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<td>Walter and Evelyn Buell’s Central Avenue House</td>
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| **PHYSICAL ADDRESS:** | 8201 Santa Rosa Road, Buellton  
Moved from 655 Central Avenue, Buellton |
| **LOCATION:**    | Santa Rosa Road approximately 5 miles west of Highway 101 |
| **TYPE OF SITE:** | House |
| **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** | No Record |
| **DESIGNATION DATE:** | Possibly 2009 |
| **DESIGNATION OBTAINED BY:** | Nomination submitted by Sharyne Merritt  
(November 1, 2008) |
| **PAST OWNERS:** | Walter and Evelyn Buell (lived in house from 1921-1959; then house became a rental) |
CURRENT OWNER: Sharyne Merritt
8201 Santa Rosa Road, Buellton

CHANGES/
ALTERATIONS: The brick chimneys were removed when the house was
moved in 2008; an addition was added in the 1940s; a
new fireplace was installed after a fire in the house
(date of fire unknown)

CONDITION: Excellent

DESCRIPTION: The house is a 1500 square foot one story California bungalow with
a low pitched roof. It has no hallways. The windows are multi-lit and entry is
through French doors.³ It was built in 1921. The original house had one bedroom
and one closet. Later Walter and Evelyn Buell added a front vestibule/sun porch as
well as three rooms including a bedroom, a dining room, and an office in the back.
This last room was apparently added several years later and the exterior siding
was not consistent with the rest of the house.²

According to a 1993 interview with Rose Budd Miller by Sally Cappon of the
Santa Barbara News-Press, five homes were built by Mr. Hans Skytt of Solvang for
five Buell families at what is now the north end of Central Avenue using the
identical floor plan.³

When the house was nominated in November 2008, it was one of only two
remaining houses built by members of the first generation of the Buell family, for
whom the city of Buellton is named. It was first located on the original Buell Ranch
where Central Avenue in Buellton had later been sited. In 2008, the then owner
obtained a demolition permit to tear down the house at 655 Central Avenue.
Sharyne Merritt and her husband bought the home and moved it to their farm on
Santa Rosa Road and placed it in the center of a 12-acre field reminiscent of its
original setting.⁴

RESOURCES:
Nomination Application

Sally Cappon, “Back to the Beginning of Life in Buell’s Town,” Santa Barbara
News-Press (May 25, 1993)

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¹ Item 10 on the nomination application
² Item 11 on the nomination application
³ Cappon article (May 25, 1993)
⁴ Nomination application