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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS \_\_\_\_\_ HAER \_\_\_\_\_ NR 53 SHL \_\_\_\_\_ Loc \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM: A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_  
C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_  
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IDENTIFICATION Manuel F. Cunha School

1. Common name: Manuel F. Cunha School

2. Historic name: Manuel F. Cunha School

3. Street or rural address: corner of Kelly and Church Streets 500 church

City Half Moon Bay Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County San Mateo

4. Parcel number: 056-182-009

5. Present Owner: Cabrillo Unified School District Address: 480 Willow

City Half Moon Bay Zip 94019 Ownership is: Public  Private \_\_\_\_\_

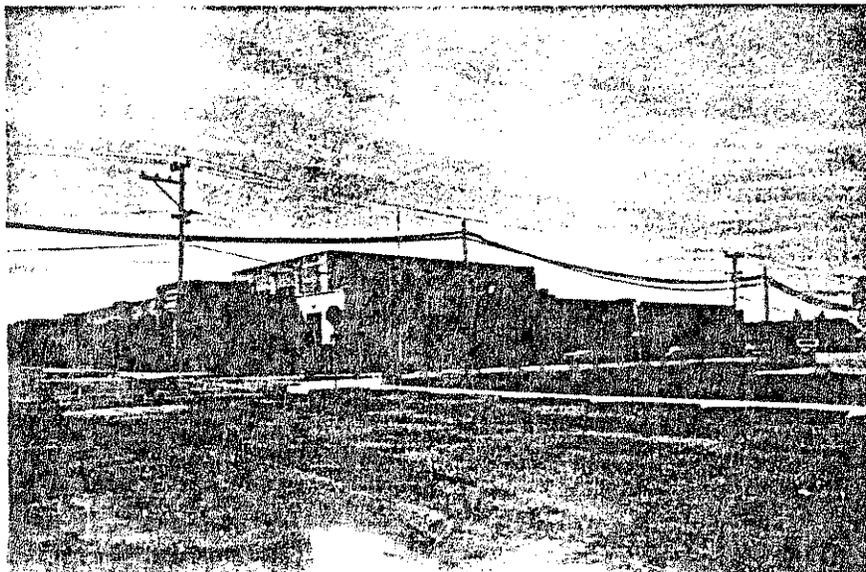
6. Present Use: School Original use: School

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Streamline Moderne
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The Manuel F. Cunha School is a one and two-story, stucco school built on an irregular plan and designed in a Streamline Moderne style. The building perfectly exhibits all of the characteristics of the Moderne style which was popular in the United States during the 1930's and '40's. Notable are the flat roofed, box-like appearance of the building which is ornamented by squared buttresses, molded cornices, stringcourses; and other essentially rectangular exterior detail. Window forms are designed in horizontal bands. They are purposely recessed deeply into the surface of the building to reinforce its sculptural three dimensional qualities. The front entry is also characteristically enhanced by an over-sized flat arch over two recessed doorways.

Landscape is minimal, but mature, in keeping with the overall design of the moderne design ethic. There are no major exterior alterations.



8. Construction date: Estimated 1935 Factual \_\_\_\_\_

9. Architect Unknown

10. Builder Unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 300' Depth 500'  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
March 1980

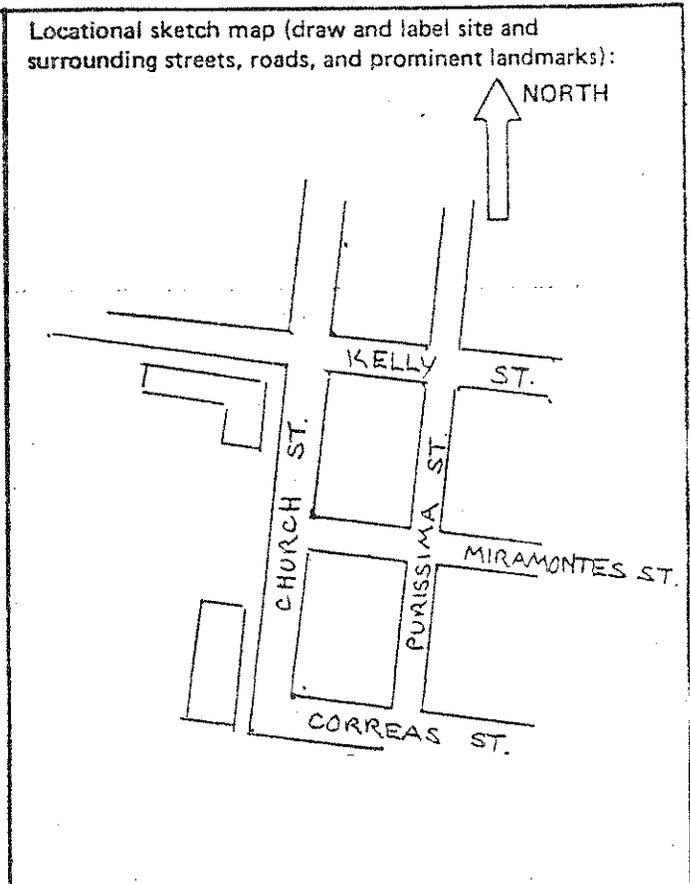
13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good  Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: None
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built-up \_\_\_  
Residential  Industrial \_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known  Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site?  Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)  
The Cunha School is significant due most importantly to its architectural style. The building is without question one of the largest and most impressive Moderne style structures along the San Mateo County coast and as such it must be viewed as one of Half Moon Bay's architectural treasures. The school adds much to the environmental design quality of the community.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
Architecture  Arts & Leisure \_\_\_  
Economic/Industrial \_\_\_ Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_  
Government \_\_\_ Military \_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

22. Date form prepared March 1980  
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City San Jose Zip 95112  
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Ser. No. 401-3  
HABS \_\_\_\_\_ HAER \_\_\_\_\_ NR 5 SHL 5 Loc \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM: A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_  
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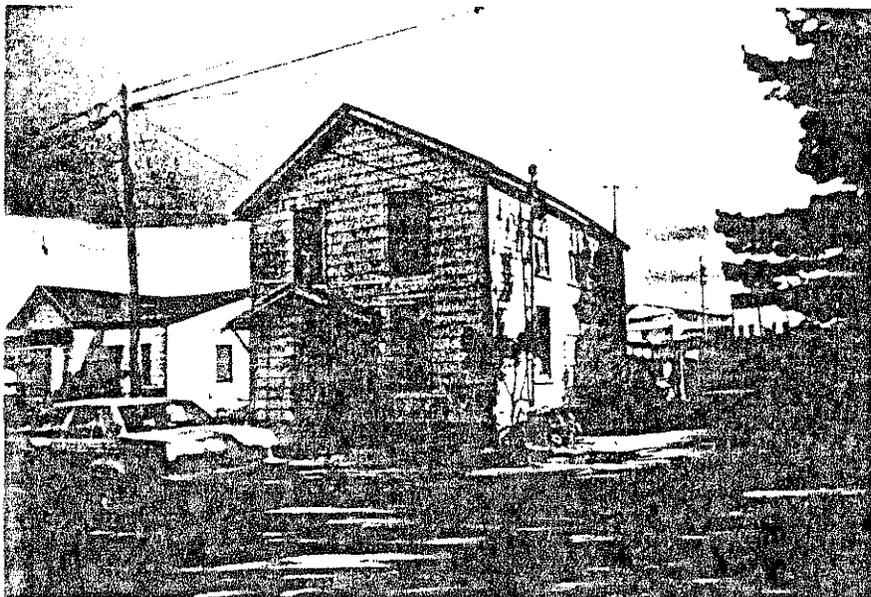
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: none
2. Historic name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Street or rural address: 517 Church Street  
City Half Moon Bay Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County San Mateo
4. Parcel number: 056-171-060 100
5. Present Owner: Loren Newton Address: 103 Retiro  
City Moss Beach Zip 94038 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Same

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Pioneer
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Rectangular in plan, this two-story frame house is sheathed with ship lap siding and topped by a front gable. The front facade is divided into two bays with an offset entrance and two over two double hung sash windows. Simple door and window frames and corner boards are the only attempt at ornamentation. The gable end which faces the street marks this house as a vernacular expression of the Greek Revival style which is more accurately referred to as Pioneer. A shingled gable porch hood supported by knee brace brackets protects the entrance and is a later addition.



8. Construction date: Estimated 1885 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 150' Depth 200'  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
March 1980

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good \_\_\_ Fair X Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: Front entrance hood
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built-up \_\_\_  
Residential X Industrial \_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site? \_\_\_ Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? X
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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This house is significant due to its architecture. It is a pleasant example of the simple vernacular designs which composed the vast majority of mid to late 19th century construction along the San Mateo Coastsides communities. The building thus provides an archetype of the building development of Half Moon Bay and, as such, is an important link in the community's architectural past.

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Economic/Industrial \_\_\_ Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_  
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