Harriet Moody

The Moody sisters, Harriet and Mildred, made a unique contribution to Santa Barbara's built environment. They chose to respond to illustrations from a collection of English fairytales rather than to the prevailing Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style. Harriet Moody was the architect while Mildred painted and decorated the cottages English Cottage style is a unique and personal interpretation of English Vernacular architecture of the sixteenth through the seventeenth centuries. Among her surviving commissions are six houses on



Rosemary Lane, a cluster of houses on Periwinkle Lane, the former studio of her sister, Mildred, on Coast Village Road, and a house at 2207 Alameda

1086 Coast Village Road

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