KEENAN-HARTLEY HOUSE

LANDMARK NUMBER: 30

KNOWN AS: Hartley House (Keenan Home, First Home in Los Olivos)

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 2329 Jonata Street, Los Olivos

LOCATION: On 2 lots adjacent to Mattei’s Tavern & St. Mark’s Church

TYPE OF SITE: Building

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 92-383

LANDMARK DATE: July 7, 1992

DESIGNATION OBTAINED BY: Nomination by Jim Norris, Los Olivos resident

PAST OWNERS: John Keenan (abt. 1882 to November 1896); Fannie C. Sawyer (November 1896 to November 1901); John and Samantha Hartley (November 1901 to 1937); Walter Hartley and heirs (1937 to 1989); Los Olivos Meadows (1989-1999); Mattei’s Tavern Partnership (1999-2007)

CURRENT OWNER: Santa Rita Land and Vine LLC, a subsidiary of Terroir Capital, LLC

CHANGES/ALTERATIONS: House was moved from its original location upon approval of the Board of Supervisors dated July 22, 1997

CONDITION: Excellent
DESCRIPTION: Known as the Hartley house, it was originally the John Keenan home located at 2835 Gaviota Street and the first home built in Los Olivos about 1882. It was originally located on the outskirts of Los Olivos on land available for homesteading. John Keenan lost the home and some adjacent property in a sheriff’s judgment sale on November 28, 1896 when Fannie C. Sawyer purchased them. She in turn sold them to John Wiley Hartley on November 6, 1901. He and his wife Samantha planted figs, pears, almonds, pecans and apple trees on the property. John Hartley remained a prominent ranch owner in the area until his death September 1, 1923. Samantha lived in the home until her death in December 1940 at the age of 90. Prior to her death, she sold the property to her grandson, Walter H. Hartley, in December 1937. Walter Hartley was the last occupant of the house. He died October 31, 1985 at age 88. Upon his death, his estate was divided among his heirs who in turn sold the property in 1989 to Los Olivos Meadows Associates. 

Exterior walls are constructed of redwood and painted white, and the house rests on a concrete block perimeter foundation with concrete piers. The roof is tin painted red; windows are double hung with wooden sashes. Some of the doors are original; others replaced from a collection of Mattei’s doors which are of similar age. The porch is original with new entry steps added as the originals were lost. The interior was restored to the original layout with wainscoting and detailing preserved. A stud wall was added upstairs to accommodate modern wiring and insulation; the wall was constructed of wallboard and covered in a wallpaper representative of the original. A ½ bath was added upstairs. All floors are original. The house was moved to its current location in 1999 at the expense of Los Olivos Meadows. A handicap access ramp was added in 2001 and the Planning Commission gave its approval for the house to be used as the Wildling Museum in December 2000 and a permanent Certificate of Occupancy was issued on August 8, 2002. Steps on the north side of the house were added in 2006.

RESOURCES:

Los Olivos Meadows Final Environmental Impact Report: 90-EIR-4 TM14085 (May 1990)
Memo with a Proposal for the Relocation and Restoration of the Hartley House from Adam B. Firestone, Mattei’s Partnership, to Historical Landmarks Advisory Commission, February 16, 1996
Santa Barbara County Board Agenda Letter prepared by Stephen Shane Stark, County Counsel (7/29/98)
Timeline for the Keenan-Hartley House, 2329 Jonata Street, Los Olivos; APN 135-073-005 (undated)

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1 Los Olivos Meadows Final Environmental Impact Report
2 Firestone memo (July 15, 1997)
3 Santa Barbara County Board Agenda Letter (7/29/98)
4 Keenan-Hartley House timeline
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE HARTLEY HOUSE IS AN HISTORICAL LANDMARK DESIGNATED AS SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO. 30, WORTHY OF PROTECTION UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 1716, AND PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE LANDMARK.

WHEREAS, the premises described as the Hartley House (Keenan Home, First Home in Los Olivos), located at 2835 Gaviota Street, Los Olivos, in the County of Santa Barbara, are by reason of their age, cultural value, structure, setting, and the uses that have been made of them in the past, of special historical, aesthetic and cultural value; and,

WHEREAS, on April 9, 1992 the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory Committee declared the Hartley House to be an historical landmark pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1716 of the County of Santa Barbara; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara deems the Hartley 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 July 7, 1992, 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 the
Hartley House to be an historical landmark pursuant to Ordinance
No. 1716 and hereby imposes the following conditions on the
Hartley House pursuant to said ordinance.

   a. Demolition, removal or destruction, 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.

   b. No alterations, repairs, additions or changes
(other than normal maintenance and repair work) shall be made
unless and until all plans therefor have first been reviewed by
the Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark Advisory Committee
and approved, or modified and reasonable conditions imposed as
deemed necessary, and that all such work shall be done under the
direction and control of the Santa Barbara County Historical
Landmark Advisory Committee or other qualified persons
designated by it.
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of July, 1992, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Ochoa, Rogers, Wallace, Owens, Stoker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

[Signature]
WILLIAM B. WALLACE
MAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST
ZANDRA CHOLMONDELEY
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Robert Cohen
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAVID NAWI,
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: Timothy McNulty
Deputy County Counsel

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