

State of California -- The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
**PRIMARY RECORD**

Primary #  
HRI #  
Trinomial  
NRHP Status Code 1D

Other Listings P-43-001468  
Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 of 2 \*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) Capt. John Martin Residence

P1. Other Identifier: \_\_\_\_\_

\*P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted

\*a. County Santa Clara and (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Milpitas Date 2021 T 06S; R 01W;  of  of Sec ; Mt. Diablo B.M.

c. Address 1080 Catherine Street City San Jose Zip 95002

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S, 590570.00 mE/ 4142781.00 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, decimal degrees, etc., as appropriate)  
APN 015-02-003

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

The single-family residence at 1080 Catherine Street, is a one-and-a-half story, irregular plan, wood frame Stick and Queen Anne style house set in the middle of a large, 0.59-acre landscaped lot. The building is composed of two sections: the original rectangular plan gable roof building and a rectangular plan shed roof addition. The two sections are both clad in wood clapboard siding with flats on corner boards. The front facing gable has a narrow freeze and decorative spindle work in the peak of the gable. A wraparound porch covers the first floor of the south and east sides. The porch has Sunburst corner brackets, spindle ball struts, and is topped by a short, spindled balustrade. The rear addition is largely devoid of detail and the architectural detailing on the main volume is not original.

The windows are all modern, single-hung replacements and a wood French door is located under the gable peak on the second floor.

See Continuation Sheet.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2

P5a. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



\*P4. Resources Present:

Building  Structure  Object  Site  
 District  Element of District  
 Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (view, date, accession #) View from Catherine Street, looking northwest, November 2022

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:  Historic  Prehistoric  
 Both  
c.1860, NR Nomination

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
Vahl Family LP  
P.O. Box 296  
Alviso, CA 95002

\*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address) Becky Urbano, ESA  
787 The Alameda, Ste. 250  
San Jose, CA 95126

\*P9. Date Recorded: March 30, 2023

\*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)  
Intensive

\*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.")  
Neighborhood of Alviso Historic Context and Survey

\*Attachments:  NONE  Location Map  Continuation Sheet  Building, Structure, and Object Record  
 Archaeological Record  District Record  Linear Feature Record  Milling Station Record  Rock Art Record  
 Artifact Record  Photograph Record  Other (List): \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTINUATION SHEET

Property Name: Captain John Martin Residence

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### P3a: Description (Continued)

#### History

The house at 1080 Catherine Street was constructed by Captain John Martin c.1860 during Alviso's period as a major shipping port for Santa Clara County. Capt. Martin had several commercial enterprises. He was a seafarer who owned several passenger and freight vessels that operated between San Francisco and Alviso. He was also part owner and sole operator of the Empire Warehouse which was used to store grain.<sup>1</sup>

The current appearance of the building dates to sometime after the 1952 flood. Prior to that time the house was a simple Folk Vernacular.



Figure 1. The subject building and the adjacent La Montagne Boarding House on Catherine Street as floodwaters recede from the 1952 flood. Source: California Historical Society, Minor White Collection ([https://digitalibrary.californiahistoricalsociety.org/object/3539?solr\\_nav%5Bid%5D=0590ca78a6571e956a0b&solr\\_nav%5Bpage%5D=0&solr\\_nav%5Boffset%5D=3](https://digitalibrary.californiahistoricalsociety.org/object/3539?solr_nav%5Bid%5D=0590ca78a6571e956a0b&solr_nav%5Bpage%5D=0&solr_nav%5Boffset%5D=3))

#### Status

The building is a contributing feature to the 1972 Port of Alviso National Register District and is included in the 1995 *Port of Alviso, California Point of Historical Interest*.<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> City of San Jose, Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso, 1995, p. 47.

<sup>2</sup> Phyllis Butler and the Santa Clara County Historical Landmarks Advisory, *National Register Nomination: Port of Alviso (San Jose)*, April 7, 1972, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/123861641>.

<sup>3</sup> City of San Jose, Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso, 1995.