

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

APP 24117 (Rodriguez)

Consideration of an Appeal of the Historic Resources Board's decision to add an individual property known as the "Henry J. Ohloff House" located at Camino Real 4 northwest of 11th Avenue to the Carmel Inventory of Historic Resources. APN: 010-275-006.

City Council Meeting September 10, 2024



"J. Henry Ohloff House"

- 1933 Tudor Revival cottage by master builder Ernest Bixler, rebuilt in 1940 by master builder Miles Bain to original design, after a fire
- 1941 small rear addition by Miles Bain
- Original owners: J. Henry Ohloff and wife, Dorothy





"J. Henry Ohloff House" Background

Phase I Initial Assessment: Following unpermitted alterations, in July 2023 City-contracted historian Ms. Clovis determined an intensive historic evaluation was warranted, due to association with Ernest Bixler and Miles Bain, local master builders. *If a property appears to meet the criteria for the inventory or, if based on the initial assessment, a definitive determination of eligibility or ineligibility cannot be made, a qualified professional under contract to the City must prepare an intensive survey of the property. (CMC 17.32.060.B.2/3)*

Phase I Intensive Survey: In August 2023 Ms. Clovis authored a DPR 523 Form and determined the J. Henry Ohloff House represents the theme of Architectural Development (Tudor Revival), retains substantial integrity, is over 50 years old, and it meets California Register Criterion Three (Tudor Revival, Bixler/Bain).

Historic Resources Board Resolution 2024-02-HRB (4/15/24): The HRB reviewed the DPR form, staff report, the applicant-sponsored second opinions authored by architectural historian Dr. Anthony Kirk and Kent Seavey, and voted 3-1 to add the property to the Carmel Inventory.

Appeal to City Council: Decisions by the Historic Resources Board are appealable to the Council. The property owners are appealing the 4/24/24 HRB decision and assert the home is not Tudor style and does not represent the work of a master builder/architect.



- Significant as a good example of the Tudor Revival style, by master builder(s) Ernest Bixler and Miles Bain
- Retains integrity (i.e., looks and feels like the original 1933 cottage)
- Character Defining Features:
 - Cross gabled roof system with sloping eaves
 - Compound floor plan
 - Horizontal and vertical boards in gable apexes
 - Louvered vents in front gables
 - Old brick chimney
 - Multi-paned casement windows
 - Partial-width porch
 - Stucco walls

State of California The Resources Agency	Primary #					
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION	HRI#					
PRIMARY RECORD	Trinomial					
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Other Listings Review Code Reviewer	Date					
Page 1 of 6 *Resource Name or #. (Assi	gned by recorder) J. Henry Ohloff House					
P1. Other Identifier: J. Henry Ohloff House	greatly tecondary of recting officer roads.					
*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted	*a. County Monterey					
and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary)						
*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Monterey Date 2012 T ; R c. Address Camino Real 4 NW of 11th City Carm	; % of % of Sec ; Mount Diablo B.M. nel by the Sea Zip 93921					
d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources)	-,					
e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource						
APN 010-275-006, Block Q, Lots 11 & 13						
*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Inclu	de design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting and boundaries)					
	s a Tudor Revival style cottage with a compound plan					
	wo nested front-facing gables intersect with a side-					
	n. A section of the front gable's roof sweeps down to					
	peated on both sides of the side gable roof. The top while the second gable has horizontal wood siding.					
Both gables have vertical louvred vents. The exteri						
	non-original front door. Fenestration consists of tall,					
	for style. The stucco chimney is located on the gable					
	set stones. An L-shaped, board and batten single car					
	t. A stucco arched entry gate and border wall topped					
with a metal railing extend across the front of the	property. A decorative metal gate (continued pg. 3)					
*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP2, Since	alo family recidence					
*P4. Resources Present: ⊠Building □Structure □Object						
CR SALE	P5b. Description of Photo: (View,					
	date, accession #) Front Elevation, 08/2023					
	*P6. Date Constructed/Age and					
	Sources: 1933, 1940 Mistoric					
	□ Prehistoric □ Both					
	Building Permit P7. Owner and Address:					
	Greg & Van Rodriguez					
Parallel #	POB 594					
	Carmel, CA. 93921					
	*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address)					
	Meg Clovis					
	14024 Reservation Rd.					

*Attachments: ☐NONE ☐Location Map ☐Sketch Map ☐Continuation Sheet ☐Building, Structure and Object Record ☐Archaeological Record ☐District Record ☐Linear Feature Record ☐Milling Station Record ☐Rock Art Record

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□Artifact Record □Photograph Record □Other (List)

*Required Information

P9. Date Recorded: 08/2023

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe



• Cross gabled roof system with (3) sloping rooflines, compound floor plan





Horizontal and vertical boards in gable apexes, and louvered vents

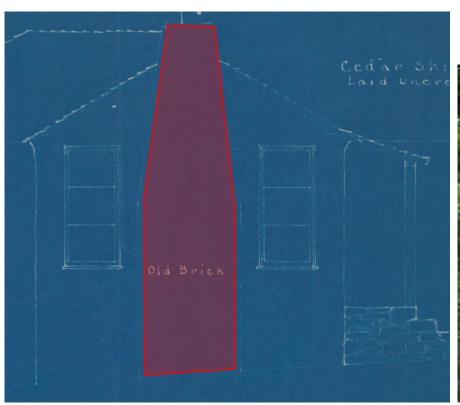








"Old brick" chimney



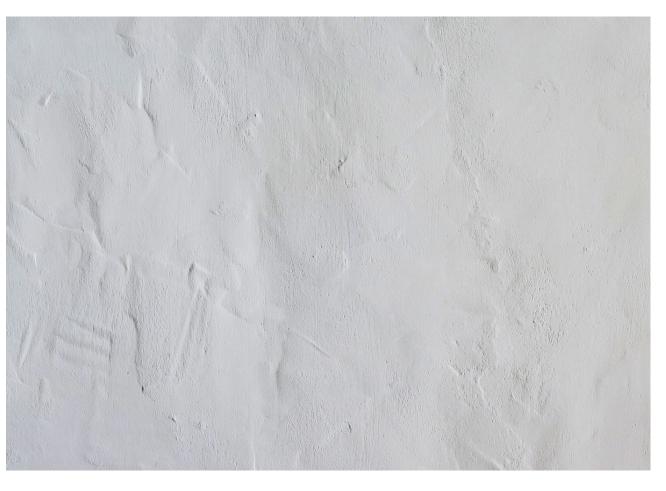




Multi-paned casement windows, stucco walls









Partial-width porch









Determining Eligibility (CMC 17.32.040)

- ✓ A. Should be representative of at least one theme included in the Historic Context Statement Architect Develop
- ✓ B. Shall retain substantial integrity;
- C. Should be a minimum of 50 years of age;
- ✓ D. Shall meet <u>at least one</u> of the following four criteria for listing as a primary or local resource:

- <u>Criterion 1</u>: Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional history or the cultural heritage of California or the United States;
- <u>Criterion 2</u>: Is associated with the lives of persons important to local, California or national history;
- <u>Criterion 3</u>: Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values;
 - Be a good example of an architectural style or type of construction recognized as significant in the Historic Context Statement
- <u>Criterion 4</u>: Has yielded, or has the potential to yield, information important to the prehistory or history of the local area, California or the nation.



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<u>Criterion 3</u>: Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, <u>or</u> represents the work of a master, an important creative individual, <u>or</u> possesses high artistic values;

 Be a good example of an architectural style or type of construction recognized as significant in the Historic Context Statement

- ✓ Tudor Revival The resource does not need to be the first, last, only, best, or most exceptional example of a style.
- ✓ Master builders Ernest Bixler and Miles Bain

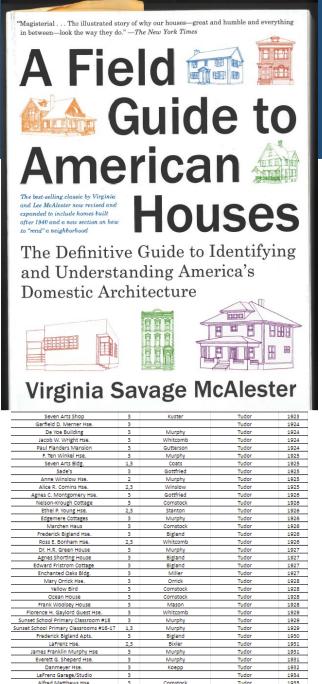


What is Tudor?

Virginia McAllister, author of *A Field Guide to American Houses*, describes the Tudor style (1890 to 1940) as follows:

"Steeply pitched roof, usually side-gabled (less commonly hipped or front gabled); façade dominated by one or more prominent front-facing gables, usually steeply pitched; tall, narrow windows, usually in multiple groups; with multi-pane glazing; massive chimneys, sometimes crowned with decorative chimney pots; front door and/or entry porch with round or Tudor arch; decorative (i.e. not structural) half-timbering present on about one-third of examples." McAllister, pg. 449

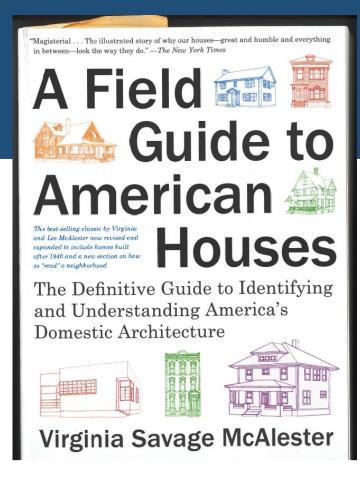
There are 45 Tudor buildings listed on the Carmel Inventory, built between 1905 to 1940.





What is Tudor?

- "Tudor houses are almost always asymmetrical after 1920... [variations to include] one eave curving or sweeping outward." (p.450).
- "Decorative (i.e., false) half-timbering, mimicking Medieval infilled timber framing, is found on about one-third of Tudor houses. It is generally a wood layer of two to three inches attached to the material below. Many different designs are found; most have stucco infilling between the timbers." (p.450)
- "After 1920, solid stucco remained the choice for those desiring a 'modern English home' eschewing half timbering and masonry patterns for a smooth-wall appearance" (p.452).

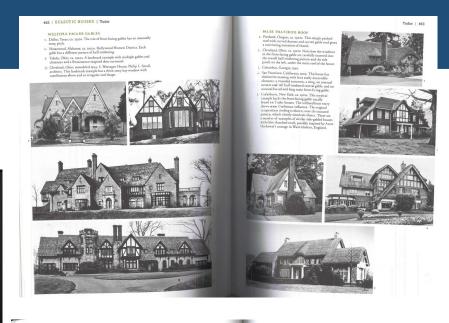


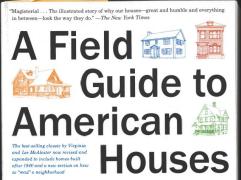




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The Definitive Guide to Identifying and Understanding America's Domestic Architecture

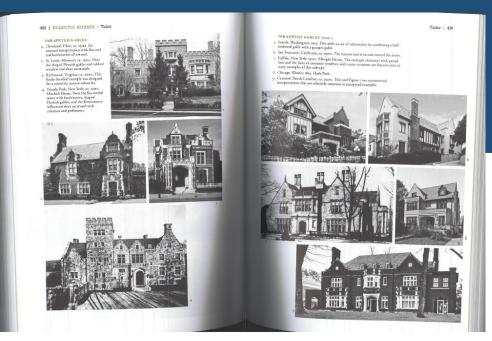






Virginia Savage McAlester







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What ELSE is Tudor?

- Need not be "high style"
- Carmel's building tradition

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- 1. Duluth, Minnesota; 1947. What is basically a side gabled Minimal Traditional house assumes a Tudor air when a small brick composition of entry with asymmetrical roof, prominent chimney and single casement window is placed asymmetrically in front.
- 2. Minneapolis, Minnesota; 1940. A simple sidegabled house is easily visible behind a large full-facade front-facing gable with arched door, swooping roof, and prominent chimney. Note use of informal decorative stone work around entrance and on chimney.
- 3. Lexington, Kentucky; ca. 1930s. One step up from Figure 1. Note how the distinctive form (side-gabled roof with the facade dominated by a prominent, steep cross gable and a massive chimney) marks this as a Tudor house even with little additional detailing.
- 4. Cleveland, Ohio; ca. 1920s. Note the finely detailed entry gable with very tall leaded glass windows, vergeboard, and decorative paneling. The curved roof line over the bay window is a distinctive but relatively rare Tudor feature.







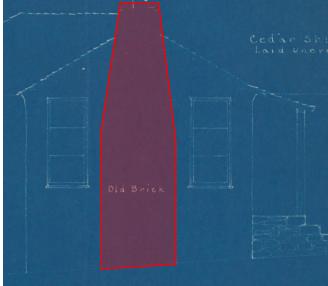


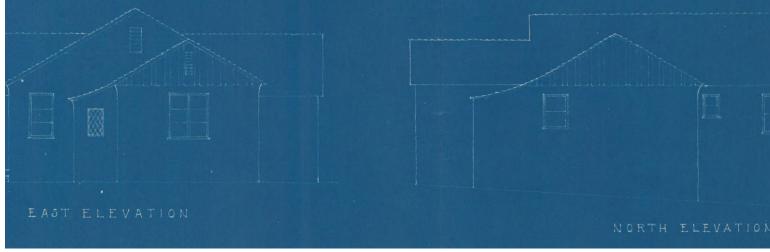
J. Henry Ohloff House – a modestly employed yet cohesive Tudor style

- (3) Sweeping roof slopes
- Rough-hewn "half timbering"
- Prominent chimney
- Entry porch
- Stucco, wood, stone







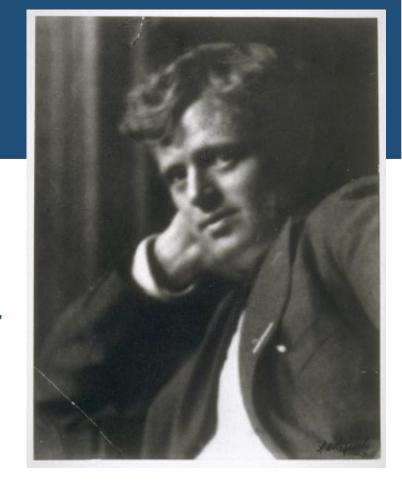




Ernest S. Bixler (1898 - 1978)

- Lived in Carmel 50 years
- Designer/builder for ~80 Carmel area homes, mostly in 1940s/50s
- Carmel postmaster in the 1940s, and Planning Commissioner in the 1950s
- J. Henry Ohloff House reflects adeptness translating Tudor to Carmel context, even in the earliest phase of his career





Resource Name	≂ iriteri; ≂	Designer T	Style =	Year
Colonial Terrace Inn	1,3	Miller/Bixler	Colonial	1936
Alice Elder Hse. & Guest Hse.	3	Bixler	English	1932
Ten Winkel Spanish Hse.	3	Bixler	Spanish	1930
"Lanakai"	3	Bixler	Spanish	1933
LaFrenz Hse.	2,3	Bixler	Tudor	1931
L.A. Williams Cottage	3	Bixler	Vernacular	1932



Ernest S. Bixler Homes

(1930) Mrs. Glenn Myers House, a Tudor Revival home on Carmelo Street 3 NW of 13th (not yet evaluated as a historic resource).

(1930) Ten Winkel Spanish House, a Spanish Eclectic home on San Antonio 2 SE of 4th Avenue.

(1931) LaFrenz/The Arbors House, a Tudor Revival home at the northeast corner of San Antonio Avenue and 8th Avenue.

(1932) L.A. Williams Cottage, a Vernacular home on Camino Real 4 southwest of 13th Avenue.

(1932) Alice Elder House & Guest House, and English style home on Carmelo 3 northeast of 11th Avenue.

(1933) George E. Butler House/Lanakai, a Spanish style home at the northeast corner of Scenic and 8th Avenue.

(1933) Henry J. Ohloff House, a Tudor Revival home on Camino Real 4 NW of 11th Avenue (under consideration).

(1936) T.J. Brennan House, a Tudor Revival home at the northeast corner of Scenic Road and Martin Way (just outside City limits).

(1936) Colonial Terrace Inn, a Colonial Revival Inn on Carmelo/San Antonio between 12th and 13th Ave.













Miles Bain (b.1895)

- Rebuilt/repaired J. Henry Ohloff House in 1940
- Constructed a small rear addition in 1941
- Tagline: "Integrity of Construction"











Ernest Bixler & Miles Bain - why does they matter?

The J. Henry Ohloff House represents the earliest phase of development of Bixler and Bain's careers, and represents Great Depression architecture / value engineering.

- Gaining local experience as they established themselves professionally in Carmel
- Building a client base, satisfying client requests for a variety of styles
- Responding to popular trends and real economic limitations of the era



Original owner Jacob Henry Ohloff was an Episcopalian minister in San Francisco for forty years. Known as the "skid row priest", he worked with those down on their luck and founded a day nursery for working mothers, known as the Canon Kip Community House. He directed Canon Kip from 1915 to 1952 and at various times was chaplain at San Quentin prison, St. Luke's Hospital, and rector at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. In 1958 the Episcopal Church founded the J. Henry Ohloff Recovery Center in San Francisco, which is still in operation today. Likely influenced by the Great Depression time period, and the financial means (and values) of his client, Bixler and Bain's "J. Henry Ohloff House" is a modest Tudor Revival cottage.



Does it Retain Integrity? Look and feel like a 1933 cottage?

Integrity Defined:

"The authenticity of an historic resource's physical identity evidenced by the survival of characteristics that existed during the resource's period of significance."

- Seven aspects define integrity.
- In order to convey its historical significance, a property that has sufficient integrity for listing will generally retain a majority of its character-defining features.

- **Location** is the place where the historic property was constructed or the place where the historic event occurred. The original location of the property, complimented by its setting, is required to express the property's integrity of location.
- **Design** is the combination of elements that create the form, plans, structure, and style of the property. Features which must be in place to express a property's integrity of design are its form, massing, construction method, architectural style, and architectural details.
- **Setting** addresses the physical environment of the historic property inclusive of the landscape and spatial relationships of the building(s). Features which must be in place to express a property's integrity of setting are its location, relationship to the street, and intact surroundings (e.g., neighborhood or rural).
- Materials refer to the physical elements that were combined or deposited during a
 particular period of time and in a particular pattern or configuration to form the
 historic property. Features that must be in place to express a property's integrity of
 materials are its construction method and architectural details.
- Workmanship is the physical evidence of the crafts of a particular culture or people during any given period in history. Features that must be in place to express a property's integrity of workmanship are its construction method and architectural details.
- **Feeling** is a property's expression of the aesthetic or historic sense of a particular period of time. Features that must be in place to express a property's integrity of feeling are its overall design quality, which may include form, massing, architectural style, architectural details, and surroundings.
- Association is the direct link between an important historic event or person and a
 historic property. Features that must be in place to express a property's integrity of
 association are its use and its overall design quality.



Does it Retain Integrity?

- Location: still in original location.
- Design: Tudor revival design, original roof configuration. Modest rear addition.

Original window and door openings. Original window configuration (casement)



- Materials: retains stucco siding, wood board detailing, wood window frames, stone porch and front path.
- Workmanship: wood board detailing.
- Feeling: retains the physical features that convey its historic character, i.e., a 1930's Carmel cottage.

• Association: association is only applicable for properties eligible under CA Register Criteria 1 and 2.





CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA July 93 Permit No. 25 Permit No. 25 Permit Paid \$ 8 50 Permit P

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PE

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Application is hereby made for a Building Permit in accordance with the description and for the purposes herein after set forth. This application is made subject to all provisions of Ordinances Nos. 22 and 85 of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and State Laws applicable thereto. The plans, specifications and statements of contemplated improvements accompanying this application are made a part

1. Site to be occupied: Lot 1/10/11/10 BBlock Q

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2.	Character of Building Resedence - Stucco
3.	Owner's name and address & Genry Chlhoff 242 2 what Southannie
4.	Contractor's name and address Garrest & Britler, Carmel, Cal.
5.	Estimated cost of Building. # 3 20 4 00
6.	Dimensions of Building 37-6 x 50-0
7.	Materials to be used Stuces + Claster
8.	Number of chimneys and flues
10.	Time to be occupied in building Jodays
11.	Height of building not to be in excess of two stories, nor more than thirty-five feet, except as
	provided in Section 3 of Ordinance No. 83t /. 8. feet.
12.	This permit issued in accordance with the City Ordinances Nos. 8196.
Cou	of Carmel-by-the-Sea, nty of Monterey, of California. Successful Builder being duly sworn, deposes and
says	that he is the owner, (or is authorized and empowered to make this affidavit by the owner,
state	ments made in the above application are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.
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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA MONTEREY COUNTY CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

Application is	hereby n	nade for	a Building	Permit in	accordance	with the	description	and for	the	purposes
hereinafter set forth.										

This application is made subject to all provisions of all the Ordinances and Codes of the City of Carmelby-the-Sea and of State laws applicable thereto. The plans, specifications and statements of contemplated improvements accompanying this application are made a part hereof.

1. Site to be occupied: Lot Lot 13 Block & Addition.
2 Street W. Side Camino Real, bTwn 10 th + 11 th
3. Character of Building RocoxsTAUCT To Original
4. Owner's Name and Address L. Balley
5. Contractor's Name and Address Miles Bain
6. Estimated Cost of Building 1900
7. Height of Building DNL STORY Coverage of Lot
8. Materials to be used FRume & STucco.
9. Number and type of chimneys SNG ELRS PISCE
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vided in Section 3 of Ordinance No. 83).
County of Carmel-by-the-Sea, sa. State of California.
ays that he is the owner, (or is authorized and empowered to make this affidavit by the owner).
Variating Painty , who makes the above application; that all the
tatements made in the above application are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.
Miles Bain.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of Curegust , 1940 Hoey Culous
Building Inspector.





Alterations:

- Rear addition
- Wood windows and doors
- Wood roof
- Front fence & arbor
- Stucco/stone over brick chimney
- Stone driveway & pathways
- Driveway gate
- Rear deck









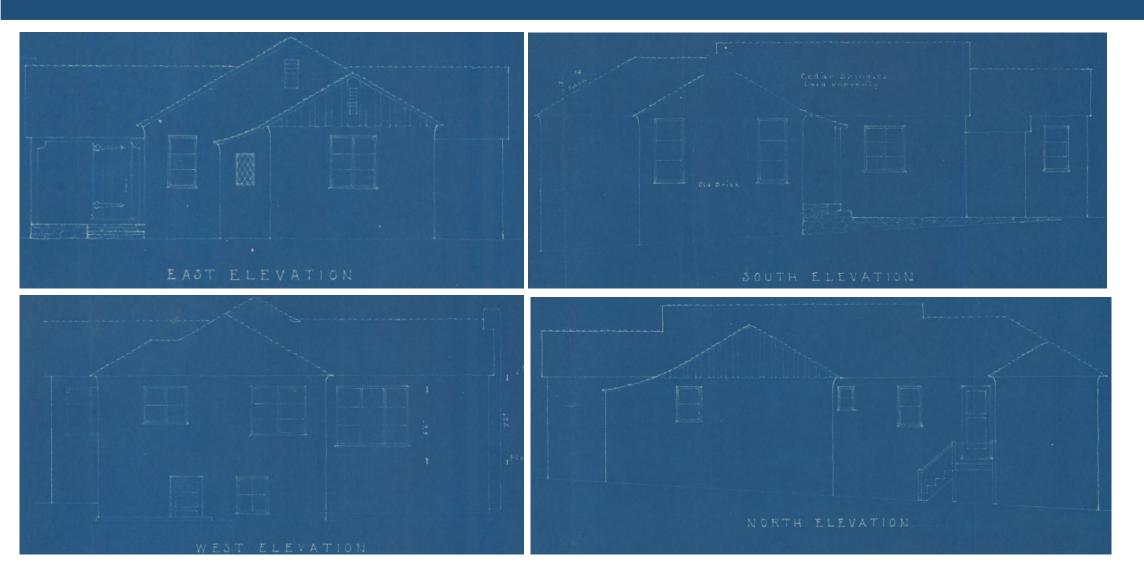








Original Plans – Ernest Bixler, 1933





Second Opinions by Dr. Kirk and Kent Seavey

Second opinion by Dr. Anthony Kirk (11/29/23), peer review by Kent Seavey (12/28/23) assert the home is not a good example of the Tudor Revival style and integrity lost.

- Response by Clovis 2/29/24: does not wish to change finding.
- Response by Clovis 4/12/24 regarding window replacements: does not wish to change finding. "Consider if new windows have more impact on the integrity of the building than the massing, roof line, and wall materials, etc. Consider than the window openings remain intact, so the windows could technically be restored to their original pane design. A house should retain most aspects of integrity, but it need not retain all."
- The Historic Resources Board reviewed these opinions and voted 3-1 to list the property.

Second opinions by Barbara Lamprecht and Laura Jones (received 9/6) and Kent Seavey (received 9/10) assert the home is not a good example of the Tudor Revival style and integrity lost.



• Council Option #1 (Recommended): Uphold the April 15, 2024 decision by the Historic Resources Board to list the property on the Carmel Inventory of Historic Resources. Staff will then process the Design Study for the after-the-fact alterations.

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02-HRI

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA ADDING AN INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT CAMINO REAL 4 NORTHWEST OF 11TH AVENUE IN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONING DISTRICT TO THE CARMEL INVENTIORY OF HISTORIC RESOURCES: APN: 010-275-006

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2023, Jeremy McCullough, ("Applicant" and "Agent") submitted a Historic Evaluation application "(HE 23-209, Rodriguez)" for the property located at Camino Real 4 northwest of 11th Avenue, in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District (Block Q, Lot 11. 13): and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance (CMC 17.32), upon receipt of a Historic Evaluation application, an initial assessment of historic significance shall be conducted to determine whether the property may have historic resource potential sufficient to warrant conducting an intensive survey (CMC 17.42.060.B); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CMC 17.32.060.B, if a property appears to meet the criteria for the inventory or, if based on the initial assessment, a definitive determination of eligibility or ineligibility cannot be made, a qualified professional under contract to the City must prepare an intensive survey of the property; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Clovis, a City-contracted historic consultant, conducted an initial assessment of the property and was unable to disqualify the residence from listing based on the criteria for listing as a historic resource as outlined in the municipal code (CMC 17.32.040) and therefore a definitive determination of ineligibility could not be made by staff, and

WHEREAS, staff retained the services of Margaret Clovis to prepare an intensive review of the property (HE 23-209, Rodriguez) described herein as "application", to determine whether the property meets the criteria for listing on the Carmel Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the review concluded that the subject property is eligible for listing in the Carmel Inventory as a locally significant Tudor Revival style cottage built in 1933 by master builder Ernest Bixler (and rebuilt in 1940 by master builder Miles Bain to the original design), representative of Carmel's architectural chronology; and

WHEREAS, the intensive survey dated August 2023 prepared by Margaret Clovis identified the property as the "J. Henry Ohloff House" with the following character defining features: cross-gabled roof system with sloping eaves; compound floor plan; horizontal and vertical boards within the apex of the gables; louvred vents in the front gables; original old brick

 Council Option #2: Reverse the decision of the Historic Resources Board and issue a Determination of Ineligibility with specific findings. Staff will then process the Design Study for the after-the-fact alterations.