



FRANK OLIVER HOUSE

1907

La Mesa Historical Society
P.O. Box 882
La Mesa, CA 91944



LA MESA HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME

Historic: **FRANK OLIVER HOUSE**
and / or common:

2. LOCATION

Address: **4657 4th Street**
City: **La Mesa** State: **CA** Zip: **91941**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
☐ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agricultural
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☐ unoccupied	☐ commercial
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ work in progress	☐ educational
☐ site			☐ entertainment
☐ object			☐ government
	PUBLIC ACQUISITION		☐ industrial
	☐ in progress		☐ military
	☐ being considered		

☐ museum
☐ park
☒ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: **Kathryn Tinsley**
Address: **4657 4th Street**
City: **La Mesa** State: **CA** Zip: **91941**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, etc. **San Diego County Recorder**
Address: **1600 Pacific Highway**
City: **San Diego** State: **CA** Zip: **92101**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Title: **La Mesa Historic Resources Inventory**
Date: **June 1984**
Depository for Survey Records: **La Mesa City Clerk**
City: **La Mesa** State: **CA** Zip: **91941**

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

CHECK ONE

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

CHECK ONE

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Legal Description: S 1/2 Lot 5 and Lot 6, Block 7, Park's Addn #993

The Frank Oliver House is an interesting example of a style sometimes called "Homestead House." This 1 1/2 story "L" shaped home has a medium pitch, cross gable roof with shed dormers and green hexagonal composition shingles. Other features include an exterior brick chimney, horizontal clapboard siding with end boards, double hung wooden windows, and an "L" shaped open porch that fits into the house "L". The porch has paired wooden post supports; the porch entrance is placed diagonally in the angle of the "L" and has a triangular pediment above it. Other decorative features of this house include shingled gable ends and ornamental trim under the window sills. These decorative features and the pediment are uncommon in houses of this style and hint of earlier, more elaborate styles. Vertical boards, approximately 1x12's, cover the foundation.

By 1929, a small, wooden, screened porch had been added to the rear of this home. The brick chimney is an early addition, also. In the 1950's or 1960's, the owners replaced some windows with louvers, especially on the upper floor, and enlarged and replaced the street-facing window in the living room on the first floor. A north-facing window in the living room was once an opening for a door (possibly when the room was used as a medical office) and could have been a window before that when the house was first constructed. The original wooden porch steps have been replaced by concrete, and iron railings have been added. In 1957, the Dodson family constructed the double garage at the rear. Although the chimney remains, there is no longer a fireplace opening into the house.

The Frank Oliver House stands on a lot that rises from the street. California fan palms, jacaranda trees, succulents and two fruit trees grace the yard. At the street level there is a cut stone retaining wall 5 to 6 feet high to the sidewalk where a block wall serves to retain the soil of the front yard.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ conservation	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ economics	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agricultural	☐ education	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☐ engineering	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ exploration/ settlement	☐ music	humanitarian
☐ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☐ industry	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☒ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ invention	☒ politics/government	☐ transportation
	☐ community planning			☐ other (specify)

SPECIFIC DATES: 1907

BUILDER / ARCHITECT: UNKNOWN

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Frank Oliver House is significant as an example of a Homestead House and as the former home of two important La Mesa families: the Olivers and the Mallerys. Dr. John H. Mallery served as La Mesa's third mayor.

Frank Morris Oliver was born in Bonaparte, Iowa, on Apr 26, 1858, the sixth child of Jonathan Oliver and his second wife, Harriet. Frank moved with his family to Colorado when he was twelve years old. He spent a number of years in Colorado working as a cowboy. On Oct. 14, 1890, he married Miss Harriet Moseley of Iowa Falls, Iowa, and soon after that Frank and his wife moved to Southern California. They settled on a ranch in Spring Valley in San Diego County. After only a few years, Mrs. Oliver passed away, leaving her husband with one small son, Henry Morris Oliver. Frank Oliver, his son, and his sister, Miss Hattie Oliver, remained in Spring Valley until Frank's marriage on Feb. 9, 1898, to Miss Anna McGuire, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGuire of La Mesa. The newly married Mr. and Mrs. Oliver moved to La Mesa where they bought the Sam Agnew House on Date Avenue. On June 18, 1906, Frank purchased all of Block 7 (lots 1-24) in the new Park's Addition in La Mesa. (The Park's Addition subdivision, map 993, was recorded on June 5, 1906.) On Sept. 11, 1907, Frank and Anna Oliver mortgaged lots 5 and 6 and built the house known today as the historic Frank Oliver House at 4657 4th Street. Here they lived with their children, Parke, Marie, and Jamie, and Frank's son, Morris. On August 22, 1912, they sold the house to La Mesa physician, Dr. John H. Mallery and his wife, Lena.

The Oliver family was well known and liked in La Mesa, and Frank Oliver is believed to have operated the first nursery there. Advertisements for F. M. Oliver's Evergreen Nursery appear in early La Mesa Scout newspapers, offering fruit trees - including peach, apple, pear and loquat - potted palms and roses. The

nursery was located on Fourth Street near the Oliver house. After the Olivers sold their home to the Mallerys, they lived next door at what is now 4667 Fourth Street.

Around 1918, the Oliver family moved to Claremont, California. Frank was killed in a bicycle-car accident in Claremont on July 24, 1920. The Olivers were remembered in La Mesa through the street, Oliver Lane, (the street/alley that lies at the rear of the Frank Oliver House). Oliver Lane was named by La Mesa City Ordinance #74 on June 22, 1917.

Dr. John Mallery, the second owner of the house, graduated from the University of California Medical School in 1902. He practiced medicine in Eureka, California, for six years and then moved to La Mesa where he opened his medical office in the Hoedemaker Building on the southeast corner of Spring St. and La Mesa Boulevard. In 1914, his office was in the Lyons Building on Lookout Avenue (now La Mesa Blvd.). Dr. Mallery and his wife, Lena, moved into the house on 4th Street in 1912. The Mallerys became prominent in La Mesa affairs.

On Nov. 6, 1916, Dr. Mallery was appointed to serve on the La Mesa Board of Trustees (City Council), and he was elected to this position on April 8, 1918. John Mallery served as La Mesa's third mayor (president of the Board of Trustees) from Apr. 15, 1918, until he resigned on July 12, 1918 to enter the army during World War I. He served in the medical corps in Arizona until Feb. 1920 when he returned to La Mesa. He opened an office in the 1st National Bank Building in San Diego where he saw patients in the morning and held office hours from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at his home on 4th Street in La Mesa. (A later resident of this house reported that the home once had two front doors, and it is thought that Dr. Mallery might have put in a door from the porch into what is now the living room for the convenience of his patients.)

In October 1920, Dr. Mallery entered the public health service and was stationed first at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, and then at Camp Kearney in San Diego County until 1924. During this service, the Mallery family apparently kept their residence at 4657 4th. In 1924, they decided to move to Oregon where they had filed a homestead on 160 acres in the Crater Lake - Medford area. From 1924 to 1943, Dr. Mallery rented out the La Mesa house.

The first known tenants were Joseph O. and Florence L. McKelvey in 1924 and 1925. Directories also list Adele Kirby as living at this address in 1924.

In 1929, Edward H. Bair moved into this house with his wife, France, and children, Edward S., France B., and Margaret. The Bairs had come to San Diego from Wisconsin in 1926. Mr. Bair

worked as a mechanical engineer and as an investment counselor for Blankenhorn & Co., Gordon L. Eby & Co., and the Franklin Insurance Service Corp. in San Diego. Although Edward Bair died during the summer of 1934, his widow and children continued to live in the house. During part of the 1930s, the son, Edward, served in the U.S. Navy and the daughter, Margaret, taught school at the La Mesa Grammar School. Mrs. Bair worked as a stenographer and bookkeeper. A daughter, France, married John Dodson on May 31, 1938. The Dodsons lived on Palm Avenue in La Mesa while John served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. On July 7, 1943, John and France purchased the house at 4657 4th St. from John Mallery, who had remarried after his first wife's death in 1934.

John Dodson, a native of El Cajon, was an electrician. He operated Springer's Electrical Appliance Shop in El Cajon from about 1953 to 1967. During the last years of his life, he worked for the Cajon Valley School District. He died on Jan. 30, 1985.

Kathryn Tinsley, the current owner, and her former husband, Anthony, purchased this historic house from France Dodson on April 14, 1987. On October 23, 1991, Kathryn Tinsley became the sole owner.

The Frank Oliver House is an important La Mesa historic site because it was the home of prominent early families. The house style is unique and represents the pre-1910 ranch houses built by the earliest settlers.

9. SOURCES

La Mesa Historic Preservation Inventory, 1984
San Diego County Recorder's Records
San Diego County Assessor's Records
La Mesa City Building Permit Records
La Mesa City Clerk: Ordinance #74 6/22/1917; Resolution No. 11773, 11/9/1971; Resolution No. 11791, 11/9/1971; City Council Minutes; City of La Mesa Assessment Rolls.
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La Mesa Scout: Anniv. Ed 3/16/1908; 2nd Anniv Ed., March 1909; 1/13/1911; 2/3/1911; 9/29/1911; 4/10/1914; 8/6/1920; 5/ 5/1919; 4/13/1918; 4/20/1918; 3/6/1920; 4/23/1920; 10/22/1920; 8/18/1922; 8/10/1923; 5/11/1924; 10/11/1934; 10/26/1934; 1/6/1966.
San Diego Union: 1/4/1966 A7:1
Gilbert, Anna. La Mesa Yesterday and Today. 1924.
Sanborn Insurance Maps: La Mesa, 1911 and La Mesa, 1929.
PaRK"S Addition Subdivision Map #993, June 5, 1906
Upland Tract Subdivision Map #1394, Apr. 29, 1912
Interview with France Bair Dodson, Jan. 13, 1992 (telephone).
Interview with Dawn Watts Stanley, Jan. 20, 1992 (telephone).
Interview with Carol Stout, Jan. 23, 1992.
Interview with Kathryn Tinsley, several dates.
Dr. John Mallery photo - courtesy City of La Mesa
Mrs. Lena Mallery & Jamie Oliver photo - courtesy La Mesa Historial Society.
View over La Mesa c. 1910 photo - courtesy La Mesa Historical Soc

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property:

Property size 75 ft. by 140 ft.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

Karna Webster
Donna Regan
Kathy Flanigan
Barbara Kennedy, Assistant Planner, City of La Mesa
Dennis Tuttle

CHAIN OF TITLE FRANK OLIVER HOUSE

4657 4th St., La Mesa

June 5, 1906 Park's Addition, Map 993, subdivided

393:6	6-18-06	Southwestern Inv. Co. grants Lots 1-24, Blk 7 to F. M. Oliver
133:113	9-11-07	F.M. and Anna Oliver mortgage Lots 5-6 for \$700 for 2 years. Mortgage holder is Jacob Beusch.
594:229	8-22-12	F.M. and Anna Oliver sell to J. H. and Lena R. Mallery
191:297	2-24-13	The Mallerys mortgage property with the Bank of La Mesa - \$1000 for 1 yr at 8%.
264:85	2-5-17	Mallerys mortgage property with the Bank of La Mesa - \$1000 for 5 years at 7%.
SC#79532	11-21-34	To terminate Joint Tenancy; Lena Mallery deceased.
370:62	12-21-34	Mary Lena Rice Mallery to John H. Mallery.
	3-6-40	John H. Mallery to John H. Mallery and Alma R. Mallery (second wife).
	7-7-43	Mallerys sell to John and France Dodson
	4-14-87	France B. Dodson sells to Anthony and Kathryn Tinsley.
	10-23-91	Kathryn Tinsley becomes sole owner.

eight (38) in block ninety-seven (97) of University Heights; and the East half (E 1/2) of lot thirteen (13) in block four (4) of Watkins and Biddle's Addition to San Diego; lot eleven (11) in block thirty-five (35) of Sherman's Addition; lot ten (10) in block thirteen (13) of Bayview Homestead of Carothers Addition; lots two (2) and three (3) in Olmstead's subdivision of block sixteen (16) of Gardner's Addition to said City; lots one (1) to five (5) both inclusive in block one hundred thirty-one (131) of Pacific Beach in said City; lots seven (7) and lot eight (8) in block fifty-two (52) and lots one (1) and two (2) in block fifty-four (54) of Ocean Beach in said City, and also that certain real property situated in the County of San Diego, State of California, described as follows, to-wit: Lots four (4) to eight (8) both inclusive and lot thirteen (13) in Marcellena Tract, according to map thereof filed in the County Recorder's office of said County, and the West half of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section thirty-four (34) Township eighteen (18) South Range two (2) West, S.B.M., and any other property not now known or discovered and any other property belonging to the estate of said deceased known or discovered but not hereinbefore particularly referred to.

Done in open court this 22nd day of June 1906.

D.K.Trask.

(Endorsed) Filed Jun 22 1906. Frank A.Salmons, Clerk. By Walter M.Edwards, Deputy.

State of California)

(ss.

County of San Diego)

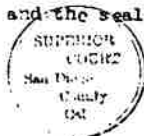
In the Matter of the Estate of S.E.Bailey, Deceased.

I, Frank A.Salmons, County Clerk of the County of San Diego, State of California, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court of said County, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original Decree of Distribution in the above entitled matter now on file in my office; that the same contains a full, true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Superior Court this 22nd day of June A.D. 1906.

Frank A.Salmons, County Clerk.

By Walter M.Edwards, Deputy.



Recorded at request of Sam F.Smith Jun 22 1906 at 30 min. past 2 o'clock P.M.

Jno.F.Forward, County Recorder.

Fee \$2.25

By *Irving Clark* Deputy Recorder.

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The South-Western Investment Company, a corporation, pursuant to a resolution duly passed by its Board of Directors, and in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, does hereby grant to F.M.Oliver, all that real property situated in the County of San Diego, State of California, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

All of block seven (7) of Park's Addition to La Mesa Springs, San Diego County, California, according to map of said addition filed in the office of the Recorder of San Diego County June 5th, 1906.

To have and to hold the above granted and described premises unto the said grantee, his heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof the said corporation has caused these presents to be subscribed by its Vice President and Secretary and its corporate seal to be affixed this 18th day of June A.D. 1906.

South-Western
Investment Company.
Incorporated
1899.
San Diego, Cal.

South-Western Investment Company.

by George T.Hawley, Vice President.

Attest George M.Hawley, Secretary.

County of Alameda) On this 18th day of June A.D. 1906, before me, Stuart S. Hawley, a Notary
Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared George T. Hawley, known to me to be the
Vice President of the Southwestern Investment Company, the corporation that executed the within
instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

In witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written. . Stuart S. Hawley, Notary Public in and for the

Stuart S. Hawley.
Notary Public.
Alameda Co., Cal.

County of Alameda, State of California.

County of San Diego) On this 20th day of June A.D. 1906, before me, A.E.Eldridge, a Notary
Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared George M.Hawley, known to me to be the
Secretary of the South-Western Investment Company, the corporation that executed the within instru-
ment, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.  A.E. Eldridge. Notary Public in and for the

A.E.Eldridge. Notary Public in and for the
County of San Diego, State of California.

Recorded at request of Abst. Title & Trust Co. Jun 22 1906 at 31 min. past 2 o'clock P.M.

Jno. F. Forward, County Recorder.

Fee \$1.00

By Barrett Clark Deputy Record--

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E.J.Swayne and Co., a corporation, of the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable considerations, does hereby grant to Security Savings Bank and Trust Co., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, all that real property situated in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, bounded and described as follows:

Lots seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9) in block two hundred and thirty-five (235); lots seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12) in block two hundred and thirty-six (236); lots seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), and twelve (12) in block one hundred and eighty-four (184), also Right of Way lots one hundred and fifty-five (155), one hundred and fifty-six (156), one hundred and fifty-seven (157), one hundred and fifty-eight (158), one hundred and fifty-nine (159) and one hundred and sixty (160), all in Middletown, City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, as per the official map thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk of the County of San Diego, State of California.

This deed is made in pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Directors duly passed at a meeting of said Board held in the Company's office June 13th 1906.

To have and to hold the above granted and described premises unto the said grantee its successors or assigns forever.

In witness whereof said corporation has caused this deed to be signed by its Vice President and Secretary and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto this 13th day of June 1905.

Signed and executed in presence of ...

Laurence P. Swayne.

E. J. Swayne and Co.,

E. J. Swayne, Vice President.

L.P. Swayne, Secretary.

PHOTOGRAPHED BY W. S. LEKAS, DEPUTY RECORDER

This Mortgage

Made the eleventh day of September in the year A. D. nineteen hundred and Seven
by F. M. Oliver and his wife

To Jacob Beusch

Mortgagor

Mortgagee

WITNESSETH, that the said Mortgagors, mortgages to the said Mortgagee all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the _____ County of San Diego, State of California, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots Five (5) and Six (6) in Block Seven (7) of Park Addition to La Mesa Springs, as per map number 793 filed June 5, 1906 in the office of the County Recorder of said County together with all improvements thereon.

as security for the payment of the principal, interest and attorney's fees, specified and provided for in one certain Promissory Note of date September 12th 1907, in words and figures following, to-wit:

Two years
Jacob Beusch
after date, without grace, for value received of \$2000 promise to pay to the Order of San Diego, California Seven Hundred = DOLLARS,

with interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from date until paid, interest payable semi-annually and if not so paid to be compounded semi-annually and bear the same rate of interest as the principal; and should the interest not be paid when due then the whole sum of principal and interest shall become immediately due and payable at the option of the holder of this Note. Principal and interest payable in gold coin of the United States. Should suit be commenced, or an attorney employed to enforce the payment of this Note, the mortgagor agree to pay an additional sum of ten per cent. on principal and accrued interest, or attorney's fees in such suit.

F. M. Oliver
Anna M. Oliver

And the Mortgagors hereby covenants with the Mortgagee that if default be made in the payment of the interest, or any part thereof, according to the tenor of said Note, then the whole sum of principal and interest shall become immediately due and payable at the option of the holder of said Note and the Mortgagee may proceed with suit of foreclosure and sell the mortgaged premises in the manner provided by law; and shall include in such foreclosure an additional sum, for attorney's fees, as provided in said Note.

And it is hereby covenanted that the Mortgagors shall pay all insurance upon said premises and also to keep fully insured against all losses by fire, or otherwise, all buildings upon said premises; and in case of default of Mortgagors to pay said insurance, then the Mortgagee may pay the same, and the amount so paid shall become a debt from the Mortgagors and shall be a lien upon said premises and be secured by this Mortgage, and bear interest at the rate of ten per cent. per month, from date of such payment, payable in the gold coin of the United States; and in case of the foreclosure shall be added to the principal and interest due thereon, and be included in the judgment and decree to be entered therein.

Signed and Executed in the presence of
J. B. Gralle
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
County of San Diego,

F. M. Oliver
Anna M. Oliver
A. D. nineteen hundred and Seven

On this 11th day of September
before me J. B. Gralle
a Notary Public, in and for said County, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared
F. M. Oliver and Anna M. Oliver, husband and wife

known to me to be the persons described in and whose name are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in the County of San Diego, the day and year first above written.



J. B. Gralle
Notary Public in and for the County of San Diego, State of California.

Recorded at request of Park Gralle Co. Sep 11, 1907 at 11:15 min. past 1 o'clock P.M.

JOHN H. FERRY, County Recorder.
By Geo Rogers Deputy Recorder.
Fee, \$ 20

FULL PAYMENT AND SATISFACTION OF THIS MORTGAGE
Made by Jacob Beusch on September 12th 1907
Signed and acknowledged before me this 11th day of September 1907
J. B. Gralle County Recorder

The foregoing described property is hereby released from the Lien of this Mortgage
Made by Jacob Beusch on September 12th 1907
Signed and acknowledged before me this 11th day of September 1907
J. B. Gralle County Recorder

is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to be that he executed the same

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in San Diego County of San Diego State of California the day and year in this certificate first above written



Michael Lawrence
Notary Public in and for the County of San Diego State of California

State of California }
County of San Diego }

On this 10th day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen I before me, F. H. Call, a Notary Public in and for said County of San Diego State of California residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Mrs. M. Leonard, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written



F. H. Call
Notary Public in and for San Diego County State of California

Recorded at request of Union Title & Trust Co. (Miskin)
March 1913. At 9 o'clock A.M.

File # 20

COMPARED

H. J. King

DEPUTY COUNTY RECORDER

John L. Farns County Recorder
Aug. J. H. F. Recorder

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F. M. Oliver and his wife Anna M. Oliver For and in consideration of the sum of Ten & Dollars Do hereby grant to Job Mallery and Loria R. Mallery as joint tenants with right of survivorship All that real property situated in the City of La Mesa County of San Diego State of California bounded and described as follows

The southerly Twenty five (25) Feet front and rear of Lot Five (5) and all of Lot Six (6) in Block Seven (7) of Park Addition to La Mesa Springs according to map thereof No. 993 filed in the office of the Recorder of said San Diego County June 2th 1910 together with 1/2 of 1/2 of one inch of water attached to the land by contract with the San Diego Flume Company

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To Have and to hold the above granted and described premises forever unto the said Grantees and to the survivors of them as joint tenants and not as tenants in common and to their assigns and to the assigns of the survivors of them

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Witness our hands and seals this twenty second day of August 1912
Signed and executed in presence of } F. M. Oliver (Seal)
Anna M. Oliver (Seal)

State of California, County of San Diego.

On this second day of August A. D. Walter a hundred and twelve before me, the said Public in and for said County, residing therein, duly commissioned, and sworn personally appeared F. M. Oliver and his wife, Mrs. M. Oliver known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my Notarial Seal at my office in San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, the day and year in the certificate first above written.



W. L. Park
Notary Public in and for the County of
San Diego, State of California.

Recorded at request of Union Title & Trust Co. (Makin)
Mar. 15 1913 At 9 O'clock P. M.

Fee \$1.00

Harold I Angier

John H. Ferry, County Recorder
By J. H. F. Recorder

Grant Deed

The Bank of Commerce and Trust Company, a corporation organized and existing under, and by virtue of the laws of the State of California, with principal place of business at San Diego, California, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars and other consideration

Have hereby Grant to J. B. Bennett, All that real property situated in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California described as follows:

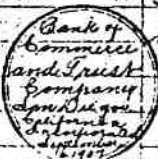
All that portion of Pueblo Lot 1242 of the Pueblo Lands of San Diego, according to map thereof made by James Pascoe in 1872, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point which is North 0° 19' East 240 feet from a point which is North 89° 23' East 281.0 feet from the Southeast corner of Lot Fifty-eight (58) in Block Four hundred Twenty-four (24) of Belphair's Addition in said City according to map thereof No. 450, filed in the office of the County Recorder of said San Diego County September 21st 1887. Thence North 0° 19' East Sixty (60) feet, thence North 89° 23' East 95.8 feet thence South 0° 19' West Sixty (60) feet, thence South 89° 23' West 95.8 feet to point of commencement. Said parcel of land sometimes known as Lot Eleven (11) in Block Three (3) of Commerce Court.

To Have and to Hold the above granted and described premises, unto the said Grantee here heirs, and assigns forever, subject to all existing liens thereon.

In Witness Whereof the said Bank of Commerce and Trust Company has caused its corporate name to be subscribed, and its corporate seal affixed hereunto. Dated March 2nd 1913.

Bank of Commerce and Trust Company
By Julius H. Angier, President
M. L. Epstein, Secretary



VICINITY MAP

LANDMARK DESIGNATION L-92-1

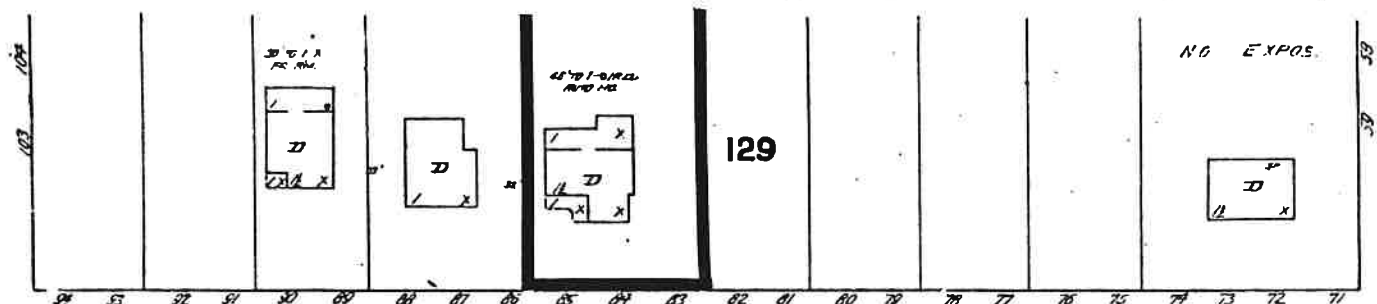




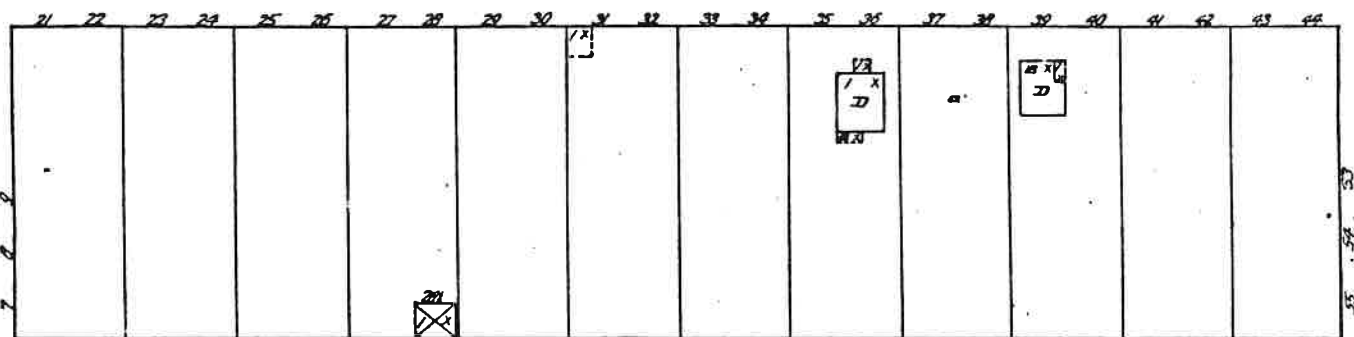
MAP 1394 - UPLAND TRACT
 MAP 993 - PARK'S ADD.

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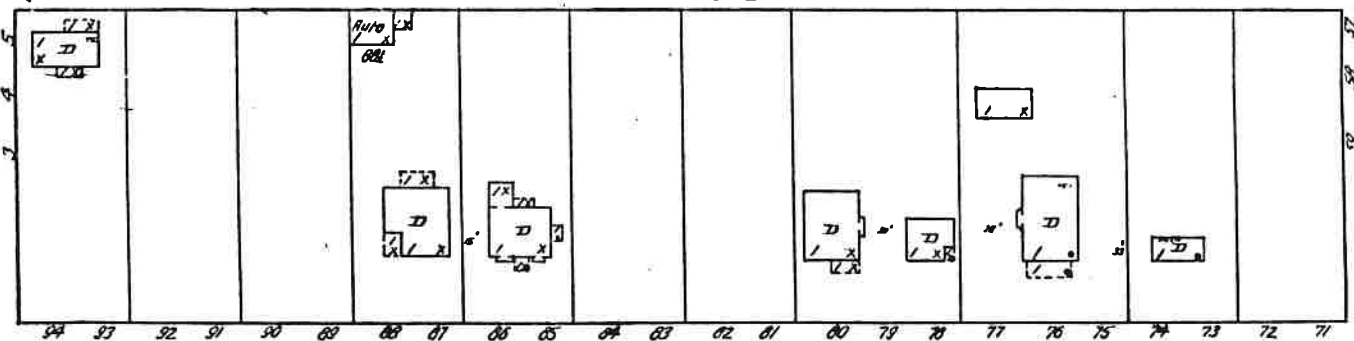
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Sanborn Insurance Map, October, 1911

Frank Oliver House

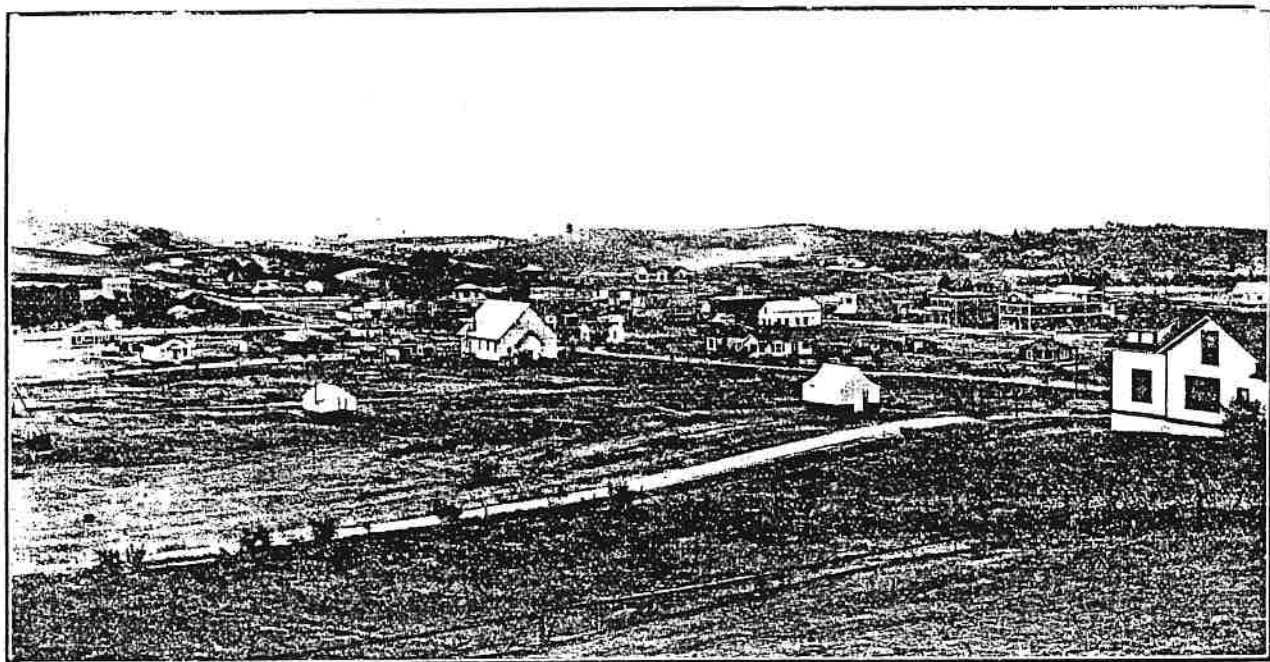


RESIDENCE OF F. M. OLIVER.

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A LATE PICTURE OF LA MESA SPRINGS.

View northwest over La Mesa, 1909. The south side of the Frank Oliver House is at right; Fourth Street runs through the foreground.

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View northwest over La Mesa, c. 1910. The back of the Frank Oliver House is in the left foreground; La Mesa Boulevard runs through the center at right.

FRANK M. OLIVER

No name, perhaps, is better known to the older residents of La Mesa than that of Frank Oliver, whose face, until a few days ago, was as familiar and as welcome here as the morning sun; so when the news of his sudden death by auto accident near his home in Claremont, on Saturday morning, July 24, was received here, it cast a gloom of sadness over the hearts of his many La Mesa friends.

He was so intimately identified with the development and history of this community that a brief obituary will be of interest to many of the people here.

Frank M. Oliver was born in Bonaparte, Van Buren county, Iowa, in 1858, and when twelve years old went with his people to Colorado, where he spent some twenty years in that and adjoining states, occupied most of the time as a cowboy, meeting with many thrilling adventures and experiences belonging to that picturesque life in those days.

In the year 1890 he was married to Miss Harriett Mosely of Iowa Falls, Iowa, and very soon after that event they came to Southern California and finally settled in Spring Valley and improved the little ranch now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomason. Here they made their home, but their united happiness was not to be of long duration, for in the midst of the home-making Mrs. Oliver went into a state of rapidly declining health and in all too brief a time she passed away, leaving only the fragrance of a precious memory and a little child to lighten the gloom of her departure.

Mr. Oliver lived on at the home for a number of years with his sister, Miss Hattie Oliver, who cared for the home and the little boy until the year 1898 when he (Mr. Oliver) was united in marriage to Miss Anna McGuire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGuire of La Mesa.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Oliver became residents of La Mesa, having purchased the Sam Agnew property on Date avenue. Several years later they built on East Fourth street the house now owned by Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Mallery; also the property of Mr. and Mrs. William Wight was improved by them and was their permanent home, where the family resided until a year or two ago, when they moved to Claremont, Calif. that the children might have the educational advantages of that college city. There they had lived until the present time. When going out from his home on the morning of his death Mr. Oliver's bicycle crashed into a passing auto and he was instantly killed.

Frank Oliver was a good citizen, an earnest Christian man, active and faithful in the interests of his church and community; and, being a genial man, he made many friends wherever he went; and wherever he lived there will be a vacant place and he will be missed. He is survived by his immediate family, Mrs. Oliver and the children, Parke, Marie and Jamie; also by his oldest son, Henry Morris, and three sisters, Miss Harriet Oliver, Mrs. Peter Watt and Mrs. Snyder, all of La Mesa, and by one brother, Henry W. Oliver of Spring Valley, and many other relatives, and by a large circle of friends here and elsewhere. H. A. M'KINNEY.

**F. M. OLIVER,
Evergreen Nursery**

Reserve your orders for decid-
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choice lot coming—peaches,
apples, pears, etc.

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Mr. Frank Oliver, La Mesa's
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choice specimens of potted palms
Thursday, also some banana
apples.
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We make a specialty of Haw-
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LA MESA LOCALS

PIONEER RESIDENT DEAD

The recent death of Joseph McGuire at Claremont marks the passing of one of La Mesa's pioneer residents, one who was among the first in the settlement and improvement of this community. He was interested, together with his stepson, A. S. Crowder, in the laying out of the La Mesa Springs townsite soon after the building of the Cuyamaca railroad, and took a prominent part in the affairs of the early history of the city.

Mr. McGuire came to California with his family from Bethany, Illinois, more than 25 years ago and has claimed this as his residence ever since until a year or two ago, when he sold his home here and moved to Claremont, California, to be near his two daughters, Mrs. F. M. Oliver and Mrs. Russell, whose children are in the schools at that place. He was a great lover of La Mesa and would have preferred to have spent his days here if circumstances had permitted. His health had been failing for some time and for several weeks he was

very sick, until death came and he quietly passed away on Sunday, March 30, 1919, at 2:30 p. m. Had he lived until June of this year he would have been 84 years old.

Other members of the family besides those mentioned above are the daughters, Mrs. James H. Parke of the Parke-Davis Chemical Company and Miss Dorothy McGuire of the Los Angeles schools, and the son, Erving McGuire of the Imperial valley.

Mr. McGuire was a veteran of the civil war. Data concerning his service is not available at this time, except that he fought through the war, serving continuously for about four years and a half, after which he was given an honorable discharge. He was a member of the Methodist church at La Mesa from the time of its organization until his death and was ever true and loyal not only to the church of his choice but to his country and to La Mesa, his first California home.

In loving remembrance of the geniality and the kindly cordial hospitality of that home long since in ashes, and in deep sympathy with the bereaved family, these lines have been written.

HENRY A. McKINNEY.

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Joseph McGuire was the father
of Frank Oliver's wife, Anna.



Dr. John H. Mallery



Mrs. Lena Mallery and Jamie Oliver, c. 1910

DR. MALLERY.

Dr. J. H. Mallery, who has opened offices back of the La Mesa Drug Store, comes here from Eureka, California, where he has practiced his profession for the past six years. The doctor spent three years in preparatory medical work at Stanford University and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of California in San Francisco in the class of 1902. He was appointed house physician in the Pacific Hospital immediately after his graduation, leaving there to become surgeon on St Pauls Island, Alaska.

In the fall of 1903, Dr. Mallery went to Eureka as assistant to Dr. Rae Felt, which position he held for a year, opening his own offices in 1904. In April, 1905, he was elected secretary of the Humboldt County Medical Society, which position he resigned on removing to La Mesa. The doctor has been an active Medical Society worker, and besides belonging to the County Medical Society is a member of the Medical Society of the State of California and the American Medical Association at the time of his removal from Eureka. Dr. Mallery was also secretary of the City Board Health and a member of the local Board of Examining Surgeons of the Pension Bureau.

In the fall of 1907, Dr. and Mrs. Mallery made an extended visit in the East, much of which was spent visiting the various hospitals and clinics of Chicago, New York and Baltimore. On this trip the doctor spent some time at the great Mayo Surgical Clinic at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn.. Here he became a member of the Surgeons' Club of Rochester, which numbers among its members surgeons from all parts of the country.

Dr. Mallery is a modern practitioner and is well equipped for the practice of his profession.

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J H. MALLERY, M. D.

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON,
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Office in Hoedemaker Building. Hours
1 to 4 p. m., except Sunday.
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Both Phones

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J. H. MALLERY, M.D.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Office in Lyon Building. Hours
1 to 4 p. m. except Sunday.

Both Phones. **LA MESA**

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La Mesa, Calif. Nov. 1, 1916.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the city of La Mesa, California, adjourned from regular meeting of October 27th, 1916.

Present: Trustees Hall, Stokes, Samson, and city clerk Upp.
Absent: Trustees Parks and Robertson.

The resignation of H. L. Robertson from the office of Trustee in and for the city of La Mesa, California, was read.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Stokes, that the resignation of H. L. Robertson from the office of Trustee in and for the city of La Mesa, California, be accepted. All voting aye, Carried.

Trustee Stokes presented the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the city of La Mesa, California, that J. H. Mallery be, and he is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term of H. L. Robertson as Trustee in and for the city of La Mesa, California."

Moved by Stokes, seconded by Hall, that said Resolution be adopted. Hall, Stokes, and Samson voting aye, Carried.

Trustee Hall presented Resolution No. 65 being "A Resolution Fixing the Time and Place for the Hearing of Protests Against the Proposed Parkway Improvement of Various Streets, Avenues and Lanes in the City of La Mesa, and Directing the Giving of Notice Thereof".

Moved by Hall, seconded by Stokes, that said Resolution No. 65 be adopted. Hall, Stokes, Samson voting aye, Carried.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Stokes to adjourn until Monday November 6th, 1916 at 8 o'clock a. m. All voting aye, Carried.

E. C. Upp.
City Clerk.

Minutes of the La Mesa Board of Trustees (City Council)
meeting at which Dr. Mallery was appointed a Trustee.

THE ELECTION

The general municipal election was held Monday with very little excitement and a very light vote. This is explained on account of the fact that there was no contest. Out of a registration of about 500 only 82 votes were cast. The result of the balloting is as follows:

For trustees, long term—

J. H. Mallery.....	76
M. L. Knudtson.....	77
D. M. Jones.....	77

For trustees, unexpired term—

J. C. Scott.....	76
Chester Munson.....	77

City Clerk—

E. C. Upp.....	82
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City Treasurer—

M. W. McNeil.....	79
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The city board of trustees met Monday evening to canvass the vote of the recent election and to attend to some details left over from the previous meeting. The new board was sworn in and organized. Dr. J. H. Mallery was elected president of the board. The new board met last night to appoint committees and to make plans for its future work.

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DR. MALLERY RETURNS TO LA MESA

Dr. J. H. Mallery has returned to La Mesa and civilian life for good. He has opened offices in San Diego with Doctors Little and Donnell, suite 921 First National Bank building, and after the 15th of the month he will have a place at his residence on East 4th street, where he will arrange to receive any old friends and patients.

The doctor secured his discharge from the medical corps on February 15th. He was stationed for twenty months at General Hospital No. 20, Whipple Barracks, Ariz., which was a hospital for the exclusive treatment of respiratory diseases. The doctor was for 15 months in charge of the eye, ear, nose and throat service of the hospital.

We are mighty glad that the doctor has decided to return to La Mesa and take up his residence once more among his old friends and neighbors. We wish him every success and happiness in the resumption of his old work.

Dr. J. H. Mallery

Physician

Office: 921 1st Nat. Bank Bldg.

Hours: 10 to 2. Main 455.

La Mesa: East 4th Street.

Hours: 3:30 to 5:30. La Mesa 179

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NOTICE

In order to meet, in a small measure, the present great increase in the cost of doing business, we are compelled to announce the following increase of medical fees for the territory in and about La Mesa, to be effective on and after May 1, 1920: Minimum fee for house visits, \$3.00; for calls beyond a 1-mile limit mileage fees will be added. Minimum fee for office visit, \$2.00. Other charges in proportion. Signed,

DR. J. H. MALLERY.

DR. J. A. PARKS.

DR. L. W. ZOCHERT.

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**DR. MALLERY ENTERS
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**

Dr. J. H. Mallery has received a commission as past assistant surgeon in the United States Public Health Service, and left last Friday morning for Fort Bayard, New Mexico, to assume his new duties. Fort Bayard is a 2,000 bed tuberculosis hospital, and Dr. Mallery's duties there will be in the same line of work in which he was engaged in the army. Mrs. Mallery will remain in La Mesa for a month at least, when she expects to join her husband at his new station.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Mallery, former La Mesans, are now residing at Camp Kearny, where the doctor, who is in the public health service, has been transferred from Fort Bayard, N. M.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Mallery of Camp Kearny are spending a part of their time in La Mesa, where they have been occupying their home on East Fourth street.

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LA MESANS LEAVE FOR HOMESTEADS IN OREGON

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Mallery of Camp Kearny plan to leave Saturday for Oregon to take up their residence on their homestead of 160 acres, on which they filed some months ago. Dr. and Mrs. Mallery, while making their home at Camp Kearny, are and always will be La Mesans, having made their home for many years in this city where they still hold property. Dr. Mallery plans to remain in the north for about a month, at the end of which time he will return to resume his duties at Camp Kearny, but Mrs. Mallery plans to remain for a longer period of time.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Mercer and family plan to leave in July to take up their residence on their homestead, which is some ten miles north of the Mallery homestead, about half way between Crater Lake and Medford, Oregon. Mr. Mercer will be unable to stay for the full time required and will return after helping in the erection of a home and seeing the family comfortably settled in the new location.

Dr. and Mrs. Mallery have been tendered many farewell compliments, the last affair that they have had the time to attend being a farewell dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lyon at their home in El Cajon Monday evening and which brought together many of the members of the old Malēsa camp crowd, who will long remember some of the most enjoyable camping trips they took together. Among those present at the Lyon home were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Park, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Russell and son Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Updyke, Mr. and Mrs. D. Frank Park, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Upp and son Horace, all of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hill of El Cajon.

The many friends of the Mallerys will look forward to letters from the pioneers and are hoping to hear all of the novel and interesting experiences that are always supposed to be associated with the work of making a home in a strange country, and keen disappointment is to be felt if some of the thrills fail to come up to the scenario standard.

MRS. J. H. MALLERY CALLED BY DEATH

Cremation Services Held in North

The many friends of Dr. John Henry Mallery will be grieved to learn of the death early Tuesday of his wife, Lena Rice Mallery. Dr. and Mrs. Mallery had been La Mesans for a number of years prior to the World war. Offering his services to the Army, Dr. Mallery was commissioned and stationed at Whipple Barracks, Prescott, Ariz. After the Armistice he was brought to Camp Kearny hospital, and when that was closed he was transferred to the new Veterans' hospital at San Fernando.

Last Monday evening Dr. Mallery found his wife unconscious on the lawn at their quarters, and she died at 2:30 next morning, in the hospital, of cerebral hemorrhage. Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Wednesday, followed by cremation.

The Mallerys had scores of friends here. They still own their former home properly, and made brief trips to La Mesa several times a year. Mrs. Mallery is a past matron of La Mesa chapter, O. E. S., and Dr. Mallery is a past master of La Mesa Masonic lodge. He is a cousin of Mrs. C. McKinney of this city. First news of Mrs. Mallery's passing came in a wire and letter to Mrs. Grace Cannon, who had been a recent guest at the Mallery home in San Fernando.

Ashes Are Scattered Over Pacific Ocean

Dr. J. H. Mallery, who was in La Mesa Monday, came down from his home in San Fernando to scatter the ashes of Mrs. Mallery in the waters of the Pacific Ocean at Sunset Cliffs in accordance with her wishes. Some years ago she scattered the ashes of her father from the same spot.

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Mrs. France Bair

Private services for Mrs. France Bair, 81, of 4868½ Pine St., La Mesa, who died Sunday in a rest home, will be at 11 a.m. today in Erickson-Anderson Mortuary.

Born in Wisconsin, Mrs. Bair had lived in the county since 1926, in La Mesa since 1929. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. France Dodson of La Mesa and Mrs. Margaret Smith of Lakeside, and six grandchildren.

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Mrs. France Bair

Private services were held Tuesday, January 4, at Erickson-Anderson Mortuary for Mrs. France Bair, 81, of 4868½ Pine St., La Mesa, who died Sunday in a rest-home.

Born in Wisconsin, Mrs. Bair had lived in the county since 1926 and in La Mesa since 1929. She was a member of La Mesa Senior Citizens' Club.

Mrs. Bair is survived by two daughters, Mrs. France Dodson of La Mesa and Mrs. Margaret Smith of Lakeside, and six grandchildren.

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