HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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Olaf

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Olaf Lingren House
2. Historic name: Olaf Lingren House
3. Street or rural address: 4554 Acacia Avenue

City La Mesa Zip 92041 County San Diego

4. Parcel number: 470-602-11
5. Present Owner: Jeffrey L Benter Address: 4554 Acacia Ave

City La Mesa Zip 92041 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X

6. Present Use: residence Original use: residence

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Bungalow

Grable's Addn portion lot 8
Block 3

7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

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Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:
Estimated 1911 Factual _____

9. Architect unknown

10. Builder unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 50 Depth 91
or approx. acreage _____

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1982

13. Condition: Good

14. Alterations: none apparent

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential _x_ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ___

16. Threats to site: None known _X_ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: ___

17. Is the structure: On its original site? _X_ Moved? ___ Unknown? ___

18. Related features: partial remains of stone-faced block wall; landscaping

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This house represents an interesting variation of the bungalow with Craftsman influence. The cement mason's skill has been used to create features not found in other bungalows in the La Mesa area.

The Olaf Lingren House stands on land subdivided by Sherman Grable in 1906. Grable sold the lot to E.A.D. Reynolds who owned the La Mesa Concrete Works and who built several houses in La Mesa. Reynolds in turn sold the property to an employee, Olaf Lingren and his wife, Thora. Olaf Lingren was a cement worker and mason. Either Reynolds or Lingren probably built this modest home at 4554 Acacia Avenue. The Lingrens lived in the house from around 1913 until Olaf died around 1930. After that Thora Lingren moved next door and lived at 4558 Acacia. During the 1950s and early 1960s, Arthur Daniell owned and lived in the former Olaf Lingren House.

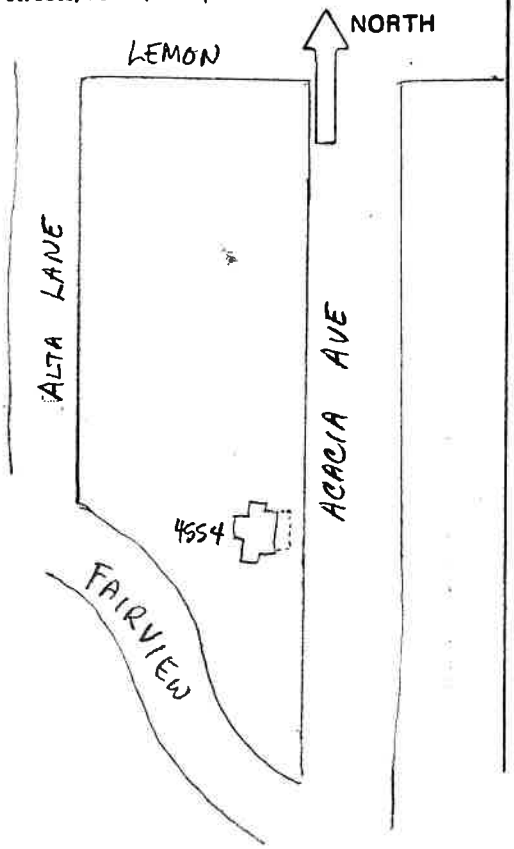
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture _X_ Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Sanborn 1911, 1929 Fire Ins. Maps
S.D. City and County directories

22. Date form prepared 2/82
By (name) kw
Organization ___
Address: ___
City ___ Zip ___
Phone: ___

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



11/8/1910 DC & Lillian Dable to EA & Carrie Reynolds pt 8
11/9/1912 Reynolds to Thora Lindgren E65'
7/18/1934 Carrie Reynolds to HA & Laura Marsland
7/9/1937 Reynolds to Herbert & Jessie Durham

State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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1. COMMON NAME:.....Olaf Lingren House.....
2. HISTORIC NAME:.....Olaf Lingren House.....
3. ADDRESS:....4554 Acacia Ave.....CITY:.La Mesa.....
ZIP:92041 COUNTY:.San Diego..4.PARCEL #:.470-602-11..
5. PRESENT OWNER:....Jeffrey L. Benter.....
ADDRESS:.4554 Acacia Ave.....CITY:...La Mesa.....
ZIP:.92041.OWNERSHIP IS: PUBLIC:....PRIVATE:...XX....
6. PRESENT USE:....Residence.....
ORIGINAL USE:.....Residence.....
DESCRIPTION:
7A:ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:....Bungalow.....
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7B:BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE AND DESCRIBE ANY MAJOR ALTERATIONS FROM ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION.
Legal Description: Grable's Addn. port. lot 8, block 3.
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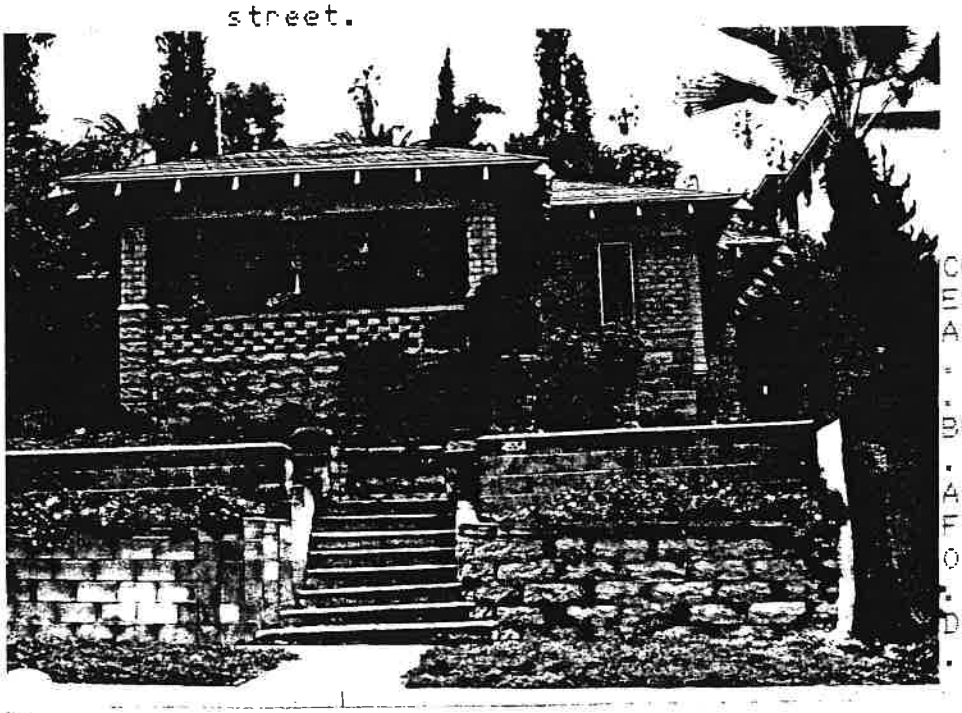

CONST.DATE:
EST:.1911.FACT:.....
ARCHITECT:
.....Unknown.....
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BUILDER:.....
.....Unknown.....
APPROX.PROP.SIZE(FT)
FRONT:.50..DEPTH..91..
OR APPROX.ACREAGE:
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DATE(S) OF PHOTO(S):
.....1982.....

13. CONDITION: EXCELL...GOOD.X.FAIR...DETERIORATED.....
NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.....
14. ALTERATIONS:....None apparent.....
15. SURROUNDINGS:(CHK MORE THAN ONE IF NECESSARY)
OPEN LAND...SCATTERED BLDGS...DENSELY BUILT-UP.....
RESID..X.INDUST....COM'L....OTHER.....
16. THREAT TO SITE:NONE KNOWN..X.PVT DEVEL....ZONING.....
VANDALISM....PUBLIC WORK PROJECT....OTHER.....
17. IS STRUCT.:ON ITS ORIG SITE?.X.MOVED?...UNKNOWN?.....
18. RELATED FEATURES:....Partial remains of stone faced....
SIGNIFICANCE block wall; landscaping
19. BRIEFLY STATE HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
(INCLUDE DATES, EVENTS, AND PERSON ASSOC. WITH THE SITE.)

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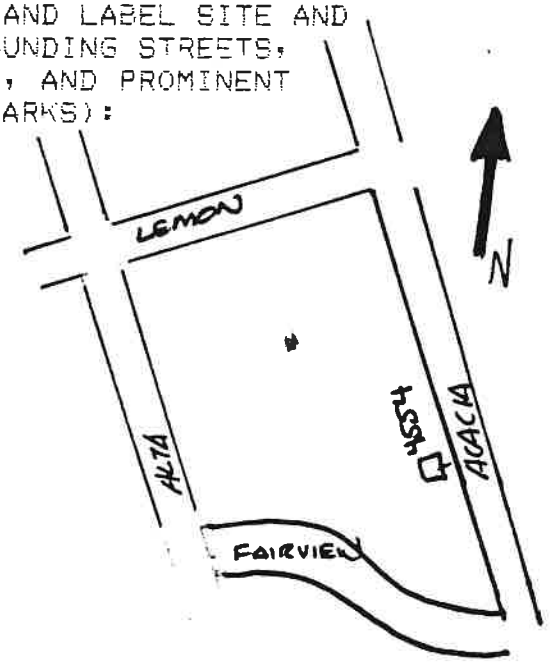
20. MAIN THEME OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCE:(IF MORE THAN ONE IS CHKD, NUMBER IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE.)
ARCHITECT.X.ARTS & LEISURE...
ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL.....
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT.....
GOVT....MILITARY...RELIG...
SOCIAL/EDUCATION.....

21. SOURCES(LIST BOOKS, DOCUMENTS. PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, AND THEIR DATES).
City and County Directories
Sanborn Fire Maps

22. DATE FORM PREPARED..Feb'82...
BY(NAME).CompuShare, Inc.....
ORGANIZATION..of Calif.....
ADDRESS..2725 Barnson Pl.....
CITY..San Diego...ZIP.92103..
PHONE..(714)296-8619.....

LOCATIONAL SKETCH MAP
(DRAW AND LABEL SITE AND SURROUNDING STREETS, ROADS, AND PROMINENT LANDMARKS):



} UPANBMX}La Mesa Historic Resources Inventory
Property Owners as of January, 1990 (some changes to Nov., 1990)

4523 Acacia Ave.
470-613-02
Alice T. Williams (AKA Lester)
same 91941

4543-47 Acacia Ave.
470-611-10
Larry E. Vale & Mary Sullivan
same 91941

4554 Acacia Ave.
470-602-11
Phillip Henry
same 91941

4558 Acacia Ave.
470-602-10
Jan E. & Gena B. Wilcox
same 91941

4566 Acacia Ave.
470-602-09
Laura A. White
same 91941

4572 Acacia Ave.
470-602-06
Margaret L. Westcott,Tr
9425 Barbic Lane
Spring Valley, CA 92077

4576 Acacia Ave.
470-602-05
Barbara Faurote, TR
4525 Alta Lane
La Mesa, 91941

4583 Acacia Ave.
470-611-03
Mary Masters
8036 Lemon Ave.
La Mesa, 91941

4590 Acacia Ave.
470-602-02
Kurt K. & Julie M. Bohnsack, TRS
4309 Mt. Helix Highlands Dr.
La Mesa, 91941