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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 "Judge" Lee House

AND/OR COMMON

Julius Lee Home

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 128 East Beach Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 17th

CITY, TOWN Watsonville

VICINITY OF
CODE 06

STATE California

COUNTY Santa Cruz

CODE 087

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
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			<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 Monte and Betty Lewis

STREET & NUMBER 128 East Beach Street

CITY, TOWN Watsonville

VICINITY OF
STATE California 95076

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Santa Cruz County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 701 Ocean Street

CITY, TOWN Santa Cruz

STATE California 95076

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historic Site Survey Professor Kenneth Cardwell, U.C. Berkeley

DATE July 1976
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Watsonville City Hall

CITY, TOWN Watsonville

STATE Ca. 95076

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two-story square building with raised stone foundation. First story with horizontal boarding on walls. Second story with shingles on walls; gable roof with wood shingles. Projecting circular with two-story tower with conical roof ending with finial and curved bay windows on both stories. Double hung window upper sash on second story dormer windows vertically divided. Gabled dormer with pediment; frieze work on tympanum. Rectangular bay at immediate level stair landing. Projecting second story balcony with curved brackets, spindle and spool work. Slanted second story bulls eye window. Projecting porch with classical details balustrade. Recessed entryway with panel work and decorative molding. Paneled wooden door with relief work, beveled glass and transom. Relief work on tower frieze. Beaded frieze on porch and belt course.

Structure is located on a town lot measuring 50' by 300' - house faces north-east - Queen Anne architecture - eight rooms, two bathrooms, 1 attic room and small sun room. House is constructed of redwood and has older homes on either side of it. House faces onto main thoroughfare from Main Street to road leading to Mt. Madonna and Gilroy. There have been no major alterations; the exterior is the same as when constructed in 1894. The house contains 1,985 square feet.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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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 1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Architect - W. H. Weeks
 Builder - J. S. Jennings

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Judge Lee house is an excellent early example of architect William Weeks' development of his individualistic interpretation of the Queen Anne style. This was the first house he designed in Watsonville at the start of his California practice and, as far as is known, the first house he designed in California. Well maintained by the present owners, the refined architectural details of gable and tower crestings, ornamental paper-mache tympanum and friezes, and slender wood turnings retain their delicate lines and sharp edges. The integrity of the applied ornament is outstanding. The combination of architectural excellence of the house and its history as the residence of a distinguished early citizen of Watsonville makes it eligible to be included on the National Register -

William H. Weeks was one of California's prolific architects. His works extend throughout Northern and Central California and include everything from a wooden footbridge over the Pajaro River to the exotic Paso Robles Bath House he designed in 1905. His style is diverse, ranging from the flamboyant to the plain, from Victorian to reinforced concrete. Born January 18, 1864 on Prince Edward Island, Weeks moved with his family to Denver where he received his architectural training at the Berger Institute. The year 1892 saw Weeks in Watsonville designing the Christian Church building and in 1894 he was engaged in planning the community's first high school. He opened an office in the new James Flood Building in San Francisco in 1905 and was instrumental in rebuilding that city after the 1906 earthquake and fire. During this time Weeks was very active in designing Carnegie Libraries; the Evening Pajaronian of May 13, 1908 reported he had the honor of having designed more libraries and banks throughout the state than any other architect. His staff grew to more than thirty--including such illustrious names as Robert Orr and Ralph Wyckoff--as he opened offices in San Jose and Oakland. The May 1915 issue of Architect and Engineer was devoted entirely to his work, and in 1929 his Christian Church in Watsonville won the church building award from the Christian Herald in a competition that included fifty churches in the United States and two from foreign countries. When William Weeks died in 1936 he was recognized as a prominent force among California architects.

Julius Lee is a name intimately connected with the history of law and jurisprudence in Santa Cruz county. From 1862 until his death in 1910 he lived in Watsonville where he became very influential at the bar of that city. Mr. Lee had arrived in California in 1859. He opened a law office in Monterey, but shortly after his arrival he was appointed to fill the recently vacated district attorney's position. In 1862 he moved to Watsonville, there, serving as district attorney for two successive terms. Later the Republican party nominated him for superior judge, but he declined, not wanting to leave Watsonville and his excellent law practice.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Victorian Homes of Watsonville - Pajaro Valley Historical Association, 1974
 Santa Cruz County - California - Historic Record Company, Los Angeles, 1911
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 Interviews with Alice Weeks Halsall, daughter of W.H. Weeks, 1976, 1977, 1978

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED** **UTM NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 50' by 300' (0.34 acre)

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded on the north by East Beach Street; on the south by Trafton alley; on the west by the Dawson home and on the east by the Bonnet house.

The Lee house is located one and a half blocks from the main street of town.

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. Betty Lewis, Historian

June 17, 1979

ORGANIZATION

Pajaro Valley Historical Association

DATE

(408) 722-0305

STREET & NUMBER

261 East Beach Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Watsonville,

STATE

California 95076

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

Kenn Miller

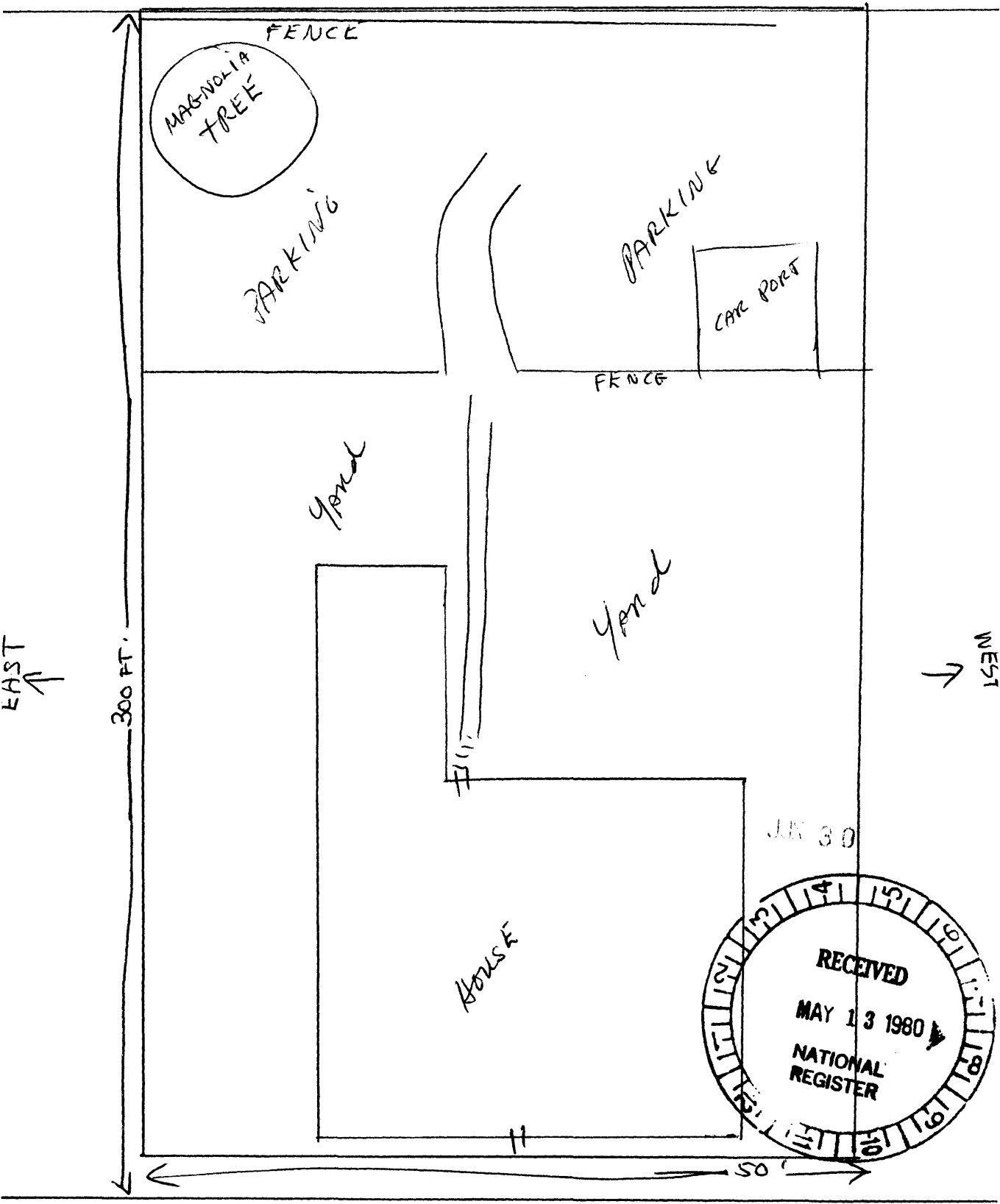
TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

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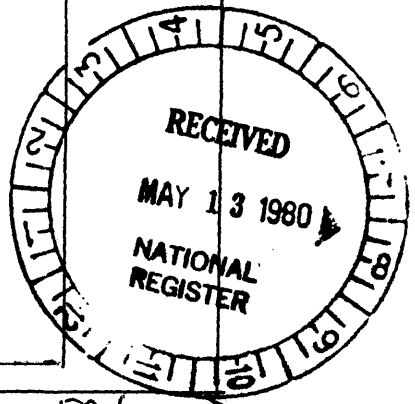
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<i>Kenn Miller</i>	DATE <u>June 30, 1980</u>
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE <u>6-26-80</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

A SOUTH

TRAFTON ALLEY



JUN 30



E. BEACH ST.

SILROY ←

W SOUTH

→ SANTA CRUZ