MEMORANDUM

TO: Sausalito Planning Commission

FROM: Sausalito Historic Landmarks Board

RE: 9 Bonita Street - APN: 065-083-04

DATE: September 2, 2015

I. Methodology

Pursuant to City Council direction, it is the responsibility of the Sausalito Historic Landmarks Board to examine any remodel or demolition application in the City if the application involves a structure of fifty or more years of age. The Board assigns two members to review each project and to consider the gathered information and produce this report. Our report is not intended to replace or augment any technical reports pertaining to this project: any comments regarding structural integrity, engineering, etc., are purely observational.

Architectural Research

At the request of the Planning Department, the Historic Landmarks Board conducted research into the history of the property at 9 Bonita Street (the "Property") to determine its historic significance.

II. Property Description

The Property is located in a residential neighborhood one block west of Caledonia Street. Based on the physical inspection the property appears to be a vernacular residential style.

III. Property History

Chain of Title and Notable Residents

According to the applicant Catherine Buford, the date of original construction is 1906, however there is nothing to confirm this in the City's records. The original construction permit was not in the city files.

The following owners/residents/associated names were identified in the file.

1. H.G. Hawes
2. Gibbs Family Trust
3. Buford
4. John P.E. Johnson
5. Theodesia Bjornstrom
6. Veatty Van Winkle

In searches for the above names, only the following substantive information was found:

John Johnson

Various notice to creditors were found from 1941 Sausalito News

Architectural and Historical Research

In order to determine the history of the site, the construction date of the property, and the ownership history of the property, the following resources were consulted:

- Sanborn Fire Insurance maps – updated through 1955 - see below picture
- Sausalito City Permit records - enclosed
- Sausalito Obituary Files – **no information found**
- Town of Sausalito Block Book – **below please find picture**
- California Digital Newspaper Collection – **no substantive information found**
- Online Google search – **no substantive information found**

Property File: No property files for 9 Bonita were located in the Historical Society records.

Additional Resources: 9 Bonita does not appear on the Sausalito List of Notable Structures, is not listed in the California Historic Resource Information Systems database (CHRIS), and has not previously been identified as a historic resource.

Findings

1. Is the structure associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the history, culture, or heritage of Sausalito, California, or the United States? Such structures may include but are not limited to civic structures, properties featured in publications, and sites where significant events occurred.

   The board finds _____ under this criterion.

2. Is this structure associated with the life or lives of one or more people important in our past? Such structures may include but are not limited to homes of prominent persons and places referenced by prominent persons.

   The board finds _____ under this criterion.

3. Does the structure embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represent the work of an important creative individual, or possess high artistic values? Such structures may include but are not limited to exceptional examples of architecture or an architect's work; more ordinary examples of such work are emblematic of a particular style or era; and any works by prominent creative individuals.

   The board finds _____ under this criterion.

4. Has the structure yielded, or may it be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history? Such structures may include but are not limited to archeological sites.

   The board finds _____ under this criterion.

Recommandations:

Report prepared by Board Member Aldo Mercado

Sources: Sausalito Planning Department address files, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, and information from the Marin County Tax Assessor's, Sausalito Historical Society, http://cdnc.ucr.edu/ and www.google.com.

The Sausalito Historic Landmarks Board, at their publicly noticed meeting of _____, 2015 acknowledged this memorandum:

AYES:
NOES:
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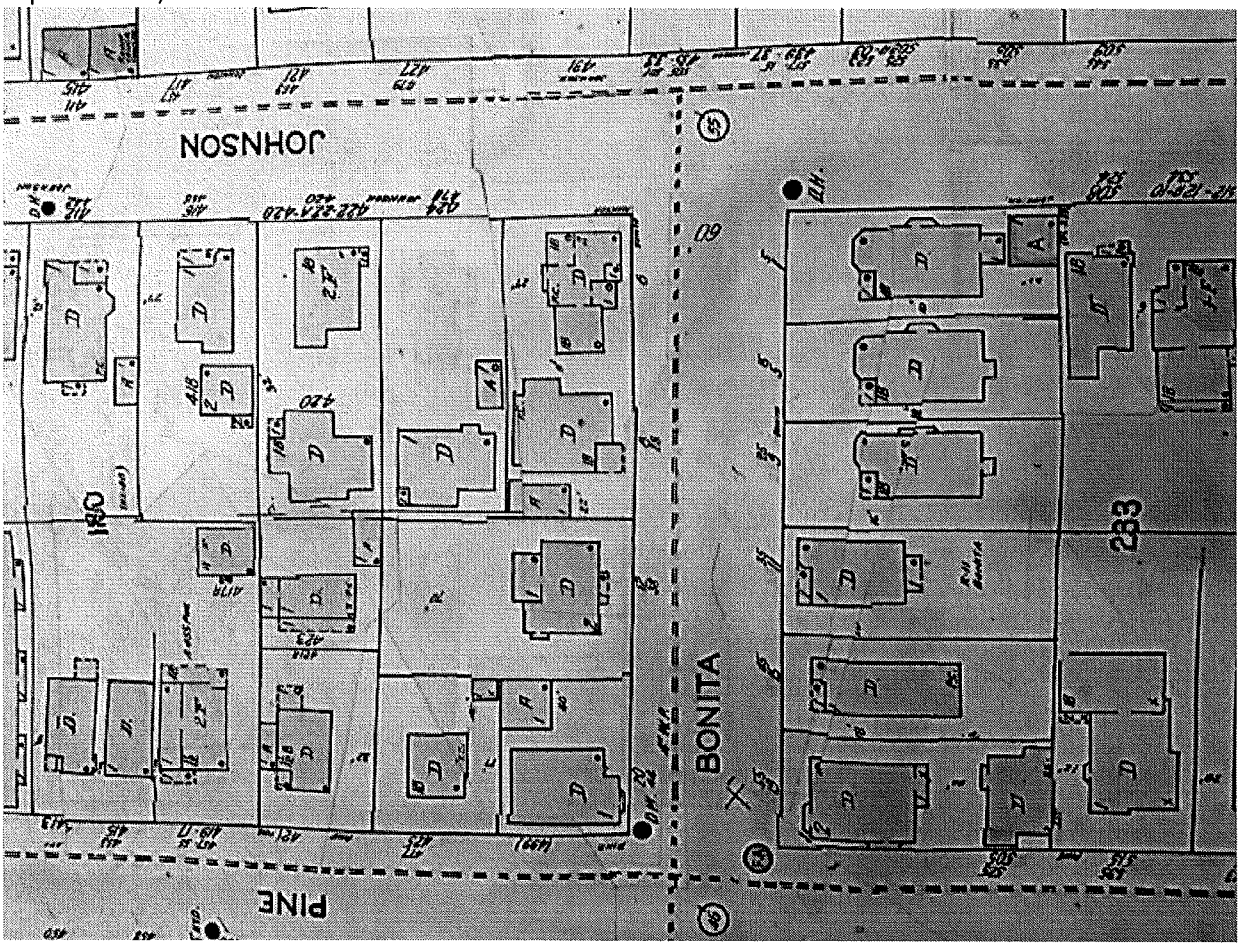
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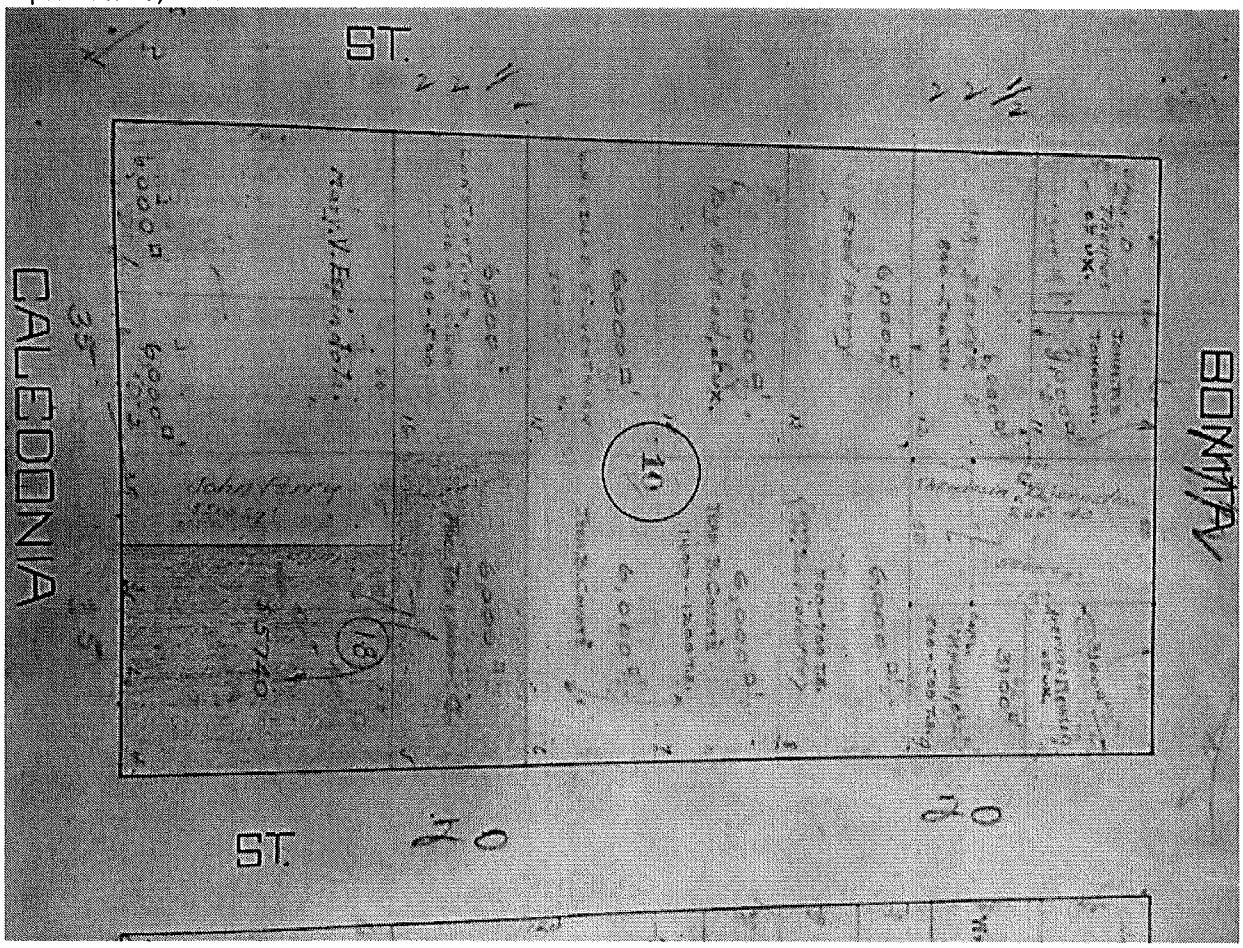
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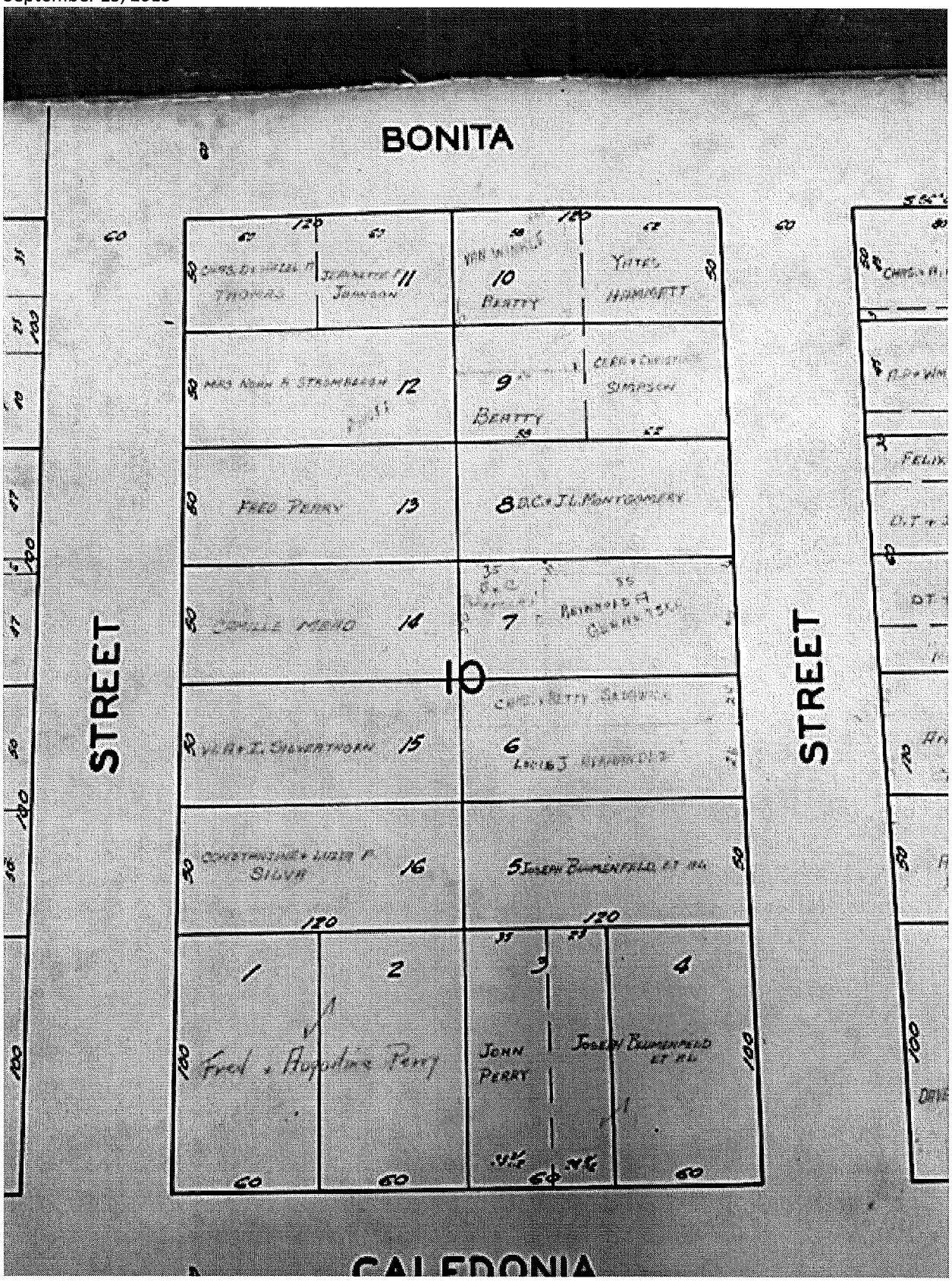
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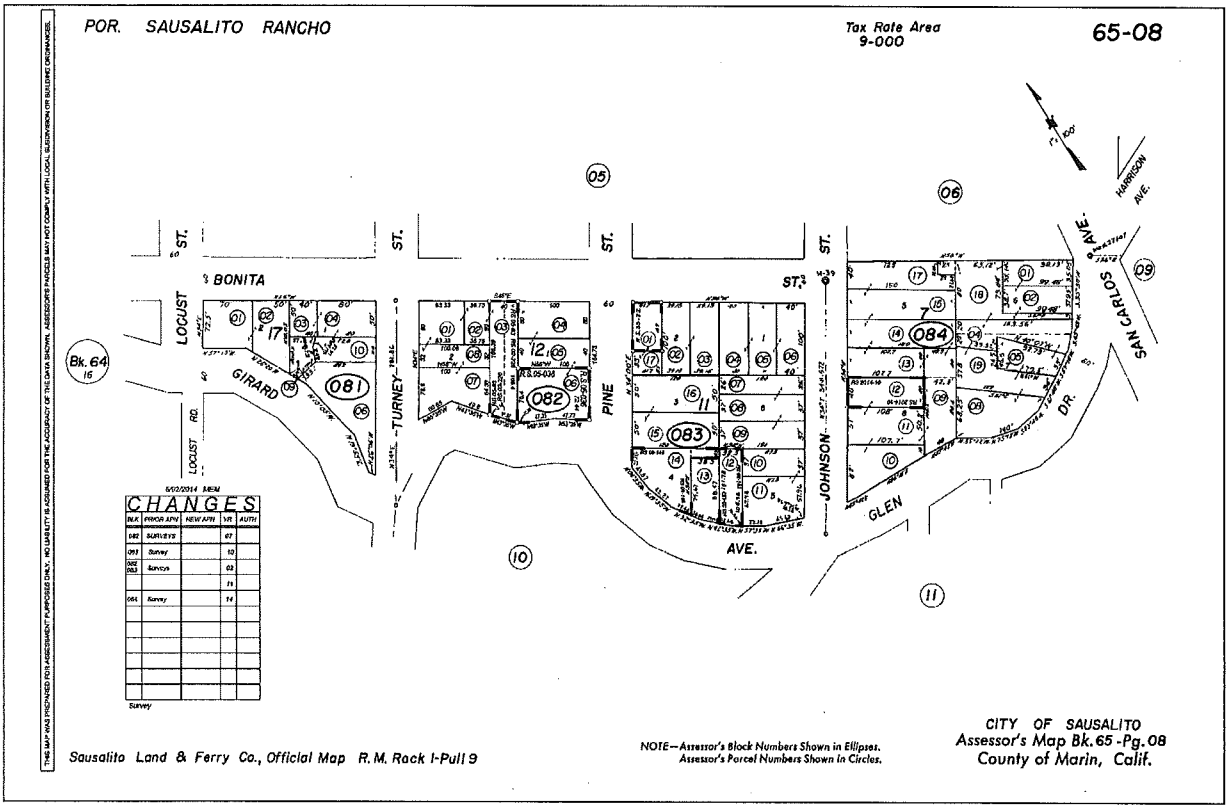
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SAN CARLOS AVE.
HARRISON AVE.
GLEN DR.
AVE.
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CHANGES
Sausalito Land & Ferry Co., Official Map R. M. Rock I-Pull 9
NOTE—Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses.
Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles.
CITY OF SAUSALITO
Assessor's Map Bk. 65 - Pg. 08
County of Marin, Calif.