8390 Allison Ave
Erickson-Anderson Mort.

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

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

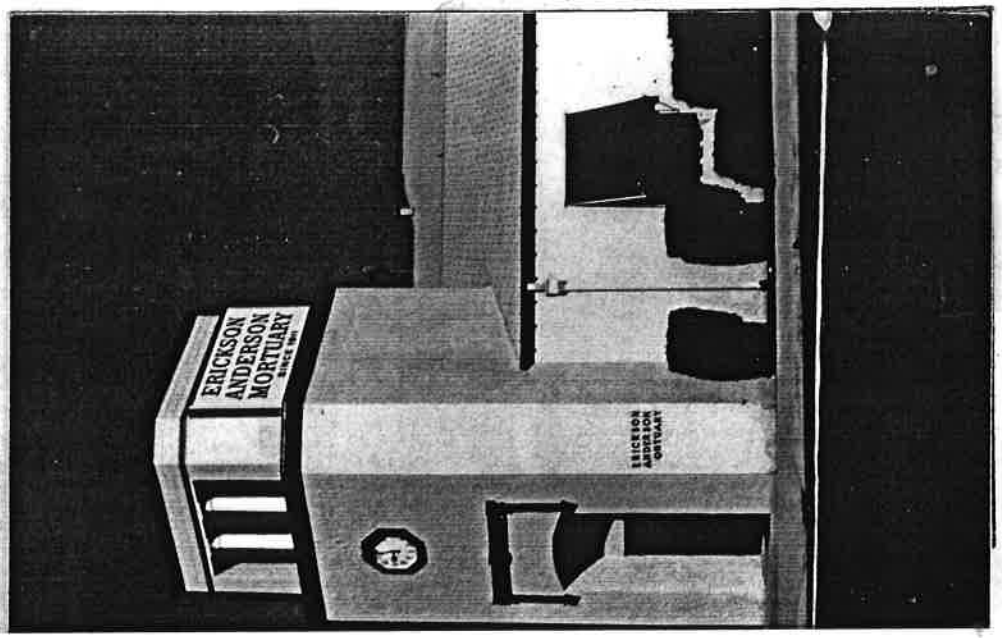
1. Common name: Erickson-Anderson Mortuary
2. Historic name: Erickson-Anderson Mortuary
3. Street or rural address: 8390 Allison Avenue
   City La Mesa Zip 92041 County San Diego
4. Parcel number: 494-262-11
5. Present Owner: San Diego Cemetery Assoc. (Corp) Address: 9450 Carroll Canyon Rd
   City San Diego Zip 92121 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Mortuary Original use: Mortuary

Magruder Tract, S 150' lot 8, Block 1

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Spanish

7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition: Basically rectangular in plan, the stuccoed mortuary building is composed of three main elements: a one-story chapel with a gabled roof; a massive three-story square tower set into the corner of the chapel; and a two-story L-shaped cross-gabled section on the north and west sides of the chapel. The tower with its clipped corners has a deeply inset corner entrance with paneled double doors. The upper portion of the tower is capped with a pyramidal roof; rectangular openings on four sides are divided by two simple classical columns. All roof areas were originally covered by red tiles which have been replaced by composition roofing. A stepped wooden board is attached beneath the chapel gable end. Door and window openings are deeply inset and the door openings are slightly arched at the top. Relief ornamentation over the corner doorway consists of twisted columns with an urn-like motif centered between them. A small one-story stucco addition was made to the west side in the 1940's. The corner location where two streets end at La Mesa Blvd provides visual prominance.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1930
9. Architect William Wheeler
10. Builder Walter Dufford
11. Approx. property size (in feet) Frontage 80 Depth 150 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) _____

13. Condition: Excellent X Good ____ Fair ____ Deteriorated ____ No longer in existence ____

14. Alterations: Tile roof replaced by composition; one-story addition on west side

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

SIGNIFICANCE

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

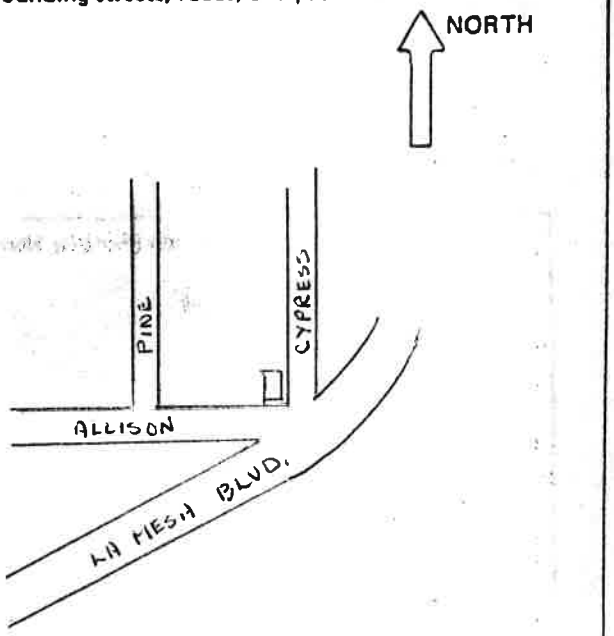
In 1921 Fred Erickson purchased the Edward Stokes Funeral Home, which had been located on La Mesa Blvd since 1911. The following year Fred and his wife Emilia bought from George Gibson the lot on which the present mortuary now stands. In 1929 Erickson retained William Wheeler to prepare plans for the new Spanish style Erickson Mortuary, and on February 6, 1930, the notice of completion was filed. Wheeler, a noted San Diego architect, was the designer of many other buildings, including the Balboa Theater and All Saints Episcopal Church. In 1940 the name of the business was changed to Erickson-Anderson Mortuary. Enoch Anderson, who had begun to work for Erickson in 1928, had become manager and part owner. Anderson served two terms on the La Mesa City Council and was Mayor from 1948 to 1950. The mortuary is one of the oldest businesses in La Mesa and has long been a prominent landmark in the downtown area. The building is a good example of Wheeler's work and is representative of the Spanish Revival style prevalent along La Mesa Blvd in the 1920's and 1930's.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure ____
Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement ____
Government ____ Military ____
Religion ____ Social/Education ____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates). La Mesa Scout 9/27/29, 2/14/30, 2/21/30. San Diego Union 9/3/49, 6/24/76. City Directories. San Diego Recorder's-Deeds. Interview Mrs. Enoch Anderson 3/21/82.

22. Date form prepared ____
By (name) Donna Regan
Organization ____
Address: ____
City ____ Zip ____
Phone: ____

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



Magruder Tract

2-11 8390 Allison SD Cemetery
S150' 8/1 8450 Carroll Canyon Rd 9-12-1

9/12/rr George Gibson to Fred & Emelia Erickson S150' of 8
9/5/rr Erickson to George Gibson S150' of 8 mtg
2/6/30 Fred Erickson mtg Compl S107' of 8

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IDENTIFICATION:

1. COMMON NAME:....Erickson-Anderson Mortuary.....
2. HISTORIC NAME:..Erickson-Anderson Mortuary.....
3. ADDRESS:.8390 Allison Ave.....CITY:..La Mesa.....
   ZIP:.92041 COUNTY:.San Diego.4.PARCEL #:.494-262-11..
5. PRESENT OWNER:..San Diego Cemetery Assoc.(Corp.).....
   ADDRESS:.9450 Carroll Canyon RdCITY:..San Diego.....
   ZIP:.92121.OWNERSHIP IS: PUBLIC:....PRIVATE:..X.....
6. PRESENT USE:.....Mortuary.....
   ORIGINAL USE:.....Mortuary.....

DESCRIPTION:

7A:ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:..Spanish.....
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7B:BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE AND DESCRIBE ANY MAJOR ALTERATIONS FROM ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION.

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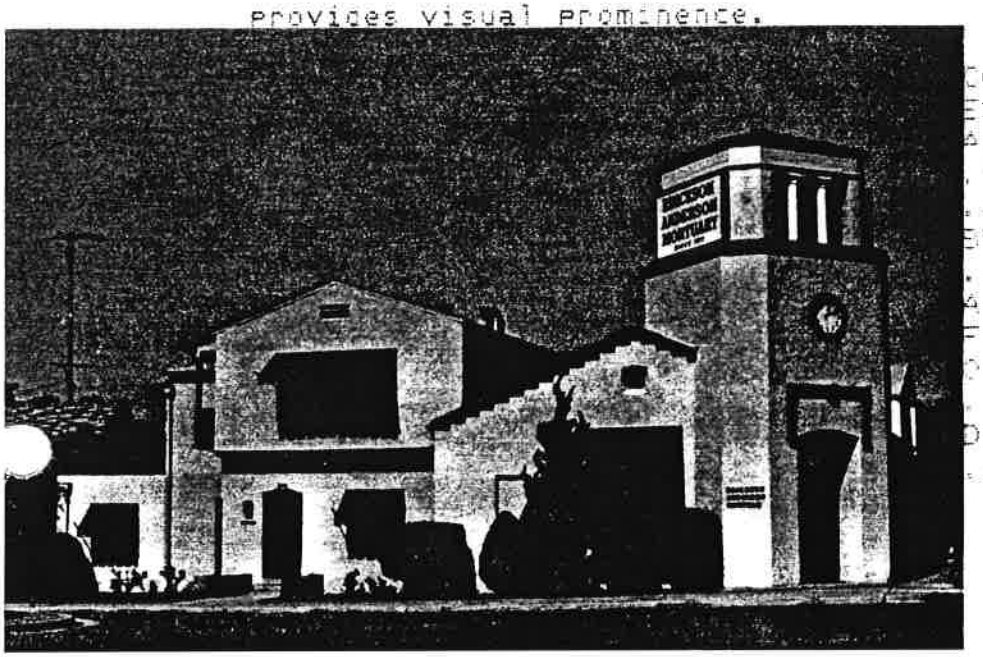
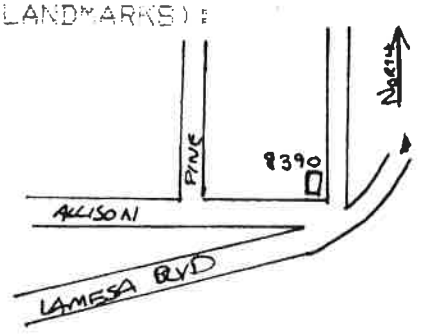


CONST.DATE:
EST:.....FACT:.1930.
ARCHITECT:
.William Wheeler.....
.....
BUILDER:.....
.Walter Dufford.....
APPROX.PROP.SIZE(FT)
FRONT:.80..DEPTH.150..
OR APPROX.ACREAGE:
.....
DATE(S) OF PHOTO(S):
.....1982.....

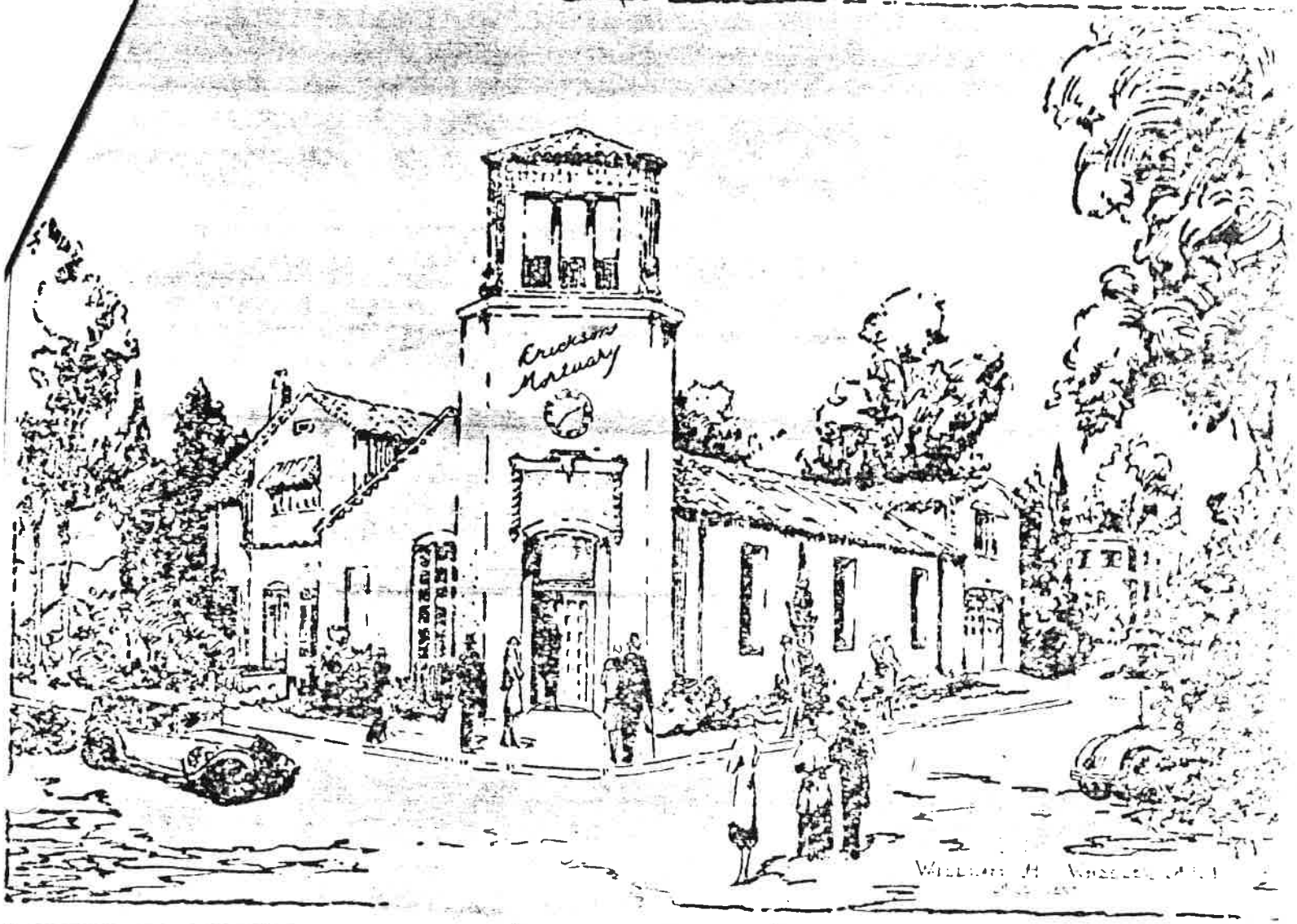
13. CONDITION: EXCELL.X.GOOD...FAIR...DETERIORATED.....
NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.....
14. ALTERATIONS:.Tile roof replaced by (contd.@ #19).....
15. SURROUNDINGS:(CHK MORE THAN ONE IF NECESSARY)
OPEN LAND...SCATTERED BLDGS...DENSELY BUILT-UP..X.....
RESID.X..INDUST....COM'L..X.OTHER.....
16. THREAT TO SITE:NONE KNOWN..X.PVT DEVEL....ZONING.....
VANDALISM....PUBLIC WORK PROJECT....OTHER.....
17. IS STRUCT.:ON ITS ORIG SITE?.X.MOVED?...UNKNOWN?.....
18. RELATED FEATURES:.....
SIGNIFICANCE
19. BRIEFLY STATE HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
(INCLUDE DATES,EVENTS,AND PERSON ASSOC. WITH THE SITE.)
#14 contd. composition; one story addition on west side.
#19 - In 1921 Fred Erickson purchased the Edward Stokes Funeral Home, which had been located on La Mesa Blvd. since 1911. The following year Fred and his wife Emilie bought from George Gibson the lot on which the present mortuary now stands. In 1929 Erickson retained William Wheeler to prepare plans for the new Spanish style Erickson Mortuary, and on Feb. 6, 1930, the notice of completion was filed. Wheeler, a noted San Diego architect, was the designer of many other buildings, including the Balboa Theater and All Saints Episcopal Church. In 1942 the name of the business was changed to Erickson-Anderson Mortuary. Enoch Anderson, who had begun to work for Erickson in 1928, had become manager and part owner. Anderson served two terms on the La Mesa City Council and was Mayor from 1948-1950. The mortuary is one of the oldest businesses in La Mesa and has long been a prominent landmark in the downtown area. The building is a good example of Wheeler's work and is representative of the Spanish Revival style prevalent along La Mesa Blvd. in th 1920's and 1930's.

22. 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
County Recorders Office
LA MESA SCOUT
SAN DIEGO UNION
Interview:Mrs. Enoch Anderson 3/21/82.
22. DATE FORM PREPARED..Apr'82...
BY(NAME)..CompuShare, Inc....
ORGANIZATION..of Calif.....

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



Sept 27, 1929 L.M. Scout



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William Wheeler

6750 Alamo Way
468-491-25
Robert J. & Mary A. Bonfils
same 91942

8200 Allison Ave.
494-240-41
Donald W. Olson Tr Et Al
8255 University Ave.
La Mesa, 91941

8262 Allison Ave.
494-251-13
First Church of Christ, Scientist, La Mesa
same 91941

8318 Allison Ave.
494-252-16
Samuel I. & Helen T. Matson
7997 Blue Lake Dr.
San Diego, CA 92119

8330 Allison Ave.
494-261-15
Allison Professional Offices
8330 Allison Ave., Suite A
La Mesa, CA 91941

8368 Allison Ave.
494-262-08
Emerson & Barbara James
8384 Allison Ave.
La Mesa, CA 91941

8390 Allison Ave.
494-262-11
San Diego Cemetary Association
5600 Carroll Canyon Rd.
San Diego, CA 92121

8853 Alpine Ave.
494-523-04
James E. & Michele B. Nugent
same 91941

8949 Alpine Ave.
494-883-10
William D. Burroughs
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4513 55th St.
San Diego, CA 92115