

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) Tilden-Laine Residence

P1. Other Identifier: Laine Residence, Tilden Residence

*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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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 970 Elizabeth Street City San Jose Zip 95002

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S, 590427.00 mE/ 4142897.00 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, decimal degrees, etc., as appropriate)
APN 015-01-004

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

The residential building at 970 Elizabeth Street is a two-story, irregular plan, wood frame, Italianate style house constructed in 1887. It has a hipped roof with wide overhanging eaves, decorative brackets, and a paneled frieze. The house is clad with rustic channel siding and drop wood siding. The south (primary) façade has stacked window bays to the west of the front entry. Decorative quoins punctuate the southwest corner of the first floor of this façade while narrow panels and engaged brackets accentuate all windows, corners, and edges on the second floor. The main entrance is through a double-leaf wood panel door set back from the front façade beneath a porch that wraps around the south and east facades. Additional stacked window bays project from the east and west facades. All are filled with one-over-one replacement windows.

See Continuation Sheet

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2, HP4

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 #) South and east elevations, looking northwest, November 2022

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source: Historic Prehistoric

Both

1887 (City of San Jose Survey Form)

*P7. Owner and Address:

Rebecca Billeci et. al Trustee

16422 Bridgewalk Drive

Lithia, FL 33547

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address) Becky Urbano, ESA

787 The Alameda, Ste. 250

San Jose, CA 95126

*P9. Date Recorded: March 29, 2023

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*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): _____

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P3a: Description (Continued)

Detailed molding is found on the porch frieze and the secondary cornice. The prominent wrap-around porch is supported by turned posts and features a wrought iron balustrade. Decorative corner brackets are located at the top of each posts. The double-leaf front door appears to be original.

History

"Susan Ortley came to Alviso in 1852 with her orphaned siblings to live with her brother, John Ortley, who ran a line of packets between San Francisco and Alviso. Married to Henry LaBau in 1856, Susan and her husband purchased this property for \$90 in 1862, where they built their first home. After LaBau's death in 1865, Susan married David Tilden, a prominent local merchant whose general merchandise store was located adjacent to the LaBau's home. Tilden died in 1875, and the widow took over operation of the store with the help of her daughters. Mrs. Tilden constructed a new house in 1887, then considered the finest residence in Alviso, being a large two-story house of 'modern architectural design.' Susan's daughter, Minerva, married Thomas Ashby Laine in 1909, who was the son of the prominent Santa Clara Layer, Thomas H. Laine, one time state senator." It was formerly home to long-time Alviso mayor Willis Laine and is still owned and occupied by members of the Laine family.

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*.^{1,2}

¹ 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>.

² City of San Jose, *Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso*, 1995.