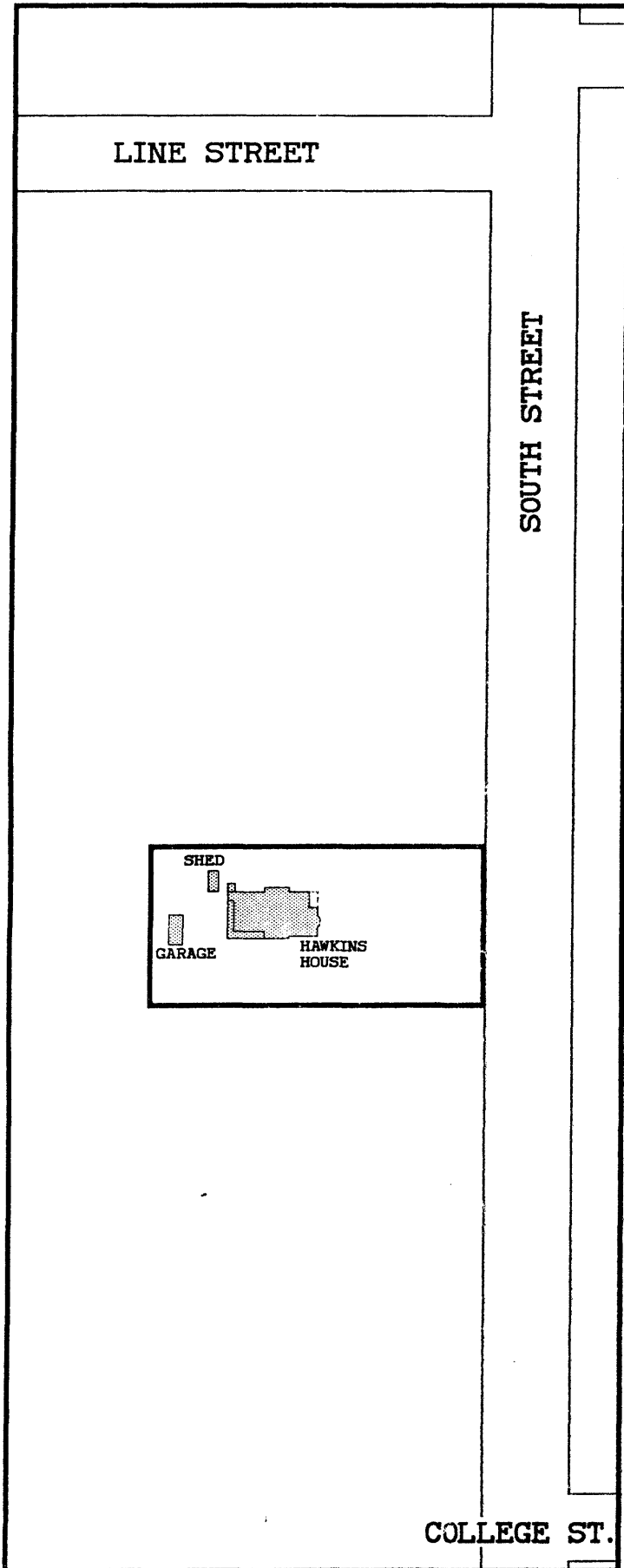
6. Garage, view from the northwest

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SKETCH MAP

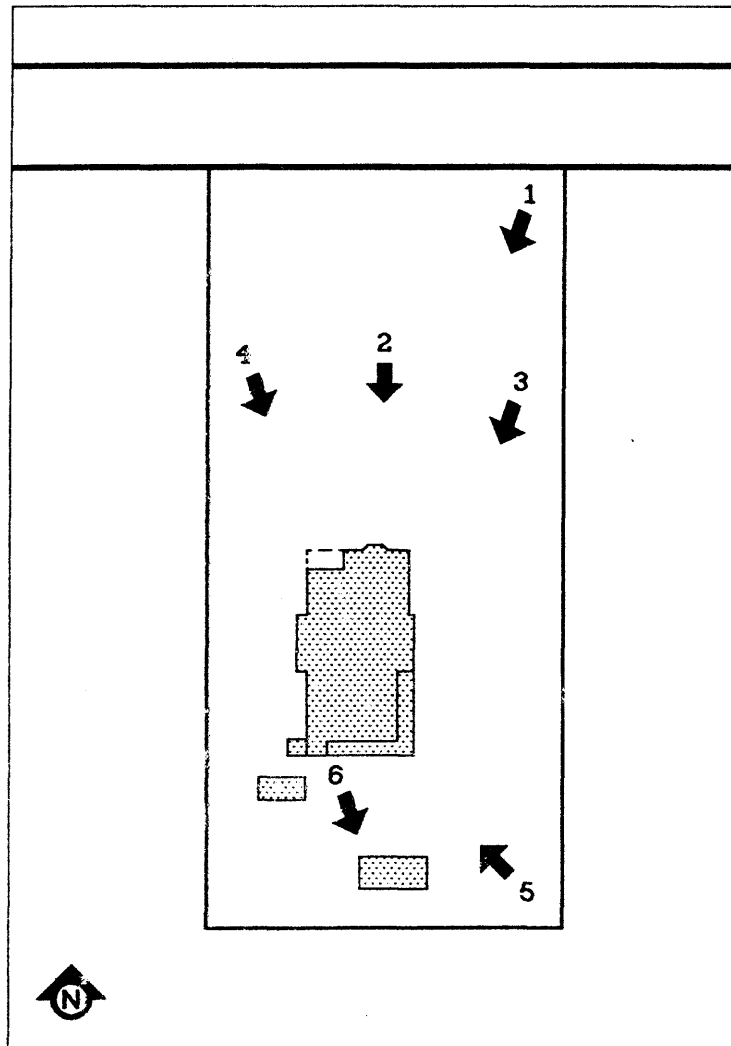
Approximate Scale:  
1 inch = 125 feet

Property Boundary:  
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PHOTO KEY



1. House and garage, from the northeast
2. Front elevation, from the north
3. Front and east elevations, from the northeast
4. Front and west elevations, from the northwest
5. Shed and rear and east elevations, from the southeast
6. Garage, from the northwest