

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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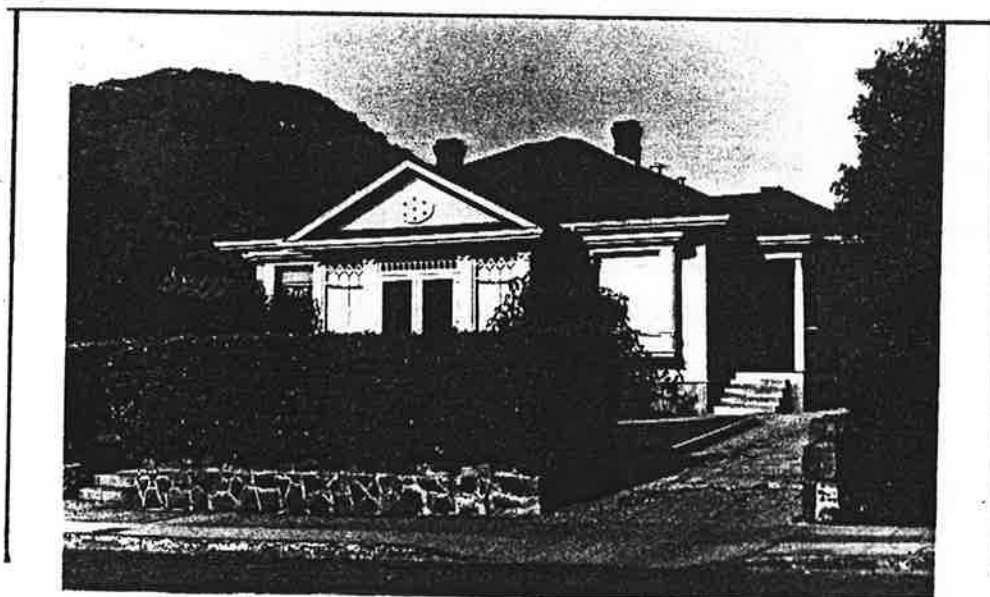
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name:
2. Historic name: Dr. George B. Nichols Home
3. Street or rural address: 664 Monterey Street
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 County San Luis Obispo
4. Parcel number: 02-412-15
5. Present Owner: Morganti, Louis, J., et al. Address: P.O. Box 359
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Single Story Colonial Revival
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This single story frame structure is basically rectangular in shape, and rests on a raised basement. A gabled porch extends from the main hipped roof. The roof is capped with composition shingle, and the projecting roof edge has a boxed cornice. The house is sheathed with clapboard siding. A porch extends from the roof in the front, with a center doorway. A double door is flanked with side by side fixed windows that are topped with diamond light transoms. A pediment of fishscales and a distinctive crest medallion is featured in the porch gable. Side porches and box windows have fluted Doric columns which are also repeated on the front entry. A wood door with oval shaped beveled glass opens onto a bay whose windows repeat the transoms of the front windows. Enclosed porches could be alterations. There is a hedge above the granite rock retaining wall.



8. Construction date: Estimated 1900 Factual
9. Architect
10. Builder
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 80' Depth 160'
or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)

13. Condition: Excellent ____ Good X Fair ____ Deteriorated ____ No longer in existence ____
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ____ Scattered buildings ____ Densely built-up ____
Residential X Industrial ____ Commercial ____ Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development ____ Zoning ____ Vandalism ____
Public Works project ____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Yes Moved? ____ Unknown? ____
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The granite rock retaining wall ties this well preserved and handsome Colonial Revival residence with other homes in the block. The Thomas Norton home had stood next door until demolished in the 1950's. Frances Milne, librarian, was a roomer in the house in 1904, close to the Carnegie Library. At that date the house was owned by Dr. George B. Nichols, who had his residence and office at the 664 Monterey address. On Higuera and Broad overlooking the creek was a private hospital for the Southern Pacific Railway. Born in Georgia, after schooling and European travel, he studied medicine and was house surgeon at Bellevue and Park Hospital in New York. He came to San Luis Obispo in 1876 to practice medicine. He was County Coroner from 1888-1890 and Mayor in 1883. He had interests in gas and oil wells in the county. In 1914, Eustachio Morganti and his wife, Rose, are listed as occupants. The house is still owned by the Morganti family.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure ____
Economic/Industrial ____ Exploration/Settlement ____
Government 2 Military ____
Religion ____ Social/Education ____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

San Luis Obispo County Records
History of San Luis Obispo County by
Myron Angel (1883)
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
(1891, 1903)

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

