HARADA HOUSE
3356 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501

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Intent and Scope of Report

Over the past several years, Structural Focus has provided consulting structural engineering services on the National Historic Landmark Harada House in Riverside, CA. Several years of minimal activity has led to several occasions where temporary measures were implemented to address obvious building deficiencies. While these temporary measures have prolonged the life of the Harada House, it became clear during a meeting with City of Riverside personnel in April of 2017 that a revised approach was needed to finally undertake a full renovation of the Harada House. This Structural Assessment Report summarizes the efforts that have been completed and provides recommendations for immediate, short term, and long term actions necessary to stabilize the Harada House.

During a meeting on April 27, 2017 at the Riverside City Hall, the project team agreed it was time to step back and take a fresh look at the existing structure of the Harada House. This involved assessing structural deficiencies that need to be identified, documented and addressed. Several items were on the list of things to review:

1) Existing Foundation Damage - Revisit the extent and severity of the deterioration to the existing brick and concrete foundations.

2) Condition of Existing Perimeter Wood Framing - Exploratory dismantling of the exterior siding on all four elevations of the house was required to fully understand the condition of the wood framed structure. Assembling a set of Harada House Exterior Siding Dismantling and Reconstruction Drawings was necessary to bring a contractor on board to perform the work that would allow for a thorough observation of the condition of the existing perimeter wood framing.

3) Non-uniform Movement of House - While the findings from a monitoring survey in 2016 and 2017 did not indicate the house moved in a significant way over the six-month period between surveys, visual observations indicate movement of the house over its lifetime have not been uniform. These visual observations included identification of areas in the house that have moved several inches vertically as well as horizontal movement in both directions (north-south and east-west). It is also very clear that the house is out-of-level and no longer plumb. Therefore, exploring the non-uniform movement of the house needed to be investigated.

4) New Items - The Assessment was intended to identify any existing but not previously identified items that are of structural concern for the project moving forward.

After observing the condition of the existing perimeter wood framing (Item #2 above), it was determined that the condition of the interior wood framing should be assessed as well. However, that would require removal of the existing historic plaster finishes on at least one side of the interior walls. Based on direction from the Director of the Riverside Metropolitan Museum, we were directed to assume the worst-case scenario for the condition of the interior framing without...
direct observation of those structural elements. All interior framing recommendations are based on the worst-case scenario assumption. No interior framing was exposed and observed.

Limitations

Structural Focus’ observations at the site were limited to the structural elements for which access was available. No interior building finishes were disturbed during site visits. In addition, no structural information in the form of structural drawings was available for the original building construction. Assumptions were made where necessary.

Methodology

The following documents were reviewed and used in assembling this Structural Engineering Assessment Report:

- Long Range Conservation Plan/Historic Structure Report, Historic Resources Group, LLC, Dated January 11, 2007 (Structural portion prepared by Structural Focus.)
- Harada House Seismic Retrofit Drawings, Prepared by Structural Focus, S0.1A through S8.2 (11 sheets total), Dated February 5, 2008
- Harada House Exterior Siding Dismantling and Reconstruction Drawings, Prepared by Structural Focus, S1.0 through S5.0 (5 sheets total), Dated August 7, 2017
- Plaster Observation Report, Prepared by Donna Williams at Williams Art Conservation, Inc., Dated 26 November 2017, Revised 4 December 2017, 2nd Revision 12 February 2018

While at the site, Structural Focus observed the condition of the existing structure, where visible, from the subterranean partial cellar, the crawl space below the house, around the perimeter from the exterior of the house during the siding removal process, and from the attic space through an access hatch in the second-floor hallway adjacent to the bathroom. The floor plans on the following page (Figure 2 and Figure 3) identify the location of these areas.
Figure 2 - First Floor Plan

Figure 3 - Second Floor Plan
Objectives

This Structural Assessment Report provides an overview of findings and recommendations related to the structural systems, including the following: general building observations; structural repair and seismic retrofit needs of internal and external structure including, but not limited to, the foundations, walls, floors, ceilings, and roof. A seismic retrofit of the Harada House is needed because the building structure does not currently have an adequate system for resisting structural loads from earthquakes and strong wind storms.

Applicable Codes and Standards

As a National Historic Landmark, the Harada House qualifies for the use of the California Historical Building Code (CHBC) as the governing code. The state historical building code is intended to provide a minimum level of structural integrity for building structures without imposing the much more stringent requirements of the current building code. Upgrading historic structures in accordance with the current building code is simply not feasible in many cases. The CHBC recognizes that and was developed to keep our existing historic structures in service, where applicable.

Description of Structure

Building and Site

Located on a relatively flat site on the east side of Lemon St. in Riverside, CA, the Harada House was originally constructed in the late 1870’s or early 1880’s as a single-story house. A second-floor addition was completed in 1916, and the house is now a two-story wood framed structure of approximately 1,800 total square feet (excluding the front porch and rear storage portion). The laundry room, kitchen, and bathroom are located at the rear of the building in a single-story portion that was not covered by the second-floor addition. The house has three chimneys constructed of unreinforced brick masonry, one on the south elevation, one small chimney extending from the low roof above the kitchen along the exterior of the wall past the high roof on the rear (east) elevation, and one extending a few feet above the low roof of the laundry room in the northeast corner of the house. The kitchen and laundry room chimneys are supported on wood framing in the walls and do not extend to a brick foundation. The main chimney on the south elevation and the laundry room chimney were disassembled above the roof line as part of temporary stabilization work in 2006, and the chimney over the kitchen was enclosed and braced at the same time.

Structural System

Building structures have three components that form the Structural System: 1) Foundation System, 2) Vertical Load Resisting System, and 3) Lateral Load Resisting System. The Foundation System is the base of the structure and is the critical component for supporting all levels of a building. Without a sturdy foundation, a structure will not be stable. The Vertical Load Resisting System supports a structure for gravity forces that act in the vertical direction. The Lateral Load Resisting System resists horizontal loads on a structure like forces from wind and seismic events. For a wood framed building, the lateral force resisting system consists of horizontal floor and roof diaphragms as well as vertical shear walls properly supported by the foundation system.
1) **Foundation System**

The Foundation System is the base of the structure and is the critical component for supporting all levels of a building. The Harada House is supported on wood posts on individual concrete and small brick pad foundations (spread footings) at the building interior in the crawl space (see Figure 4 below) and on straight line brick foundations (linear strip footings) around the perimeter of the building.

A partial cellar was reportedly excavated in about 1915 and a new concrete foundation wall was constructed at that time. Figure 5 below shows the severely cracked concrete cellar wall located at the south-west corner of the house.

Although not verified with exploratory excavation, it appears that the perimeter wall foundations consist of double wide (two wythes) unreinforced brick. The depth of the brick foundation walls is unknown. The 2x wood sill plate typically bears on the top of the brick and the floor joists bear on the sill plate. The wall studs bear on the floor plate over the ends of the floor joists. There is typically no rim joist or blocking between the floor joists at the Ground Floor. There is no anchorage of the framing to the foundations. The condition of the brick foundation as observed from the interior side at the southwest corner cellar is very poor. The mortar joints are very soft and the bond between the bricks and mortar has released. The top course of brick on the south wall of the cellar have rotated and displaced due to rotation of the concrete retaining wall below. See Figure 6 for a photo of this condition.

*Figure 4 - Crawl Space Framing*  
(June 20, 2017)

*Figure 5 - Cellar Foundation Wall*  
(July 27, 2016)

*Figure 6 - Rotated Brick Foundation below South Wall*  
(June 20, 2017)
At the southeast corner, the crawlspace has been deepened to create a cellar and the south wall is a concrete retaining wall supporting the top three courses of brick. According to some records, the concrete wall was constructed in approximately 1915 to provide the space for the cellar and the bottom of the concrete foundation is approximately 6 inches below the floor of the cellar. However, the cellar floor elevation and therefore the bottom of the concrete wall is now unknown. In this location, the retaining wall is cracked in several locations and is leaning inward toward the building. In the remaining areas of the building there is a crawlspace roughly 24 inches tall (See Figure 4 above).

2) Vertical Load Resisting System
The Vertical Load Resisting System supports a structure for gravity forces that act in the vertical direction. For the Harada House, this system consists of wood framing. The walls are 2x4 wood studs and the hip roof is framed with 2x joists bearing on the perimeter walls. The original roof had skip sheathing that was retained where possible during the re-roofing project completed in 2006. The interior walls consist of 2x4 stud framing and the ceilings and walls are covered with wood lath and plaster. The floors are framed with 2x joists and sheathed with straight wood sheathing.

The roof is a hip roof and is framed of 2x4 roof rafters at approximately 30 inches on center. There are some vertical posts near the center of the roof to help support the roof framing and the posts are supported on the interior walls below. The ceiling is also framed of 2x joists and span between the interior and exterior walls.

3) Lateral Load Resisting System
The Lateral Load Resisting System resists horizontal loads on a structure like forces from wind and seismic events. The existing lateral load resisting system in the Harada House consists of the roof and floor horizontal diaphragms spanning to the interior and exterior wood framed walls. At the roof level, as part of the re-roofing project completed in 2006, new 5/16” plywood was installed on top of the ceiling joists to provide a horizontal diaphragm at the roof level. The plywood is blocked at the perimeter and anchored with framing hardware and nails to the top plates of the perimeter walls. The second floor and first floor diaphragms consist of straight wood sheathing and have not been modified or strengthened.

The original vertical lateral force resisting elements consist of the existing 2x4 wood stud walls. The interior walls are covered with wood lath and plaster on both faces, and the exterior perimeter walls have lath and plaster on the interior face and 1x horizontal clapboard siding on the exterior face. As part of this Structural Assessment project, the original siding was removed and replaced with plywood sheathing as shown in Figure 7 at the left. There is little

Figure 7: Harada House with Plywood Sheathing
(March 20, 2018)
blocking between joists and plates at the floor levels and no mechanical connections observed other than some occasional toenails. The interior walls do not bear on foundations so the lateral loads transfer horizontally through the diaphragms to the perimeter walls. The perimeter wall framing is not anchored to the perimeter brick foundations that are in a state of disrepair.

Findings, Recommendations, and Conclusions

The following excerpt was taken from the Historic Structures Report for the Harada House that was completed in 2007 (see pages 43 and 44).

Existing Conditions

The following field observations were made regarding the existing condition of the building:

- The concrete retaining wall in the cellar in the southwest corner on the south wall is leaning several inches into the building and has cracked severely in several locations, including one major horizontal crack at about half-height. The brick wythes on top of the retaining wall have rotated outward due to the weight of the wood stud wall on top. It appears that much of the foundation damage is due to the lack of adequate drainage around the building leading to excessive water infiltration under and through the foundation walls into the crawlspace and cellar. Temporary shoring to prevent further damage at this location has been designed and installed. Shoring is exterior as well as interior. The exterior shoring also functions as a “cricket” that diverts rain and surface water away from the area in an effort to reduce hydrostatic pressure.

- The wood mudsill on top of the brick foundation wall along the south wall is significantly decayed and has crushed due to the weight of the wall above. Where the retaining wall is leaning and the bricks have rotated, the sill plate has begun to displace toward the exterior of the building. Although access to the sill plate at the other portions of the perimeter wall is very limited, it can be assumed that the sill plate is in poor condition around the entire perimeter of the building.

- Several of the wood floor joists in the cellar area are badly decayed and termite-damaged especially concentrated at the ends of the joints. Some joists are no longer supported on the foundation walls and have been shored recently to support vertical loads. Some of the wood bearing beams at the center of the house have failed due to decay and/or termite damage.

- Several of the interior wood support posts have completely displaced from the floor framing above due to erosion of the soil during flooding of the crawlspace and cellar area. Temporary shoring has recently been installed to provide vertical support in these areas.

- The remainder of the crawl space areas are largely inaccessible but it can be assumed that there is decay and termite damage.
All of our observations from the Historic Structures Report are still accurate, and many of them have continued to deteriorate over the last 10+ years.

Current Findings, Recommendations, and Conclusions

The Dismantling and Reconstruction Drawings divided the exterior elevations of the Harada House into zones that were labeled in the drawing elevations. A copy of the drawings can be found at the end of this report. Removing the exterior siding in zones was necessary to preserve the stability of the house during the dismantling process while allowing access to observe the condition of the exterior wall framing. The dismantling of the siding started on the south elevation and proceeded around the house to the east elevation, north elevation, and finally the west elevation. Figure 2 and Figure 3 indicate the wall elevations of the house that were investigated (see previous pages and end of report for the Figures).

Our findings from the assessment effort are summarized below along with recommendations and conclusions for each specific item. Recommendations have been broken down into three categories:

- Immediate Future - This category includes items that have already been addressed as part of the temporary immediate repairs completed through this assessment as well as items that need to be addressed within the next six months. It’s important to note that several of these items are being addressed in an urgent and temporary manner and a permanent fix will need to be completed as part of the permanent restoration of the Harada House.

- The chimneys were found to be in poor condition. The chimneys on the south elevation and in the laundry room were removed above the roof line, and the kitchen chimney was boxed and braced as part of the early stabilization work performed on the structure.

- On the south elevation, some temporary shoring has been installed to laterally and vertically support the area of the south wall immediately above the leaning retaining wall in the southwest corner. Where the retaining wall is leaning, the brick foundation wall has rotated allowing the wall framing to slide toward the exterior of the building. There is some separation of the framing noted at the interface between the lower roof over the kitchen and bathroom and rear wall of the building.

- Throughout the interior of the building the plaster has cracked significantly due to movement of the structural framing and water infiltration. Temporary shoring to hold the plaster in place has been installed.

- In some areas of the building, notably the Kamitoku, kitchen, and dining room, the wood subfloor has decayed and weakened.
➤ Short Term – Items in this category need to be addressed in the next two years.
➤ Permanent Solution – These items need to be addressed as part of the permanent renovation of the Harada House.

1. Based on our observations of the Harada House structure, it has become clear that the existing wood framing and foundation system have deteriorated to a level that requires limited access to the house. In our professional opinion, we recommend the City of Riverside limits access to the house to City employees for essential purposes only. No public access should be allowed to the house. This recommendation falls under the Immediate Future category, and City personnel was notified of this recommendation while on site on March 20, 2018 and via email on March 27, 2018.

2. Temporary Immediate Repairs – During the assessment discovery process, several conditions were found that required immediate measures to stabilize the Harada House. These items fall under the Immediate Future category, and the stabilization details provided to the contractor are documented in sketches at the end of this report. Figures 8 and 9 below illustrate where each of the repair sketches were implemented.

Figure 8 - Ground Floor Temporary Immediate Repair Sketch Locations
A description of the Temporary Immediate Repairs that were addressed are described below:

a. Severe damage was found at the base of the wall on the south elevation in the middle portion of the house. The damage included deteriorated wood framing from termites, dry rot, and water damage (Figure 8 at right). In addition, the removal of the siding exposed a framing condition where load bearing studs were only supported by the bottom plate of the wall. This is not an adequate way to properly support wall studs.
and is known as a discontinuous load bearing condition (Figure 9 at right).

The **Immediate Future category** repair for this condition was addressed with the implementation of sketch SSK-1 *Blocking at Base of Zone S1C*. The sketch can be found at the end of this report and provided new wood blocks at the base of the wall to provide direct support between load bearing exterior wall studs and the existing brick foundation. A permanent solution to this structural deficiency will be addressed with the construction of a new foundation for the building.

b. The wood beam under the First Floor that supports the front door elevation (Grid B - see drawings on page 3 or drawings at end of this report) was found to be severely deteriorated at the south end. Upon further investigation, we discovered the beam contained severe deterioration along its full length, and the north end of the beam was in bad shape when the north elevation was exposed.

The **Immediate Future category** repair for this condition was addressed through the implementation of sketches SSK-2 *New Wood Beam at Grid B* and SSK-3 *Section at Grid B*. The sketches provided a new wood beam to restore the required strength and stiffness necessary to support the front door wall elevation.

c. The east elevation of the house on the north side of the back door was not originally included in the Dismantling Plan because it was a small area and there were no visible signs of deterioration in that area. However, after observing the condition at the base of the east elevation on the south side of the back door, it was decided that the north side needed to be looked at as well. Water intrusion all along the base of the east elevation and the crumbling brick foundation has resulted in severe deterioration and damage to the wood framing.

SSK-4 *New Zone E1C* was issued as an **Immediate Future category** repair in order to add this zone to the areas of the exterior wall where the siding needed to be dismantled.
d. Severe termite damage was found in two studs that support the south-east corner of the high roof. The most severely damaged stud was a header support stud (called a king stud) on the south side of the second-floor window. Approximately half of the stud width had been eaten away by termites, and the remaining portion of the stud was so compromised a nail could be pushed completely through with a bare hand. The photo at the right (Figure 12) shows this stud.

The repair for this condition involved replacing the severely damaged stud with a new stud. **Immediate Future category** repair SSK-5 Stud Replacement at Zone E2A shows the most severely damaged wood stud on the south side of the Second Floor window was removed and replaced with a new stud. The next stud to the south was supplemented by screwing a new stud to the side of the damaged one.

e. The north elevation had two conditions that required immediate repair measures. The bottom plate of the ground floor wall was so badly damaged by termites that support for the north wall was compromised. In addition, the ground floor joist tails were irregularly framed and needed to be modified to facilitate the repair. At the second floor, the rim joist contained severe termite damage as well. Figure 12 and Figure 13 at the right show the extent of the damage.

Two **Immediate Future category** repair sketches were issued to address the inadequate framing on the north elevation: SSK-6 Temp Repair at North Wall Bottom Plate and SSK-7 North Wall 2nd Floor Rim Joist. The bottom
plate of the ground floor wall was replaced, and the ground floor joist tails were supplemented with a new 2x joist screwed to the side and then trimmed to facilitate the repair. At the Second Floor, the rim joist was replaced.

f. The front door elevation (Grid B) on the west side contained several conditions that were inconsistent with currently accepted framing practices. In addition to the severely deteriorated wood beam below the ground floor framing (see Item b. above), the front door and two window headers on each side of the front door were framed in a manner that does not provide adequate support for the Second Floor.

Sketch SSK-8 Front Door Elevation was implemented as an Immediate Future category repair that provided new 3x6 wood headers over the door and window openings. In addition, a continuous coil strap was added, with blocking where required, over the full length of the front door elevation just above the windows. The coil strap is necessary to tie all of the framing together along the front door elevation of the house.

g. When initially looking at the front (west) elevation of the Harada House, the west elevation appeared to be properly supported by several posts. But after further investigation it was discovered that several of the posts were aesthetic in nature (false posts) and did not contain adequate structural elements to properly support the Second Floor. Where support for the second floor was provided, it was found to be a single 2x4 stud acting as a post. Once again, this is not consistent with modern framing practices and would not be adequate when strong lateral loads from a wind storm or an earthquake push on the Second Floor of the house. Therefore, the condition needed to be addressed with a repair that was in the Immediate Future category.

The repairs were addressed through sketch SSK-9 West Elevation – Temporary Immediate Repairs. Proper support for the Second Floor Sleeping Porch was added with the addition of new wood posts placed in the false post spaces at the north-west and south-west corner. The existing single 2x4 support posts were supplemented with new 2x4 studs screwed to the existing post. The strengthening of the posts fit within the architectural trim boards that surrounded the post location.

h. The upper portion of the west elevation was found to be inadequately framed. Posts supporting the second-floor header and roof header did not exist. This leads to overstressed structural elements and excessive deflections that have a damaging effect on the structure and finishes in the building. While wood framed buildings tend to be resilient and find ways to stay standing, this condition only contributed to the deterioration that is abundant at the Harada House.
The inadequate framing led to sketch SSK-10 West Elevation – Upper Portion being implemented as an Immediate Future category repair. Similar to the repair work done at the Ground Floor of the west elevation, new wood posts were added and existing insufficient 2x4 wood studs were supplemented with new doubled (sistered) 2x4 studs.

i. The second-floor header on the west elevation contained a problematic framing condition. The header was originally built as a let-in 2x header creating a notch in the studs that the porch ceiling joists hang from. Figure 15 illustrates this condition.

This condition was mitigated by SSK-11 Detail at (E) Let-In Header (West Elevation) as an Immediate Future category repair. The detail adds new posts from the foundation of the west elevation to the roof, special detailing was required to pass around the existing let-in header at the second-floor.

3. As noted in several of the Temporary Immediate Repairs listed above, severe termite damage was found in every exterior wall elevation when exposed. The ground floor framing and floor boards as observed from the partial cellar are also severely deteriorated from termite damage to the point that several holes through the floor were found. Additional photos of the most severe termite damage are provided in the photos at the end of this report. See Photos 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, and 11.

All structural elements that have been compromised by termite damage need to be replaced or supplemented with new wood members. This includes a large portion of the exterior wall framing that was observed during this structural assessment and is assumed to include the interior framing as mandated by the Director of the Riverside Metropolitan Museum since access was not provided to assess the interior wood framing. In addition, a robust termite inspection and treatment program by a qualified pest control professional shall be implemented and maintained immediately. The Termite Monitoring Program falls under the Immediate Future category.
Some of the termite damage was addressed as a temporary immediate repair in the Immediate Future category. The remainder of the termite damage needs to be addressed as part of the **Permanent Solution category** as long as the termite inspection and treatment program is initiated and maintained immediately in order to avoid further termite damage.

4. Several indicators of non-uniform movement in the house were observed. This included several level and plumb readings taken in the attic space over the second-floor, the second-floor walls and floors, and some areas of the ground floor. While the findings from a monitoring survey in 2016 and 2017 did not indicate the house moved in a significant way over the six-month period between surveys, visual observations indicate movement of the house over its lifetime have not been uniform. These visual observations included identification of areas in the house that have moved several inches vertically as well as horizontal movement in both directions (north-south and east-west). It is also very clear that the house is out-of-level and no longer plumb.

Differential movements in the house were found to be extensive and irregular. No clear conclusions could be formed to explain the movement that has occurred, but it is reasonable to expect two major contributing factors are the severe termite damage in the house (Item #3 above) and the crumbling foundation system (Item #5 below).

Continuing the monitoring survey as part of a **Short Term category** item should be done. The survey program will need to be revisited to address the following: 1) Re-establish the baseline for future surveys - Several of the previous survey points were lost during the dismantling and reconstruction of the exterior siding project. This means that the next survey of the house will establish the new baseline; 2) Establish number and location of survey points - After conducting our investigation and discovering the extent of the non-uniform movement in the house, it is clear additional survey points are needed. 3) Frequency of surveys - Monitoring surveys shall be conducted every 6 months for the next two years. In addition to a revamped monitoring survey program, annual visits by a structural engineer shall be made to visually observe the condition of the house.

Restoring the house to a level and plumb condition should be part of the **Permanent Solution category** for the renovation of the Harada House. Wood framed structures that are not level and not plumb show signs of distress due to the internal forces that result from this condition. This is obviously not ideal, and the Harada House is displaying signs of distress in many areas. Several of the temporary shoring measures that have been taken over the last 10+ years were intended to relieve the stress from the house being out-of-level and out-of-plumb. This condition can be corrected as part of the house stabilization when a new foundation is built to properly support the house.
5. The original brick and concrete basement foundations are severely damaged and need to be replaced. In addition to the most visible damage at the south-east corner of the house in the partial cellar (see Figure 16 and Figure 17 below), there are loose bricks in several areas around the entire perimeter of the house.

The Foundation System is the base of the structure and is the critical component for supporting all levels of a building. New code compliant foundations are needed to properly support the Harada House and anchor the wood framed building to the foundation. Structural Focus previously completed construction documents for new foundations to support the house, but the documents will need to be updated to include leveling the house. Replacing the foundation system will require a specialty contractor that can provide temporary support for the house and lift it to allow for construction of the new foundation system. The process will be a complex and risky undertaking that will likely involve major excavation work under the house. Figure 18 shows an example of a different historic house in Claremont, CA that was lifted and relocated on a new foundation. The photo is taken during construction when the holes for the new foundation were dug and steel reinforcing bars have been placed in the excavation in preparation for placement of new concrete foundations.
Our recommendation for the Harada House is to construct the new foundation level and set the house on the foundation to restore the house back to a level condition. This will require removal of some of the temporary immediate repair work that was done in order to allow the house to properly sit on the new foundation. While time is of the essence when it comes to stabilizing the house on a proper foundation, this recommendation falls under the **Permanent Solution category**.

6. Several framing conditions were found during the assessment that need to be corrected. Correcting each poorly framed condition should be done as part of the **Permanent Solution category** repairs after the house has been leveled on a new foundation system. This will allow for the corrective framing measures to be constructed properly in a level and plumb condition. A description of the condition and our recommendations for each item follows:

a. Several poorly framed header conditions were found throughout the exterior walls. The headers often consist of a double, flat 2x4 that is end nailed to the closest adjacent stud. In some cases, the header is a single, flat 2x member. Figure 19 shows a typical header condition in the house.

The **Permanent Solution category** repair for this condition is to remove the existing header and replace it with a properly designed and connected header. Modifications to the adjacent king studs as well as the addition of jack studs will also be required. Figure 20 shows a properly framed header condition using current construction practices.
b. The base of the stairs in the house are not properly supported. Standard construction practice would provide supplemental support framing at the base of the stair due to the critical nature of the stair as the sole exit option from the Second Floor. Providing supplemental framing at the ground floor is a Permanent Solution category repair to properly support the stairs.

c. The framing for the front porch is severely deteriorated and poorly laid out. It does not properly support the second-floor sleeping porch. The porch ceiling appears to be framed with ceiling joists that were made from scrap wood on site at the time the ceiling was built. This is a dangerous condition. Several of the joists are short and have been split for splicing another member alongside to span the required length. This condition can be seen in Figure 21 at the right.

Rebuilding the front porch and the ceiling over the front porch is a necessary Permanent Solution category repair. Until this can be done, access to the space over the porch ceiling should be restricted.

7. Cracked Wood Blocks in Attic – As part of the re-roofing project completed in 2006, horizontal wood blocks were added to properly connect the new plywood sheathing on the second-floor ceiling joists with the top plate of the perimeter walls. While assessing the condition of the house, it was observed that several of the blocks had cracked through the length of the block at the south-east corner of the house and along the north wall at the east end. Figure 22 shows this condition.

Restoring the load path between the second-floor ceiling diaphragm and the exterior walls will need to be completed as part of the Permanent Solution category repairs. This can be done with standard wood framing details for residential construction.
once the base of the house is stabilized on a proper foundation and the house is brought to a level and plumb condition.

**Overall Conclusions**

The Harada House has deteriorated to the level that it is no longer safe to occupy the building. The condition of the crumbling foundation system and severely termite damaged perimeter (as observed) and interior (based on worst-case scenario assumption) wood framing leave the house at a point where almost all the existing structure needs to be supplemented or replaced. But that work will only stabilize the building structure.

The future of the house as an occupiable building requires the services of an Architect of Record and Historic Preservationist to form a consulting team that can provide the professional design services necessary to perform a proper historic preservation of the Harada House.

**Details**

Drawings, Photos and Sketches of the project can be found on the following pages:

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GENERAL STRUCTURAL NOTES

1. GENERAL

2. THESE GENERAL NOTES SUPPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS. IN CASE OF CONFLICT, THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS PREVAIL. CONFLICTS SHOULD BE RESOLVED VIA PROJECT MEETINGS OR WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE.


5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY CONTRACTORS MUST BE OF A QUALITY AND RESISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS.


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C. RECONSTRUCTION PLAN NOTES

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5. **Typical Shear Wall Framing**
1) FIRST FLOOR PLAN (FOR REFERENCE)

2) SECOND FLOOR PLAN (FOR REFERENCE)
PHOTO 1: SOUTH ELEVATION – GROUND FLOOR

SEVERELY TERMITE DAMAGED STUD

CRUSHED GROUND FLOOR JOIST
PHOTO 2: EAST ELEVATION – SECOND FLOOR

PHOTO 3: EAST ELEVATION – DAMAGED STUD

EXISTING TERMITE DAMAGED STUD REMOVED; SEE CLOSE UP BELOW

EXISTING WINDOW HEADER

SEVERELY TERMITE DAMAGED STUD

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PHOTO 4: NORTH ELEVATION – 2ND FLOOR RIM JOIST

PHOTO 5: NORTH ELEVATION – DAMAGED RIM JOIST

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TERMITE DAMAGE
PHOTO 6: NORTH ELEVATION – DAMAGED RIM JOIST

PHOTO 7: NORTH ELEVATION – DAMAGED RIM JOIST
PHOTO 8: DROP CEILING OVER DINING ROOM (MIDDLE OF HOUSE ON SOUTH SIDE)
PHOTO 9: SOUTH ELEVATION – HEADER CONDITION

GAP AT TOP 2x

DOUBLE, FLAT 2X4 HEADER

SECOND FLOOR WINDOW

PHOTO 10: DINING ROOM – HOLE IN FLOOR BOARD

LARGE HOLE IN FLOOR

TERMITE DAMAGED FLOOR BOARD
PHOTO 11: GROUND FLOOR –
TERMITE DAMAGED FLOOR BEAM

PHOTO 12: INADEQUATE PORCH CEILING FRAMING
SSK-1 Blocking at Base of Zone S1C

- (N) 2x8 wood blocking placed vertically, remove debris for bearing on (E) brick FNDN, TYP. All joist bays in Zone S1C
- (E) BRICK FNDN
- (E) DEBRIS to be removed at (N) BLKS (expose (E) BRICK FNDN), TYP.
- (E) BOT PLATE
- WINDOW

CUT BLKG TO LENGTH, SHIM FOR FULL BRG

SECTION

SOUTH ELEVATION
FIRST FLOOR PLAN (FOR REFERENCE)

NEW WOOD BEAM AT GRID B

PLAN NOTES:
1. ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY AND SHALL BE VERIFIED IN FIELD.
(E) Wood Studs

(F) Floor Joist

(E) Severely Degraded Wood Beam

(N) 2x8 Wood Beam w/ (2) #7 Wood Screws to Each Stud; Acceptable to Splice at Approx. 1/3 Point on (E) Wood Stud

(E) Brick Fndn

SSK-3 Section at Grid B
AREA OF NEW ZONE E1C:
- REMOVE SIDING/TRIM BOARDS MARKED WITH AN 'X'
- LEAVE OPEN FOR OBSERVATION BY STRUCTURAL FOCUS
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REPLACE (E) STUD

(E) TOP PLATE

ROOF EAVE

(E) STUD

(N) STUD SISTEROED TO (E) STUD

SECOND FLOOR

(E) BOTTOM PLATE

12'-3" +

1'-6" ±

(E) 4X4 BRACES TO REMAIN

(E) ELECTRIC METER TO REMAIN

SSK 5 STUD REPLACEMENT AT ZONE E2A
TEMP REPAIR SEQUENCE:
- INSTALL (N) 2x12 SHORING BEAM WITH (2) #7 WOOD SCREWS TO EACH STUD
- REPLACE (E) BOTTOM PLATE
- TRIM (E) FLOOR JOIST TAIL AND BLOCK FLUSH WITH WALL
- INSTALL (N) 2x JOIST AND BLOCKING
- INSTALL (N) T1-11 PLYWOOD SHEATHING PER CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

CONTRACTOR TO SUBMIT WATERPROOFING AND FLASHING DETAILS FOR REVIEW BY OWNER PER S2.0, SECTION C, NOTE 2.
SEQUENCE

1. INSTALL 2 x 12 SHORING BEAM WITH 2 - #7 WOOD SCREWS TO EACH STUD

2. REPLACE SEVERELY DETERIORATED RIM JOIST W/ (N) 3 x RIM JOIST CUT TO FIT; REPLACE IN 8'-0" SECTIONS MAX AND 4'-0" SECTIONS MIN; SHIM FOR FULL BEARING; PROVIDE MSTA36 STRAP AT 3 RIM JOIST BUTT JOINTS

3. INSTALL (N) T1-11 PLYWOOD SHEATHING PER CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

4. PROVIDE (3) - #7 WOOD SCREWS BETWEEN (N) RIM JOIST AND (E) FLOOR JOIST TO REPLACE (E) NAILS TO BE REMOVED; (2) OF THE (N) WOOD SCREWS SHALL PENETrATE THRU THE (N) PLYWOOD SHEATHING; 2" MIN PENETRATION INTO (E) FLOOR JOIST

SSK 7 NORTH WALL 2ND FLOOR RIM JOIST N.T.S.
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(N) 3x6 HEADERS OVER DOOR AND WINDOWS

(N) 3x4 BLOCKING, TYP. FOR ALL STRAPS

CMST 14 STRAP FULL-LENGTH ACROSS FRONT DOOR ELEVATION

MSTA 24 STRAP

GROUND FLOOR
SECOND FLOOR
POOR CEILING
7-6" ±
12'-3" ±

FRONT DOOR ELEVATION
NOTE:
PROVIDE SIMILAR 4X4 POSTS IN CORRESPONDING LOCATION AROUND THE CORNER ON NORTH ELEVATION AT NORTHWEST CORNER OF PORCH

(N) 4X4 POST IN FALSE COLUMN SPACE: SHIM FOR FULL BEARING, SEE NOTE ABOVE

(E) 2X4 POST TO REMAIN

(S) 4X4 POST: SHIM FOR FULL BEARING, SEE NOTE ABOVE

(E) 2X4 TP

(SISTER (N) 2X4 TO (E) 2X4 POST

(E) 2X4 SILL PLATE TO REMAIN

SSK 9

WEST ELEVATION - TEMPORARY IMMEDIATE REPAIRS
(N) 4x4 POST OVER (E) 4x4 POSTS ADDED PER SSK-9; SHIM FOR FULL BEARING

SISTER (N) 2x4 TO (E) 2x4 STUD

(E) STUDS EACH SIDE OF 2ND FLOOR WINDOWS

ROOF EAVE

SECOND FLOOR

GROUND FLOOR

(N) 4x4 POST; SHIM FOR FULL BEARING

WEST ELEVATION - UPPER PORTION
(E) SECOND FLOOR JOISTS (BEYOND)

SECOND FLOOR

(N) 4x4 POST; SHIM FOR FULL BEARING TOP AND BOTTOM

(N) 2x4 (FLAT) W/(2) - #7 WOOD SCREWS TO (E) LET-IN HEADER; SHIM TOP AND BOTTOM FOR FULL BEARING

(E) PORCH CLG JOISTS (BEYOND)

(E) SEVERELY DAMAGED WALL BOTTOM PLATE TO BE REMOVED ALSO (N) 4x4 POSTS

(E) 1x TRIM PIECE TO REMAIN

(E) SUPPORT POST BELOW (WHERE OCCURS)

SSK-11 DETAIL AT (E) LET-IN HEADER (WEST ELEVATION)