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Joseph D. Grant Ranch

18450 Mt. Hamilton Road
San Jose

Designation: California Point of Interest SCL - 049 - listed as Joseph D. Grant Ranch at Hall's Valley

Site Description

This ranch complex reflects the positions of the original ranch buildings. The main house is of two stories with false balustrade rails around the upper deck. Turned columns support the deck and they are arranged in an interesting pattern. The windows are framed by wood trim and shutters. The two-story tankhouse is flanked by one-story wings that resemble the main house in details. A small barn completes the arrangement, creating a three sided courtyard. The mature trees and landscaping are impressive.

Historic Information

Part of the original 15,714.10 acre Rancho Canada de Pala awarded to Jose Jesus Bernal by Governor Alvarado in 1839. The land was sold to Adam Grant in 1880. Grant's granddaughter, Josephine McCreery, inherited the ranch in 1948. She died in 1972, and the County of Santa Clara purchased the land for the 9,500-acre park west of Mt. Hamilton in 1975. Historic buildings in the park include the original farm house, the Hubbard House, a tankhouse built around 1885, and several barns. The grounds are available for group picnics and other functions.

Assessor's Parcel Number: 627-03-033

