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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Soderberg Home
2. Historic name: Trousdale Home
3. Street or rural address: 779 Buchon Street
 City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 County San Luis Obispo
4. Parcel number: 03-536-03
5. Present Owner: Soderberg, L.D. and S.L. Address: 779 Buchon Street
 City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

A high pitched gable tops the front of this house. Stick work, fishscale and other shingle design applied in relief and unusual grouping of three window panels on a gable front are eye-catching features of this style. A doorway recessed into the house front with Corinthian columns at the front of the porch on the top of the wooden steps. An additional door is inside a porch wall. Double hung windows are on the ground floor and have a shelf top and molded surroundings. Clapboard siding on the front and side of the ground floor, with side facing gables on the upper floor also ornamental. On one side, an original window has been replaced with multi-pane French doors, reached by a wooden staircase.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1898 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 195' Depth 55'
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
December 1982

13. Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land Scattered buildings Densely built-up
Residential Industrial Commercial Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known 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 house at 779 Buchon is an interesting example of a vernacular rendition of the late Carpenter Gothic with Neo-Classic overtones reflecting the tendency for architectural hybridization in the Central Coast. The structure incorporates elements of Carpenter Gothic and other Victorian motifs. The alternate shingle and wood siding on the gable exterior and Gothic style elongated windows are attributes of Victorian designs on the first floor. The classic proportions of the windows with Ionic columns flanking the porch entry are features of Neo-Colonial architecture. Built in the 1890's or at least before 1903, this house is an illustration of transitional building patterns that occurred between the close of the Victorian era and the beginning of Classic Revival. Of historical importance is the fact that one prominent 19th century pioneer businessman in San Luis Obispo, J.P. Andrews, resided here in 1914 at the age of 90. At that time he was a boarder at what was then the home owned by W.A. Rideout, Secretary and Treasurer of the Cosmopolitan Garage and Machine Co. Andrews had built the landmark Andrews Building downtown and had resided most of his adult life at an old adobe known historically as the Andrews Adobe. John Mathlers, a gas agent for the Pacific Coast Railroad, lived here in 1912. In 1904, this was the home of Mr. H.S. Trousdale, a railroad brakeman and his wife for whom the house may have been built.

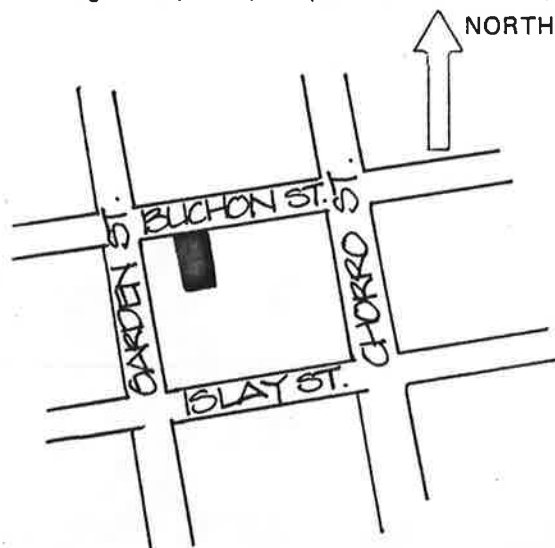
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

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

City Directory (1904, 1914)

22. Date form prepared JUN 17 1983
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):





RESIDENCE OF MRS. MARY L. ELLIOTT,
779 Buchon Street.

Source: City of San Luis Obispo Fire Department, Souvenir of San Luis Obispo (1904)

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