RANCHO LAS FUENTES LEMON PACKING HOUSE

LANDMARK NUMBER: 21

KNOWN AS: Birnam Wood Clubhouse

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 2031 Packing House Road, Montecito

LOCATION: Birnam Wood Golf Club on East Valley Road

TYPE OF SITE: Clubhouse

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 81-450

LANDMARK DATE: October 5, 1981

DESIGNATION OBTAINED BY: Application for Designation as County Historical Landmark submitted by Keith Gledhill

CURRENT OWNER: Birnam Wood Golf Club (title transferred 1967)

CHANGES/ALTERATIONS: Note: only the first floor of the stone façade has been landmarked and subject to HLAC consent for demolition, removal, or destruction

CONDITION: Excellent

DESCRIPTION:
The building was constructed in 1892 of hand-cut local stone perhaps by Chinese labor. It originally had three stories, a dirt floor, and was used as a lemon packing house for Rancho Las Fuentes (The Fountains because of the numerous artesian wells on the ranch). The arched doorways were sufficiently large to admit wagons for loading.¹

When the clubhouse was constructed in 1966, the upper floors were removed leaving the lower floor with its beautiful arched doorways intact. The capacity of the original building was enlarged by a wooden addition at each end.²

RESOURCES:
Karl O. Von Hagen, MD letter to Mrs. Pat Murry, County Counsel’s office (August 7, 1981)

Chain of Title of Birnam Wood Golf Club prepared by K.G.

¹ Von Hagen letter (August 7, 1981) & Chain of Title
² Ibid
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE
ORIGINAL FIRST FLOOR OF THE STONE
FAÇADE OF RANCHO LAS FUENTES LEMON
PACKING HOUSE IS AN HISTORICAL
LANDMARK DESIGNATED AS SANTA BARBARA
COUNTRY HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO. 21,
WORTHY OF PROTECTION UNDER ORDINANCE
NO. 1716, AND PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS
TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE LANDMARK.

WHEREAS, the original first floor of the stone façade of
RANCHO LAS FUENTES LEMON PACKING HOUSE (hereinafter referred to
as "RANCHO LAS FUENTES LEMON PACKING HOUSE"), located at 2031
Packing House Road, Montecito, has great historical significance
and interest to the general public as a landmark and reminder
of pioneer days in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 1981, the Santa Barbara County
Historical Landmark Advisory Committee declared RANCHO LAS FUENTES
LEMON PACKING HOUSE to be an historical landmark pursuant to the
provisions of Ordinance No. 1716 of the County of Santa Barbara;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa
Barbara deems RANCHO LAS FUENTES LEMON PACKING HOUSE to be worthy
of protection and preservation as such historical landmark;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors, having duly set a public
hearing for October 5, 1981, has heard all interested parties
and has closed said public hearing, adopting the conditions set
out in Paragraph 2 of this Resolution.

2. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares RANCHO LAS
FUENTES LEMON PACKING HOUSE to be an historical landmark pursuant
to Ordinance No. 1716 and hereby imposes the following conditions
on RANCHO LAS FUENTES LEMON PACKING HOUSE pursuant to said

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ordinance:

(a) Demolition, removal or destruction of the first floor of the stone facade, partially or entirely, is prohibited unless express consent in writing is first had and obtained from the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory Committee. Such consent may impose all reasonable conditions deemed appropriate by the Committee to accomplish the purposes of Ordinance No. 1716.

3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Karl O. Van Hagen, M.D., President, Birnam Wood Golf Club, 2031 Packing House Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5th day of October, 1981, by the following vote:


NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

[Signature]
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

HOWARD C. MENZEL, COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

By [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

(SEAL)