

NIVEN NURSERY,  
WATER TANK (NN-15)  
2 WARD STREET  
MARIN COUNTY  
LARKSPUR, CA

HABS NO. CA-2867-G

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Location: 2 Ward Street, Larkspur, Marin County, California

Significance: The Water Tank was constructed ca. 1950 as part of the overall nursery complex and nursery operation created by James Niven and the Niven family from 1921 to 1983. The building derives its significance as an example of Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Commercial nursery development and Agriculture/Horticulture of the Larkspur area of Northern California. The water tank was used for commercial nursery operations for over thirty years.

Description: The Water Tank was constructed ca. 1950 in a utilitarian style. The small, circular water tank is constructed of wood slats held with steel tie bars. The covered water tank is elevated on wood beams that rest on a concrete slab. The tank measures approximately 18 feet in diameter and is approximately 15 feet tall. The structure appears to be in good condition. Circular – 18 feet in diameter and 15 feet high (See Site Plan). No additions are known to have occurred.

History: The Water Tank was constructed ca. 1950 in a utilitarian style in the western portion of the Niven property. It is believed to have been designed and constructed by owner James Niven as part of his nursery complex. (See HABS No. CA-2867 for a historical overview of Niven Nursery.)

Sources of Information:

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