

A 5,000 square-foot ++ HISTORIC---CLASSIC---VICTORIAN home whose original build was in 1882, that occupies an even more historic slice of California in THE heart of Gold Rush country is now on the market! Is this a personal residence, a Bed & Breakfast, a museum or...???

~You'd expect a home like this to be 2-Story, to have old-school craftsman finishes like 10' French doors, large crown moldings, classic wainscoting with chair-rail, vintage wood floors, ready for the Queen's decent staircase, multiple fireplaces, claw-foot tubs, high tank toilets, and marble, granite, porcelain throughout. YES! You might also expect a view, 5+ bedrooms, multiple bathrooms, very tall ceilings, multiple living rooms or game rooms, formal dining, a study, a master suite, and a grand entrance. YES!

~Of course, there are some features that you hope a historic home would have – A 1940's O'Keefe & Merit gas stove, coffered and embossed ceilings, a built-in iron board, a beautiful exterior with entertainment-oriented landscaping (fountain, fire pit, barbeque area, Bocce Ball court, pergola) + a hot tub & pool. YES!!

~Then there are the things you wouldn't expect – portico windows, 1920's leaded-glass doors, stained-glass windows (crafted by a local glass artist), a master's private deck that has sunrise to sunset views of historic Table Mountain + a sink built into a lovely, converted sideboard cabinet; a mirrored carrara marble loo with a 1796 pillbox toilet (how many of YOU do you see), urns at each hand rail leading upstairs, upper-curved windows above the vintage 6' double hung windows, and multiple huge original pocket doors. YES!!!

~Then there are the things that are tough to even dream of – the aforementioned fountain is cobble and a rehab or the original, and Chinese immigrant built the rock walls from turn of the century (did we mention the rich Chinese history here? Google it). An industry standard term is 1 ½ bath but have you heard of a 1 ½ kitchen (don't Google it, come see it)? After you've toured the 1st then 2nd floor, you'll be thrilled to take a semi-secret-narrow stairway to the partially finished attic area that then leads to the roof and widows walk for best in town views of the Independence Day fireworks show. Almost done leads us to a partially finished basement with dumbwaiter access that is begging to become a wine cellar. YES!!!!

~Then there is beyond a dream – with access via the basement and dumbwaiter as well as a secret, vertical 21st century shaft and ladder you'll have access to mid-late 1800's Chinese built tunnels (partials but there are 3 paths). This feature is not only way COOL but literally cool being 15' below the surface. Crazy but YES!!!!

We'd be remiss if we didn't mention all that comes with this estate property for \$995,000.00 – also included, 2 bed/1bath mother-in-law unit (currently rented for \$1,400/month & on a separate parcel) as well as 2 other vacant parcels totally over 1 Acre. Finally, the seller has many many antique pieces of furniture and fixtures that she has identified should stay with the home if desired.

The estate comes with a grand story and lots of history. We would love to share the narrative with you in writing. That said, it doesn't compare to hearing it from the one who documented it all.