United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 146 Central Avenue

Krough House

not for publication

code

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city, town Salinas ____ vicinity of congressional district 16th

state California code 06 county Monterey

3. Classification

- Category
 Ownership

 _______ district
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 _______ building(s)
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 - ____ public ____ private ____ both Public Acquisition ____ in process ____ being considered
- Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted X yes: unrestricted no
- Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial

military

____ museum ____ park ____ private residence ____ religious ____ scientific ____ transportation ____ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Raymond L. Belli and Frederick L. Christensen

street & number 408 South Main Street

city, town Salinas		vicinity of	stat	e California	93901
5. Lo	cation of I	egal Description			
courthouse,	registry of deeds, etc.	Monterey County Courtho	use		
street & number		240 Church Street			
city, town		Salinas	stat	e California	93902
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7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7A.l Type of Building

The Krough House is a wood frame single family residence built in a Queen Anne style. The structural system is western balloon framing with all members full sized rough cut redwood. The exterior is sheathed in 1 x #redwood shiplapped siding with the interior finished in redwood lath and gypsum plaster.

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7A.2 Building Placement

The building is typically located on the lot. It has a 20 foot front yard and 4 and 14 foot side yards. The rear yard is 52 feet deep and was mostly unkept prior to rehabilitation.

7A.3 General Characteristics

A modified rectangle, the house has numerous breaks and projections around the perimeter characteristic of a free standing Queen Anne. The roof shape is a combination of gables intersecting a central hip, capped by a flat widows walk. Because of the roof height a small second floor is afforded below the widows walk.

7A.4 Specific Features

Specific features include the reconstructed entrance porch. The porch had been modified extensively, all that remained of the original porch was a concrete footing and railing notches in the newel posts. By researching the details of Queen Anne railings with the original dimensions provided by the footings and notches, the porch and railing were reconstructed. The front door is a redwood panelled door with a beveled glass insert and brass hardware. There is a flashed glass light above.

The house has two bay windows located off the living room. They are typical of the styles having fixed panels flanked by double hung sash. It is apparent that beading had been removed from the bay windows; these were not replaced.

A rectangular bay with extensive wood mullions is located along the 14' side yard.

The rear of the house has a sun porch/laundry room/rear entrance. Dry rot had destroyed most of the fixed mullioned windows and room under-primings. These were all replaced with exact replicas.

There is one exposed brick chimney on the exterior of the house. The interior chimney had been removed although the fireplace remains.

Both side elevations of the house have small dormers lending light to the second floor.

The house has a small cellar, the entrance to which is outside and through a pair of angled cellar doors.

8. Significance

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Specific dates by both interviewees Builder/Architect UNKNOWN

(ca. 1900) Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

During the initial growth of the Salinas Valley and Central California the City of Salinas became the hub of socio-economic deveopment. Around the 1890's "the" street in Salinas to live on was Central Avenue. Many great houses were built there within a four block length. Central Avenue was a street of Queen Annes. Today there are only four of the houses remaining, Krough is one.

The development of the agricultural industry in the Salinas Valley produced a demand for more professional services. As the professional people moved into town they created a demand for housing. This housing demand was met along Central Avenue. Most of the large houses have been torn down for new development. The Krough House was one of the smaller of the houses built on that street, but it does now represent the feeling of Central Avenue that had been lost.

The social significance of this house cannot be ignored. The geneology can best be described as follows:

Captain Peter Krough Sr. came to Central California in the mid-1800's as a retired sea captain from Lloyt, a town in Denmark. With him came 3 sons, Peter Jr., Charles and Federick. Peter Sr. established his family in Watsonville and opened a lumber mill there and was able to send his children to college. All three sons were educcated at Northwestern University as Pharmacists.

Peter Jr. moved from Watsonville to Salinas and established a pharmacy on what is now the 100 block of main street. He also had his home built on Central Avenue for himself, his wife Annie, and daughter Olga.

Olga Krough grew up on Central Avenue. She has told us that John Steinbeck, who lived three houses down, was a playmate. They played both at the Steinbeck home and the Krough House. She married Michael Tynan, who**sg** family was one of the original settlers of Salinas. Michael Tynan founded Tynan Lumber Company in 1908 and went on to form Salinas Valley Savings and Loan which evolved to Northern California Savings and Loan, a respected present-day financial institution.

The house has gone through a series of owners since the Krough's. With each change the house deteriorated until acquisition by Belli. Christensen in 1978. At that time a complete renovation was begun and completed in February 1979.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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