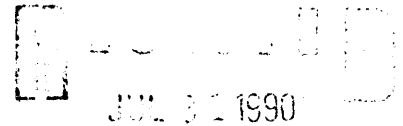


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Morse, LeGrand House

Other Name/Site Number:

2. Location

Street & Number: 365 Main Street

Not for Publication: \_\_

City/Town: Point Arena

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State: CA

County: Mendocino

Code: 045

Zip Code: 95468

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
_____1	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
_____1	_____ Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing:

Architectural and Historic Resources of Point Arena, 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 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 1/24/90  
Signature of certifying official Date  
California Office of Historic Preservation  
State of 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.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

~~entered in the~~  
National Register

Helene Byer 9/3/90  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic \_\_\_\_\_ Sub: Single Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_  
Current : Domestic \_\_\_\_\_ Sub: Single Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Greek Revival

Other Description:

Materials: foundation brick walls weatherboard roof asbestos other

Describe present and historic physical appearance. 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: B

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions):

Areas of Significance: Exploration/Settlement

Period(s) of Significance: 1870-1907

Significant Dates:

Significant Person(s): Morse, LeGrand

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 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:

- X State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

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  --   See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:   --   See continuation sheet.  
Assessor's Parcel Number 27-092-23

Boundary Justification:   --   See continuation sheet.  
The boundary includes the lot that has been historically associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Donald S. Napoli and Maryln Lortie, State Historians \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: State Office of Historic Pres.      Date: 2/21/90 \_\_\_\_\_

Street & Number: P. O. Box 942896 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (916) 445-8006 \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: Sacramento \_\_\_\_\_ State CA      ZIP: 94296-0001 \_\_\_\_\_

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This single story house is built on a U-plan, with each segment topped by a gable roof. In the crook of the U a shed-roofed portico shelters the front door. The house, which is sheathed in horizontal wood siding, faces east. Windows are two-over-two and double-hung. A small lean-to addition with a shed roof is attached to the north side. The entrance, which is not visible from the street, features a front door with a large multi-paned window, a neighboring double-hung window, and a shed roof supported by plain brackets. The door opens onto porch deck that is slightly elevated from the ground. The house, which is surrounded by a picket fence, is located in a residential area north of the town's commercial district.

Photo Data

Photographers: Don Napoli and Maryln Bourne Lortie  
Neg. Location: Ca. Office of Historic Preservation, Sacramento

1. Date of photo - Jan., 1989, View - facing northeast
2. Date of photo - March, 1990, View - facing northeast
3. Date of photo - Jan., 1989, View - facing north

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LeGrand Morse House Page # 1

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This house is associated with one of Point Arena's founding families and is the only building directly linked with one of its early leading citizens. Dr. J. G. Morse arrived in Point Arena in 1858; his son Le Grand followed a year later. Le Grand Morse had a career of increasing prominence, beginning as a teacher and store clerk, moving into the sales of drugs and general merchandise, and finally becoming a lawyer and state legislator. It is unclear whether he had the house built for himself or moved into it sometime after its construction. In any case, he lived there during the most productive years of his life. His career ended on a sad note when he was arrested and imprisoned for accidentally poisoning his mother in 1898. (He was trying to murder his brother.) Morse, one of the last of the town's original settlers, died in 1907. The house itself is a curious example of residential building in the 1870s. The construction materials all date from that era, but the irregularly shaped U-plan appears as if the elements of the building were somehow pieced together after construction. The house shows that leading citizens of Point Arena did not require pretentious dwellings.

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