

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Cont'd.

architect Albert Pissis, in conjunction with Albert Moore. It is also significant as the residence of Frederick Morgan of the Morgan Oyster Co., an important industry in the Bay Area at the end of the 19th century, and as the residence of employees of the Mitsui Co. until the outbreak of World War II.

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In 1869, with the completion of the transcontinental railroad, it became feasible to transport seedlings from New York to fattening beds in the tidelands. Morgan's firm pioneered this technique, initially north of the Golden Gate, and subsequently controlled over 200 acres of fenced-in oyster beds in the South Bay, making it the dominant firm of that time. From 1895 to 1904 oysters were the single most valuable fishery product.

Mitsui & Company LTD., occupants 1923 through 1941; first listed in the San Francisco Directory in 1899. One of the oldest Japanese export-import and shipping companies - today the giant Mitsui Corporation. This company made 2226 California the official U.S. residence for its chief U.S. executives, seriatim from 1923 until WW II. Mitsui officials today state that all pre-war records were destroyed immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

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