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#### SPECIFIC DATES 1869-1885

#### BUILDER/ARGHIFEGT Edward Berwick

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Edward Berwick is described in volume & of Rockwell Hunt's "California and Californians" of 1932 as a writer, speaker, advocate of vital causes, agriculturist, stock farmer, and fruit grower. Berwick's farm in Carmel Valley was a model of it's type and the Berwick Pear which he developed there was known internationally up to the second world war. Educated in London at Camden House School, King's College and through lectures at the Royal Society in Albermarke Street Hall. His writing and lecturing coveres subjects ranging from local sanitation to world peace. His estansive scaidential correspondence from the last quarter of the minetconth through the first quarter of the twentieth century ranges in subject matter (rethoughts on world federation to horticulture. The Earwick property it.alf / vis unique in that it retains elements of Californio as well as American tenure. The chain of title lists Romere Sanchaz and James Meadors as Marwick's predecessors in ownership of the land, which has not left the intters family since 1869. The kitchen of the existing house was moved by Berwick after 1869 from the bank of the Carmel River to it's current location and is probably part of the original Romero Sanchez rancho deeded. by Gov. Alvarado in 1840. The historical continuity of the site particularly enhances its importance.



This farm has been in continuel ownership and operation, by a single family since 1869. The original farmhouse on Berwick Manor was moved by Edward Berwick from the banks of the Carmel River to its present location some 100 yards or so West of the present Carmel Valley Road. Its construction is of rough hewn redwood, thickly whitewashed with a heavy redwood shake exterior. The beams on the interior were originally tied with rawhide, but have in some places been replaced with a wire binding. The structure came to this location between 1869 and 1871, when the owner dug a pond and constructed a windmill to assure an adequate water supply away from the river. The remaining vernacular additions to the original occured over about a 10 year period, completing the complex as it appears today in the early 1880's. Rooms were added as needed for a growing family. Most fenstration is two over two doublehurg sash windows, and the entire construction is in redwood, hand hewn ind milled. Two original chimnies existed, the principal one in the newer addition, in the main living room, and the other in the original structure, removed at an unknown date. The fancy lattice work on the front porch of the finished farahouse is no longer intact and a massive redwood tree has grown to considerable height within five feet of the front door. The farmhouse and bugaloid redwood foremans residence, to the Southeast of the former are so overgrown as to prevent clear photographic recording of them. Both, however, though somewhat deteriorated from neglect seem structurally sound and are in use as residences. The principal outbuildings, in redwood, are in various stages of decline. The barn to the South of the farmhouse is quite deteriorated and would probably require reconstruction, while the produce processing shed and Z outbuilding to the West of the farmhouse are in relatively good condition. Smaller animal enclosures are sprinkled about the place but are of later vintage and deteriorating.

The outlines of the reservoir developed by Berwick and recorded in the book "The California Vegetables in Garden and Field", published by the Pacific Rural Press in 1897, are still evident as is the barest remains of the original windmill. The entire farm is somewhat overgrown with a few of the orchard trees still remaining but not kept up. No modern changes appear on surface inspection of the property except for the addition of a telephone. Cooking is still done on a wood burning stove and the lighting is probably on the original wire system. The area under consideration for Register status is in effect as it was in the 1880's except for the later (1910-1915) foreman's residence.

Note: This is the only intact farmstead of this period (1860's) left in Carmel Valley. Edward Berwick entertained the writer Robert Louis

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### Exploration/Settlement:

The property in question has been held by four families in the chain of title since its initial parceling in a land grant, (Mexican) to Antonio Romero by then Governor Juan B. Alvarado on January 27, 1840. Ironically, Romero and his brother Mariano were responsible for the arrest and deportation of the second owner, James Meadows, before Meadows was to own the property. This occured as part of the Issac Graham Affairsin the spring of 1840 when Gen. Jose Castro rounded up all foreigners not "of good reputation" and shipped them off to prison in San Blas, Mexico under the excuse that a revolt by these men was being considered to overthrow the legal government of Alta California. Meadows, who had been in the lumber business in the Carmel Valley prior tc his internment received clear title to the land after litigation through the California Lands Commission, backdated to the 3rd of March, 1851. Meadows next sold the property to a Thomas Bralce for \$500.00 on August 16. 1860, who in turn sold the property to Edward Berwick for \$1,500 on September 23rd, 1869 and in whose family the property remains today.

#### Commerce/Science:

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Edward Berwick, who was born in London, England on January 25, 1843, always described himself as a "humanist". He arrived in California July 17. 1865 and worked for Jeoffry Cullen on the Piojo Ranch of 13,000 acres at San Antonio Mission in southern Monterey County. This was an extensive dairy and hog ranch. During the time prior to his purchase of the Carmel Valley ranch he also worked the San Miguelito Ranch and the Santa Rita Ranch. In all these enterprizes he was an extensive producer of cheese, butter, hogs and beef cattle. Quoting his biographer, Rockwall Hunt on Berwick's purchase of the Bralee place in Carmel Valley, "for over half a century he (Berwick) engaged intensively in dairying, gardening and fruit growing. He made this property a model country place, and in some countries what might be called an experimental farm. It is known as the Berwick Orchard. The pears which he developed became famous for their quality, and his efforts as a horticulturalist have not been least amoung his contributions." Berwick's commercial and scientific activities ranged from sanitation to proposal ffor a Panamanian canal including ideas in the 1870's for a rural board of health. The property was used during the depression of the 1930's by the federal government to teach local ranchers better and more scientific farming methods. Berwick was a member for 30 years of the California Academy of Sciences.



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