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Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Fatema Crane, Secretary  
Land Use Planning Division  
2120 Milvia Street  
Berkeley, CA 94704

Re: Corrections for errors in landmark designations

Dear Commissioners:

As research resources expand and our collective knowledge base grows, it is not unusual to uncover hitherto unknown information concerning Berkeley's history and its built environments. The recorders of landmark applications in the 1970s and early '80s did not have all the research tools now in our possession. Therefore, it should not come as a surprise that some designated structures in Berkeley were designated under the wrong name or assigned the wrong construction date.

Over the past several years, I have encountered several such cases and corrected them on BAHA's Berkeley Landmarks website. However, in the City's records, the record remain uncorrected.

Examples:

1. **834 Delaware Street**

This building was designated in 1985 as Captain Bowen's Inn, built in 1854. In actuality, it is Captain Higgins' Temperance Grocery Store, built c. 1875. According to research conducted by the late Jerry Sulliger, Captain Bowen's Inn was demolished in 1895 or 1896.

[http://berkeleyheritage.com/berkeley\\_landmarks/higgins\\_grocery.html](http://berkeleyheritage.com/berkeley_landmarks/higgins_grocery.html)

2. **1809–1811 Fourth Street**

This building was designated in 1982 as the Heywood-Ghego House, built in 1877 by Zimri Brewer Heywood's family. The building's only apparent connection to the Heywoods is that it stands on a parcel once owned by them. The parcel was vacant until about 1907, when its then owner, John Young, moved the building onto it. Young is the earliest owner of the house known to us. The provenance of the building itself remains a mystery. I renamed it the Young-Ghego House.

[http://berkeleyheritage.com/berkeley\\_landmarks/young-ghego.html](http://berkeleyheritage.com/berkeley_landmarks/young-ghego.html)

**3. 1777 Le Roy Avenue**

The Allen G. Freeman House was designated in 1986 as Allenoque Manor. The correct name is Allanoke. This name appears on the gate-post of the carriage house at 2533 Ridge Road and was also given to the Freeman fruit plantation in Visalia (to this day, there is a music store called Allanoke Guitars in Visalia). Mrs. Freeman mentioned "Allanoke Orchard" in her will.

[http://berkeleyheritage.com/berkeley\\_landmarks/allanoke.html](http://berkeleyheritage.com/berkeley_landmarks/allanoke.html)

**4. 2009 Berkeley Way**

This house was designated in 1979 as the Joseph Clapp Cottage, built c. 1876, although Clapp had nothing to do with the house, and the parcel wasn't assessed for improvements until 1887. I have just researched the history of this building and published a new article about it, calling it the Samuel C. Clark Cottage.

[http://berkeleyheritage.com/berkeley\\_landmarks/samuel\\_clark\\_cottage.html](http://berkeleyheritage.com/berkeley_landmarks/samuel_clark_cottage.html)

I'm not aware of any formal procedure for correcting basic data in landmark designation. Section 3.24.180 of the BMC addresses termination of designation, but that is clearly not the issue here. I request that the LPC give some thought to this problem and issue the appropriate guidance.

Sincerely,



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