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**La Mesa Historic Landmark
Nomination Form**

Rosebrock House

1913

November 6, 2001

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



HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATION FORM

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Planning Division
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91941 (619) 667-1177

1. NAME

Historic: Rosebrock House
and / or common:

2. LOCATION

Address: 4651 Date Ave.
City: La Mesa State: CA Zip: 91941

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
☐ District	☐ Public	☒ Occupied	☐ Agricultural	☐ Museum
☒ Building(s)	☒ Private	☐ Unoccupied	☐ Commercial	☐ Park
☐ Structure	☐ Both	☐ Work in progress	☐ Educational	☒ Private residence
☐ Site			☐ Entertainment	☐ Religious
☐ Object	<u>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</u>		☐ Government	☐ Scientific
	☐ In progress		☐ Industrial	☐ Transportation
	☐ Being Considered		☐ Military	☐ Other:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: Michael and Susan Stowe
Address: 4651 Date Ave.
City: La Mesa State: CA Zip: 91941

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, etc.: County Assessor / 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
Repository for Survey Records: City Clerk, City of La Mesa
City: La Mesa State: CA Zip: 91941

II. 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: Lot 21 in block 5 of Grable's Addition to La Mesa Springs, in the City of La Mesa, County of San Diego, State of California, according to map thereof No. 994, filed in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, June 5, 1906.

This 1 1/2 story craftsman house has a medium pitched gable roof running front to back of house with cross gables and windows at the second floor on the sides. The roof has dominant gable end trim with knee brace supports. The eaves, with vertical cut rafters, flair at the overhang at a lesser slope than the main roof pitch. The siding throughout is 2 1/4" horizontal siding in appearance made out of 1x8. The large first floor front porch with rectangular openings is open and one story with a flat roof balcony above accessible by the second floor centered door. In an earlier photograph, the open front porch shows the same openings, but with rounded top corners. The 1936 photograph also shows a handrail at the upper floor that has since been removed. The railing appears to also have been used to hold up the front fascia as a substitute for a lower knee brace. The windows are double hung throughout while larger windows are fixed with the upper third divided into nine panes. The steps and railing to the front porch appear to have been altered from the original design. At the rear of the house there is a long covered porch at the first level with a small covered porch above. The house construction, from the porch wood floor to the siding, windows and doors appears to be very much intact since it was built in 1913.

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 / Humanitarian
☐ 1700-1799	☐ Art	☒ Exploration / Settlement	☐ Music	☐ Theater
☐ 1800-1899	☐ Commerce	☐ Industry	☐ Philosophy	☐ Transportation
☒ 1900-	☐ Communications	☐ Invention	☐ Politics/Government	
	☐ Community planning	☐ Other (specify)		

SPECIFIC DATES: 1913

BUILDER/ARCHITECT: Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Rosebrock House is significant as an excellent example of the Craftsman style of architecture, representative of many of the homes constructed in the Grable's addition. It is unique in that it is one of the few Craftsman style homes in La Mesa with a front balcony. The house has important significance from one of the owners, Percy Daniels who was a prominent businessman, city councilman, and mayor of La Mesa. The Rosebrock house lies within the Date Avenue Historic District as adopted by the La Mesa City Council in 1996 as part of the amended Historic Preservation Element of the General Plan.

La Mesa first developed in the late 1880's as an agricultural area with scattered five and ten-acre lemon ranches. Its transformation to a residential community began in 1906 when Sherman C. Grable purchased 100 acres through which Date Avenue now runs. Grable and his partner, Charles C. Park, would in the next few years develop 200 acres in and around central La Mesa creating 1000 'town' lots. The Grable's Addition map, filed May 7, 1906, covered the area from Acacia Avenue to Nebo Drive and from La Mesa Boulevard to several lots south of Finley Avenue. By 1912, the population had grown to over 700, and residents voted to incorporate as the City of La Mesa.

In 1984, the La Mesa Historic Preservation Inventory identified Grable's Addition and the streets immediately south of it as a potential historic district due to the high concentration of historic structures found there. Most of the residences were built between 1907 and 1930 and represent the architectural styles typical of the period. The Date Avenue Historic District was included in the amended Historic Preservation Element adopted as part of the new General Plan by the La Mesa City Council in 1996. It presently contains 52 Historic Resource Inventory sites and four designated landmarks: The Sherman - Grable House (c.1910), the Reynolds - Lingren House (c.1911), the Orr-Lapum House (c. 1924), and the Wentz - Park House (c. 1910).

The Rosebrock House was built in 1913 for Herman H. and Mary (also known as Ida) Rosebrock. Very little is known about the Rosebrocks except that they were German immigrants. Mr. Rosebrock bought the lot from Parks and Grable in 1909. According to the City Lot books the house was built in 1913. They sold the house in 1920. According to a neighbor, Olive Mannen, who was a young girl at the time, they had a very hard time being German Immigrants in the United States during World War I.

On January 17, 1920 Herman and Mary Rosebrock sold their home to C.C. and Emma Lazarus. Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus never occupied the house but rather rented it to Harvey T. and Mamie B. Mahan. The Mahans rented the home and eventually purchased it on April 17, 1926. Harvey Mahan worked in Automobile Repair. He was a member of the Masonic order. He died October 14, 1927 at age 70. At the time of his death, Harvey and Mamie Mahan had 3 grown daughters: Mrs. Norman McIntosh of Portland, Ore., Mrs. F. P. Lyman of Berkeley, CA., and Leslie B. Mills of San Diego. Mamie Mahan continued to live in the home until 1933. She died November 16, 1935.

On April 4, 1933 the house went to the Bank of California. The bank then auctioned it to David and Amanda Stewart. The Stewarts never occupied the house but rented it to Charles L. and Hattie Turner. Charles L. Turner was a Real Estate Agent. They rented the house for two years and on April 14, 1936 Percy and Ellen Daniels purchased the home with Peter Carlson (Ellen Daniels father).

Percy Daniels was born January 9, 1906 in Melrose, Minnesota. He moved to La Mesa in 1936 and was very active in the community. He served on the La Mesa City Council for several years and owned and operated La Mesa Furniture. He was a member of La Mesa Lodge No. 407 F&AM, and served as past master there. He was also a member of Al Bahr Shrine Club, Mount Helix Shrine Club, and the San Diego division of The National Retail Furniture Association.

Percy Daniels served on the La Mesa City Council from October 28, 1941 to February 8, 1949. He is remembered as a cheerful, positive individual who was a hard working councilman.

At that time, the Mayor was not elected directly by the voters. Instead, the office was filled by the council's appointing one of its members to a two – year term. Daniels wanted to be Mayor, and when Mayor Ben Polak's term expired in 1948, Daniels hoped to succeed him. The council majority, however, had another member in mind. Polak found a way to solve the impasse: Appoint Daniels to a short term – minutes in length – and then accept his resignation. That is exactly what happened at the council meeting in 1948. Daniels got his wish to be Mayor, albeit briefly.

On July 15, 1947 Percy and Ellen Daniels divorced and the home stayed with Ellen Daniels who lived there until her death on July 24, 1973. Ellen Daniels left the house to her only daughter Marlys E. Brown. Arthur Brown worked at the La Mesa furniture store with Percy Daniels. Marlys Brown died November 6, 1981 and Arthur Brown continued to live in the home until he sold it on June 8, 1984. Arthur Brown died January 29, 1998 in San Diego.

John and Catherine Ellis bought the house from Arthur Brown on June 8, 1984. Catherine and John Ellis started the task of restoring the house, then in disrepair. John Ellis was a cabinetmaker and Catherine was a dental assistant. In 1986 John and Catherine Ellis divorced, and the house went to the sole ownership of Catherine Ellis. She continued her work on restoring the house as well as working as a dental assistant and raising her two young boys. With both boys grown and out of the home, Catherine Ellis sold her home to Michael and Susan Stowe on August 15, 2001.

Michael and Susan Stowe moved to La Mesa 2 years ago and bought and restored a small 1934 bungalow home on 4th Street. Michael is a 1st grade teacher at San Miguel Elementary School in Lemon Grove and Susan is a Nurse Practitioner for San Diego City School District. Michael and Susan have two sons, Samuel and John.

The Rosebrock House is an important part of La Mesa's history. It sits in one of the first residential tracts of the city, and it has a significant and unique architectural style. At one time the house was owned by Percy Daniels, an outstanding community leader and one time mayor of La Mesa.

SOURCES

City of La Mesa Property Tax Assessment Rolls
San Diego County Recorder
San Diego County Assessor

La Mesa Scout: 2nd Anniversary Ed. 1909

n Diego Union: 10-16-27, 2-15-80

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La Mesa City Council Minutes

Gilbert, Anna, La Mesa, Yesterday and Today

McGrew, Clarence Alan, City of San Diego and San Diego County (1922)

La Mesa Historical Society, La Mesa Through The Years (2001) Map of Date Avenue Historic District

Map of Grables Addition

Historic Preservation Element & Inventory, La Mesa, California. San Diego Association of Governments, 1984

Zukor Systems, Downtown Village Specific Plan, City of La Mesa. Adopted by the La Mesa City Council April 17, 1990.

City of La Mesa General Plan. GPA 95-01 adopted March 12, 1996 by the La Mesa City Council.

San Diego City and County Directories

Sanborn Insurance Map of La Mesa, June 1929.

Grable's Addition Subdivision Map, filed May 7, 1906.

Interview with B. James Polak, October, 2001.

Interviews with Olive Hott Mannen, September and October, 2001.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

* Square feet: 6,534

.es: 0.15

11. FORM PREPARED BY:

Susan M. Barndollar – Stowe

October 29, 2001

Donna Regan

Dennis Tuttle

APPLICATION PREPARED BY:

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Chain of Title

4651 Date Avenue, La Mesa

- 1909** - C.C. Park and Fannie B. Park, and S.C. Grable and Lillian M. Grable deed to H.H. Rosebrock March 29, 1909
San Diego County Deed Book 463, page 10
- 1920** - H.H. Rosebrock and Mary Rosebrock deed to C.C. Lazarus January 17, 1920
San Diego County Deed Book 506, pages 464 - 465
- 1926** - C.C. and Emma Lazarus deed to H.T. Mahan April 17, 1926
San Diego County Deed Book 1169, page 470
- 1933** - Mamie B. Mahan in Judgement deed to Bank Of California
Official Records Book 195, pages 484 - 486
- 1933** - Bank of California deed to David L. and Amanda A. Stewart May 3, 1933
San Diego County Deed Book 205, page 380-382
- 1936** - David L. and Amanda A. Stewart deed to Peter Carlson, Percy A. Daniels and Ellen C. Daniels
Official Records Document 21844
- 1943** - Peter Carlson deed to Percy A. Daniels and Ellen C. Daniels
Official Records Document 41971
- 1947** - Percy A. Daniels deed sole ownership to Ellen C. Daniels
Official Records Document 107498
- 1973** - Ellen C. Daniels deed to Marlys E. Brown
San Diego County Deed Book 494, page 392
- 1975** - Marlys E. Brown deed Joint Tenancy to Arthur E. Brown
Deed Book 494, page 392
- 1984** - Arthur E. Brown (widower) deed to John W. Ellis and Catherine R. Ellis
Official Records Document 84-216417
- 1986** - John W. Ellis Interspousal Transfer Deed to Catherine R. Ellis
Official Records Document 86-054004
- 2001** - Catherine R. Ellis deed to Michael E. and Susan Stowe
Official Records Document 2001-0581178

Directory Listings for Rosebrock House

Address was 327 S. Date Avenue until changed to 4651 Date Avenue in 1931

1914 - 1918 Rosebrock, Herman H. and Ida

1919 - 1920 Rosebrock, Herman H.

1919 - 1927 Mahan, Harvey T. and Mamie B.

1928 No Listing

1929 - 1933 Mahan, Mamie B.

1934 No Listing

1935 - 1936 Turner, Chas L. and Hattie

1937 - 1947 Daniels, Percy and Ellen

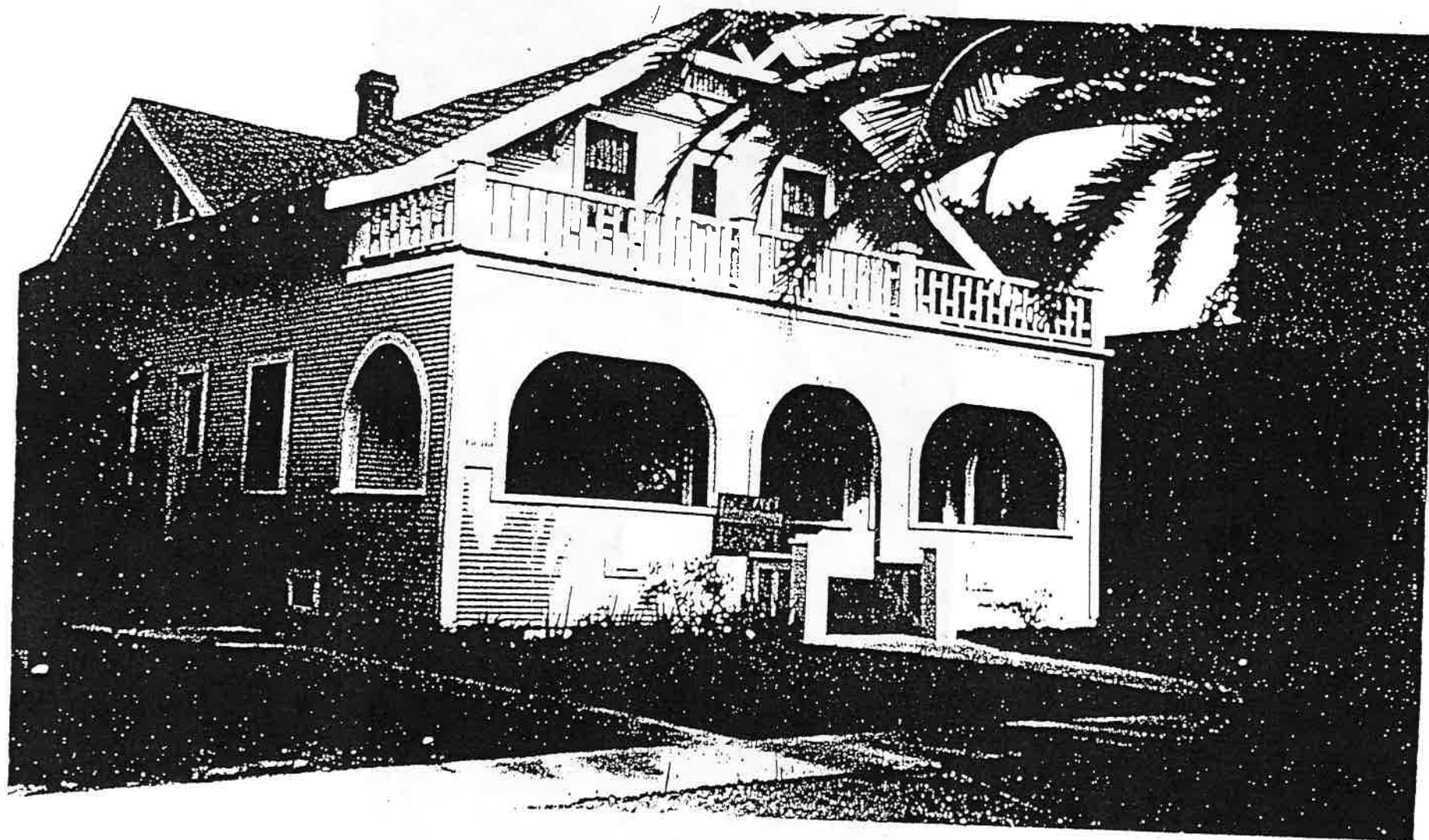
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1974 - 1981 Brown, Arthur E. and Marlys

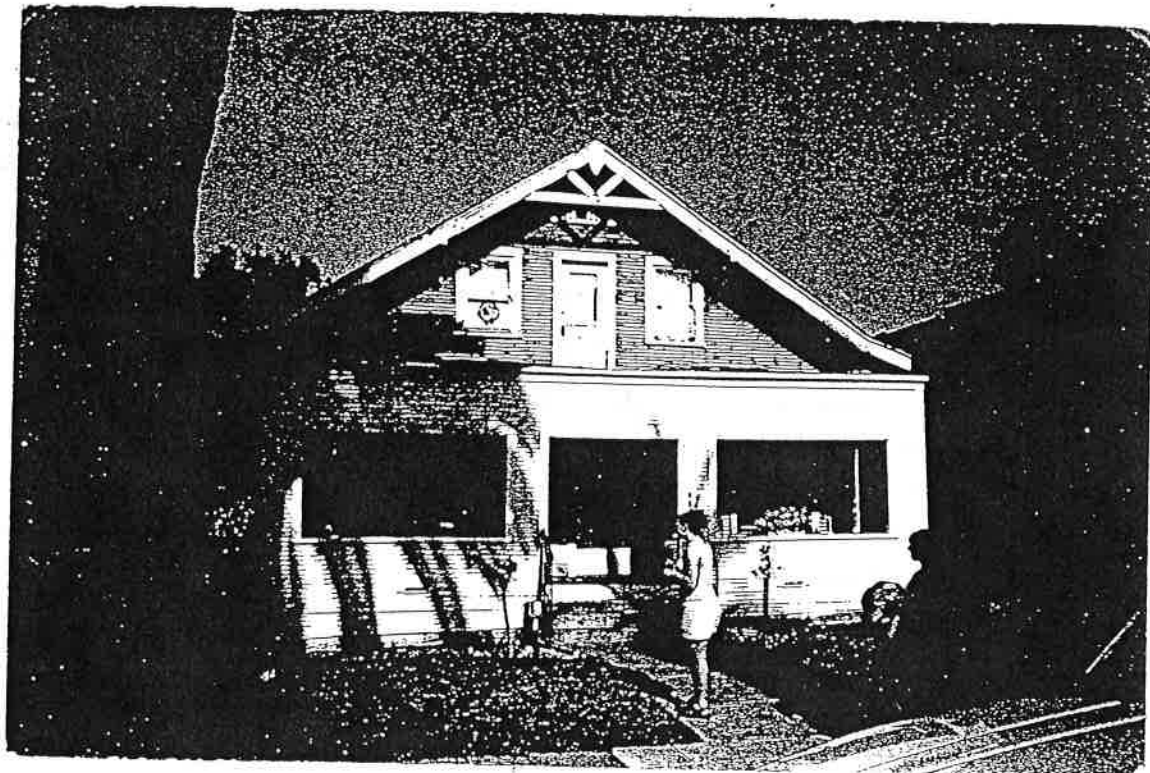
1982 - 1984 Brown, Arthur E.

1985 - 1987 Ellis, John Wayne and Catherine

1988 - 2001 Ellis, Catherine



Rosebrock House
4651 Date Ave.
1936



Rosebrock House
August 2001

Grant Deed.

C. C. Park and Fannie B. Park, his wife, and S. C. Grable and Lillian M. Grable, his wife, in consideration of Ten Dollars, to them in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby Grant to H. M. Rosebrock, all that Real Property Situated in the County of San Diego, State of California, described as follows:

Lot Twenty-one (21) Block Five (5) of Grable's Addition to La Mesa Springs, San Diego County, California, according to official map thereof, filed in the office of the Recorder of said San Diego County, on June 5th, 1906, and being numbered No. 994.

Together with Two-Thirty ninths (2/39) of One-fourth (1/4) inch of water, attached to the Land by the San Diego Flume Company.

To Have and to Hold to the said grantee, his heirs or assigns,

Witness our hands, this Twenty-ninth day of March, 1909

C. C. Park.

Fannie B. Park.

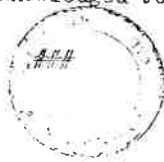
S. C. Grable.

Lillian M. Grable.

State of California, }
County of San Diego. } ss.

On this Twenty-ninth day of March, 1909, before me, C. N. Woodworth, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared C. C. Park and Fannie B. Park, his wife, and S. C. Grable, and Lillian M. Grable, his wife, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

Witness my hand and Official Seal.



C. N. Woodworth,

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

Recorded at Request of Grantee, Apr. 5, 1909. At 42 Min. Past 10 O'Clock, A.M.

Fee \$1-

[Signature]

John H. Ferry, County Recorder
By Walter Forward, Deputy Recorder

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This Indenture, Made the Twenty Second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, at San Diego, State of California.

By and Between P. J. Layne, as Public Administrator the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the estate of Andrew Fleig, deceased, late of San Diego, California, the party of the first part, and Charles R. A. Swalle, of the same place, the party of the second part,

Witnesseth: That whereas, on the 30th day of November, nineteen hundred and eight, the Superior Court of the County of San Diego, State of California, made an order of sale authorizing the said party of the first part to sell certain real estate of the said Andrew Fleig, deceased, situated in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, and specified and particularly described in said order of sale, either in one parcel or in subdivided

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SANBORN MAP OF LA MESA, 1911

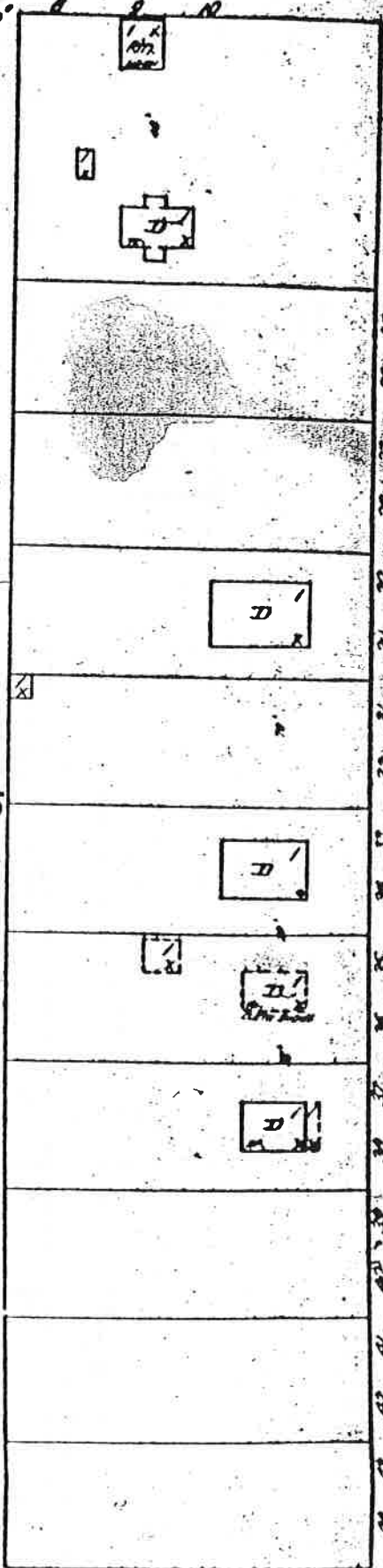
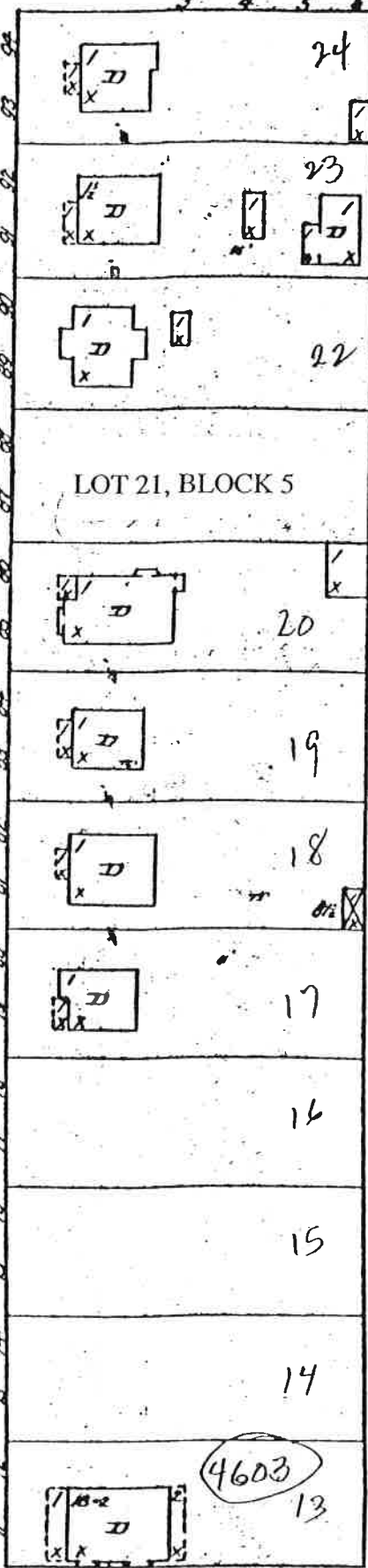
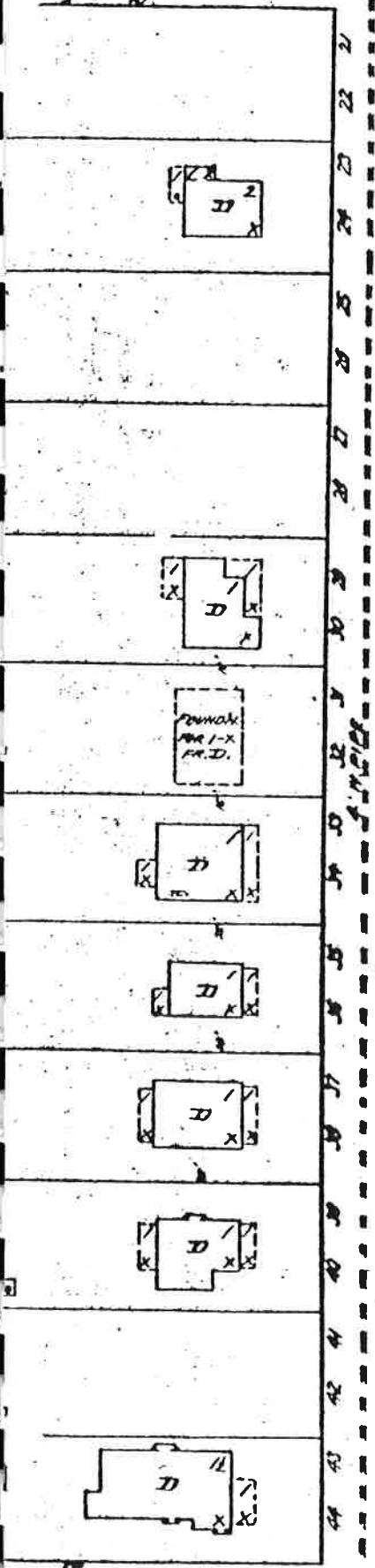
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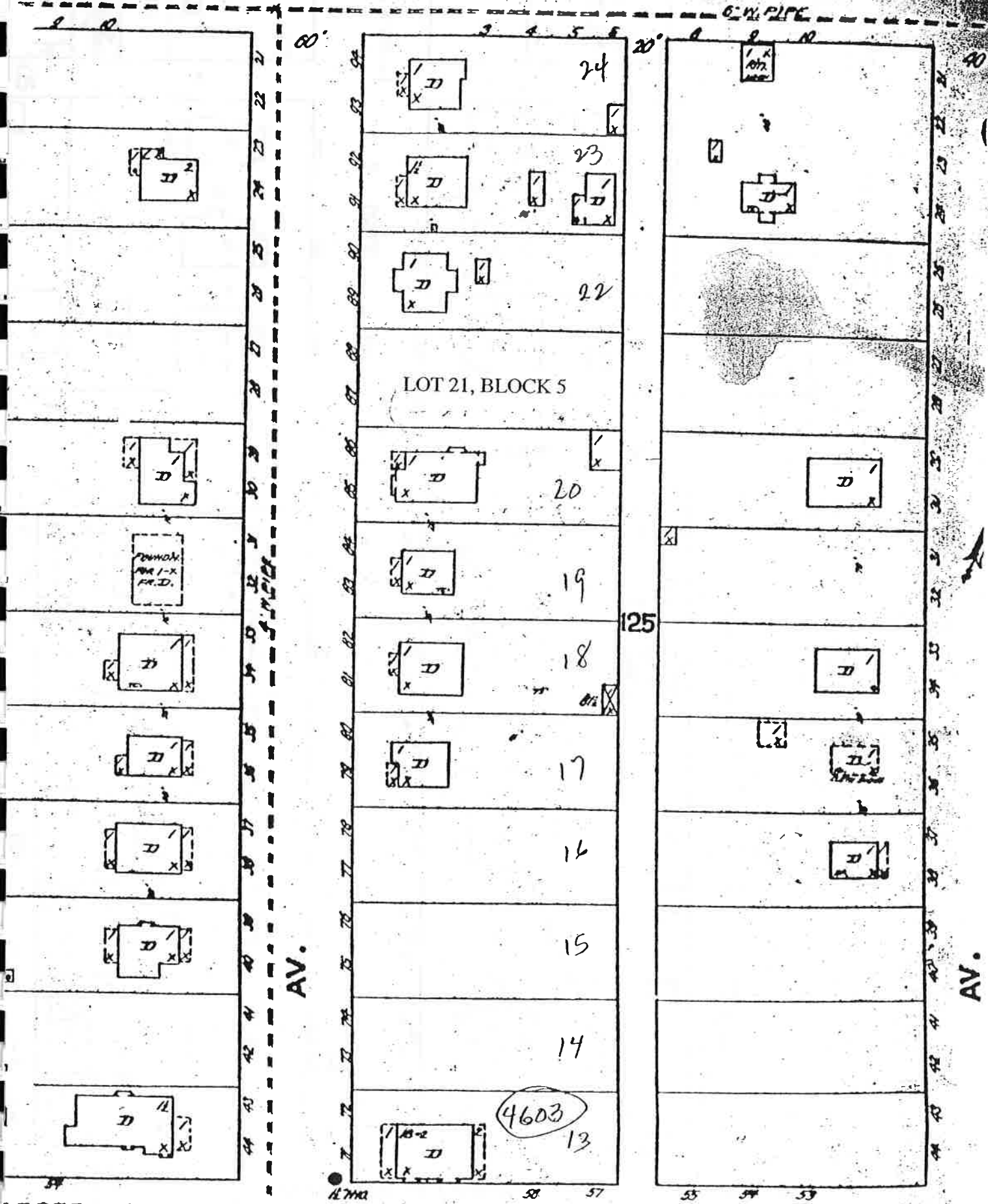
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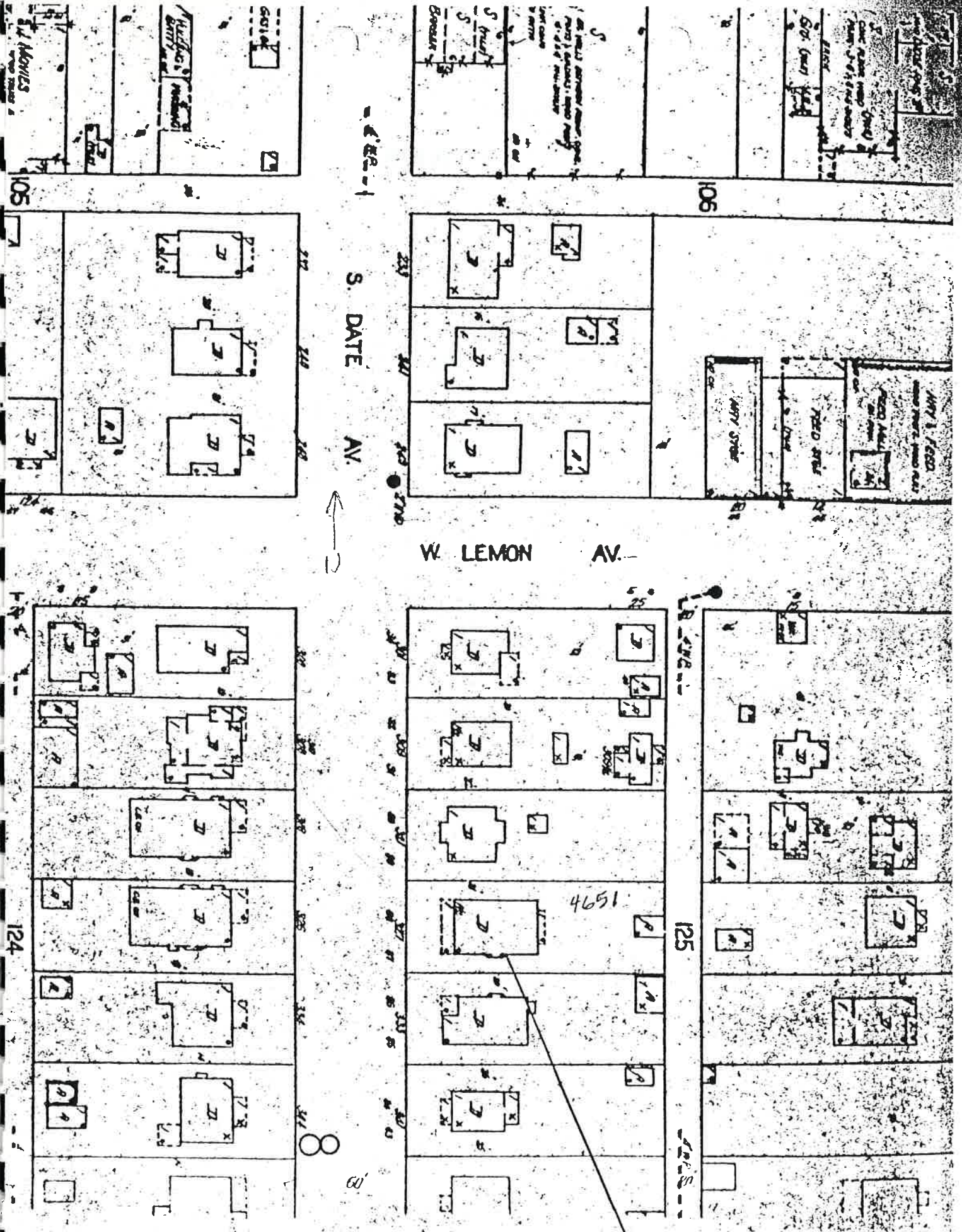
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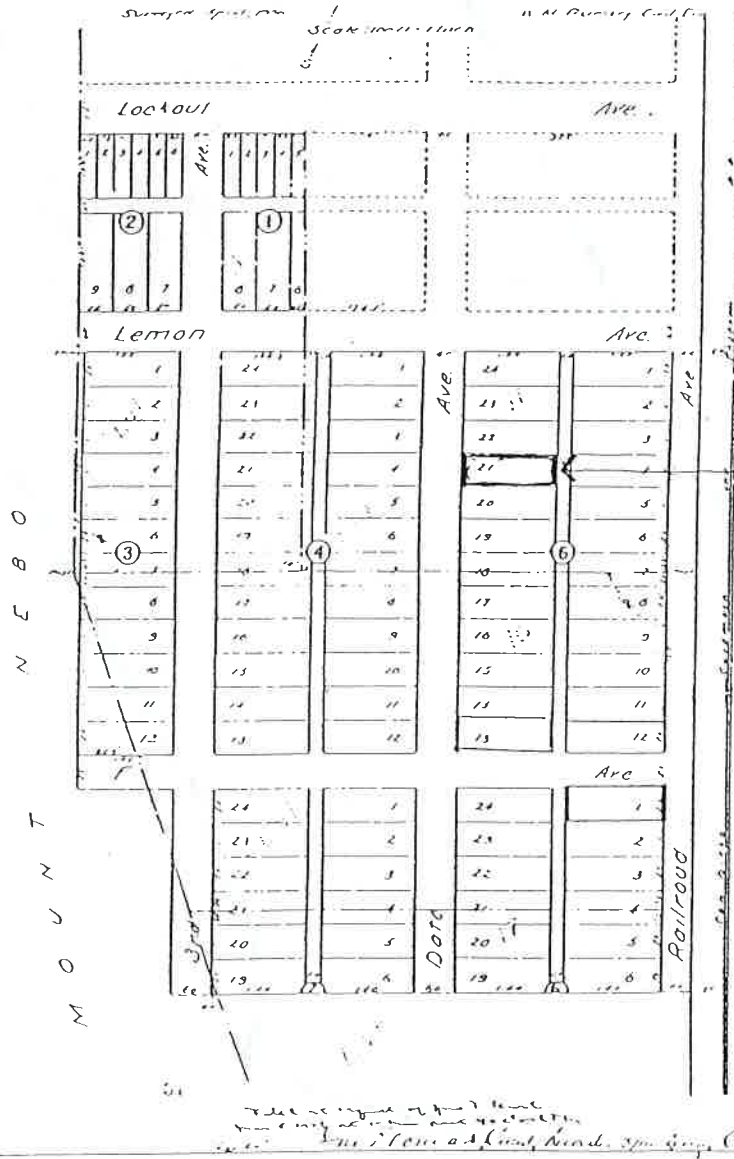


MAP OF GRABLE'S ADDITION

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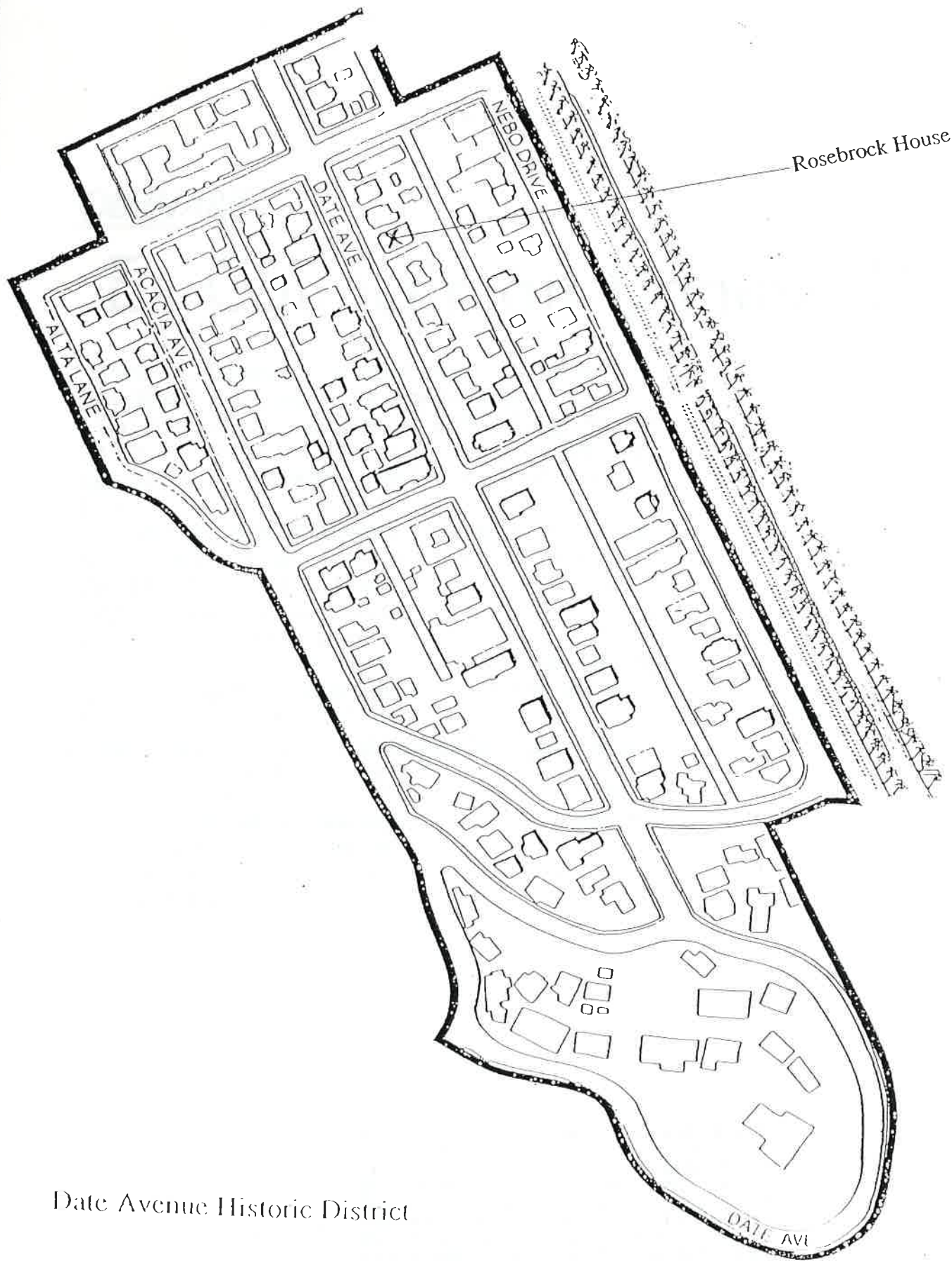
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Grable's Addition Subdivision Map, filed May 7, 1906

Lookout Avenue was the original name of La Mesa Boulevard;
Railroad Avenue later became Nebo Drive.



Date Avenue Historic District

OBITUARIES

Ex-Councilman Daniels Dies

Percy A. Daniels, 77-year-old former La Mesa city councilman, died Sunday in a local hospital.

Services under the auspices of La Mesa Lodge No. 407 F&AM will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Erickson-Anderson Mortuary, with burial in Greenwood Memorial Park.

A county resident for 48 years, Mr. Daniels was born in Melrose, Minn. He served on the La Mesa City Council in the 1940s. He owned and operated La Mesa Furniture until the 1950s and since then had been affiliated with several other furniture stores.

He was a member of La Mesa Lodge No. 407 F&AM, and served as past master there, was a member of Al Bahr Shrine Club, Mount Helix Shrine Club and the San Diego division of National Retail Furniture Association.

Mr. Daniels is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Marlys Brown of La Mesa; two brothers, Robert of Key West, Fla., and Vernon of Washington, D.C.; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Shrine Crippled Children Hospitals.

San Diego Union October 16, 1927

MAHAN — At the residence, 327 South Dana street, La Mesa, Calif., Oct. 14, 1927. Harvey T. Mahan, husband of Mamie B. Mahan of La Mesa, Calif.; father of Mrs. Norman McIntosh of Portland, Ore., Mrs. F. P. Lynian of Berkeley, Calif., and Leslie B. Mills of San Diego; a native of Missouri, aged 70 years, 10 months. Friends and members of the Masonic order are invited to attend the funeral services at the chapel of Johnson-Haun Company, Fourth and Ash streets, tomorrow (Monday) at 2 p. m., Rev. W. F. [unclear] officiating, assisted by Rev.



A. Hall 1914-1918



J.H. Mallery 1918-1920



Edwards Porter 1920-1922



D.M. Jones 1924-1926



George B. Sheldon 1926-1930



W.H. Warren 1930-1932



Park 1932-1934



E.E. Paysen 1934-1936



Percy Daniels 1948

La Mesa Yesterday and Today

Anna M. Gilbert

The greater part of Lookout ranch was sold after the house was burned to Mr. Giles, and when La Mesa wanted the main boulevard to pass through the business section, Mr. Giles would not open the road, but agreed to sell it at an increased price, since it was needed. So Park-Grable Investment Company bought the ranch and laid out Lookout avenue through it.

It was eighteen years ago that this company became largely interested in land in and near La Mesa. Early in 1906, S. C. Grable, who had been living in San Diego for several years, was driving eastward from that city looking for a place where he might build his home a short distance away, but far enough from the ocean that fogs and dampness would be less prevalent.

It was in January of 1906 that Mr. Grable bought his first land in La Mesa. He wanted to buy a smaller portion as a home-site, but D. C. Collier, the owner would sell no less than one hundred acres. The central portion of the first land purchased was what is now Grable's Addition through which Date Avenue runs.

In March he and Mrs. Grable came out and selected the site on the southwest corner of Date avenue and F street for their home. At this time the mud was so deep on what is now Date avenue, that gunny-sacks had to be wrapped around the shoes of the prospective home builders and tied securely on before they could travel southward.

Through persistent efforts the roads and streets were so much improved that some of the residents thought the paving of Date avenue unnecessary, but the greater number of people believing that a bigger and better La Mesa must have paved streets and other improvements, more paving is planned.

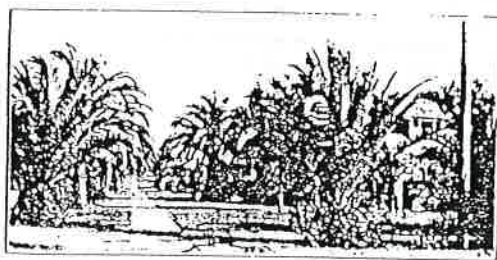
The next land purchased by Mr. Grable was between Lookout and Lemon avenues opposite the Baptist church. He continued purchasing until he had invested \$35,000.00 in vacant land.

Later in the year of 1906 Mr. Grable and C. C. Park formed a partnership and bought more property until they had two hundred acres of the best land in La Mesa which was divided into about 1,000 town lots, a sub-division at a time being developed. Mr. Park continued his interest in this company until 1911, and has been most enthusiastic in the up-building of La Mesa. For some time Mr. Park has been interested in the La Mesa Lumber Company, which is under the management of his son, D. Frank Park. At first he was the sole owner, but later his sons D. Frank and H. C. Park entered into partnership with him.

Mr. Grable's home was the first new house to be built in La Mesa for twenty-one years. In the general store and post office some one remarked about the new home that was being planned. Dr. J. A. Parks hearing the remark said, "Do you think he means business?"

La Mesa Yesterday and Today

Anna M. Gilbert



DATE AVENUE

As the Park-Grable Investment Company laid out sub-divisions, they planted trees in the parking. The palms on Date Avenue were there before 1906 but they were too close together, so they reset them on one side making the street wider. This company also staged geranium planting days. Geraniums were planted in the parking from Third Avenue on Lookout to Chollas road and beyond.

Fifteen hundred dollars was the original cost of the first sewer system. Thirty dollars a lot was assessed, and little by little the sewer system was extended by the Park Grable Investment Company until La Mesa now has five miles of sewer system. A few years ago it was turned over to the city.

The stucco building now located north of the Bank of La Mesa was erected in 1909 on the corner where the new bank is. The room facing Lookout Avenue and Spring street was used for the bank while the room to the east was occupied by the Park Grable Investment Co.

Mr. Park and Mr. Grable were the first owners of the bank, H. C. Park being the first cashier. It was known as Bank of La Mesa and was later sold to L. Sperbeck. In 1917 he disposed of his interests to Messrs. Park and Hall, who erected the new building in 1922. This bank, exterior and interior, is as handsome as any bank building of its size in Southern California.

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ices in the Women's Club rooms, but made plans in 1921 for a building of their own.

The Catholics of Chula Vista recently organized a parish to be under the care of the Rev. Father Michael Egan of St. Anthony's, National City. A church building was moved from Palm City and a pastoral residence erected. The church is St. Rose of Lima.

LA MESA

The La Mesa of today had its beginning in the spring of 1906, when C. C. Park and S. C. Grable, forming the organization known as Park, Grable & Co., obtained about 200 acres of land then known as La Mesa Springs and cut it into about 1,000 town lots; the property had previously been held by a few fruit growers. In 1906, according to estimates made at about that time, La Mesa had only about 100 residents. Three years later it had about 800 and was a thriving little town, full of promise which has been fully realized in more recent years. In 1909 it had a bank, three stores, two hotels, two newspapers and two churches, Methodist Episcopal and Congregational.

Now La Mesa is one of the most attractive and best equipped cities of the county. The churches include the Methodist, Congregational and Baptist, each of which has a fine church building, the Catholics, who recently have organized a new parish, and the Christian Scientists.

Among the fraternal orders represented in La Mesa are the Masonic order, the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen, Knights and Ladies of Security, the Eastern Star and Royal Neighbors. The oldest of these lodges is that of the Modern Woodmen, with the Knights and Ladies of Security, Mason and Odd Fellows following in the order named.

The Chamber of Commerce of La Mesa has been active in building up the town and promoting its progress. La Mesa for several years has had an active branch of the San Diego Chapter of the American Red Cross. The La Mesa Woman's Club was organized in 1902 and several years ago built at East Third Street and Lemon Avenue a fine clubhouse.

For several years La Mesa has had a volunteer fire department which has given service satisfactory to the residents. It is one of the first of the towns suburban to San Diego to receive gas and electric service, this being supplied by the San Diego Consolidated Electric and Gas Company.

In and about La Mesa are many fruit groves and small ranches, comprising one of the most beautiful groups of that kind in all Southern California. The citrus fruit growers keep packing houses busy all the time.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was the first church organized in La Mesa. This was about 1895. For seven years the Rev. H. A. McKinney presided over the congregation. In 1908 the present church edifice was erected, being ready for occupancy on December 9 of that year. The Rev. F. C. Buck was then the pastor. In 1910 the Rev. F. C. Edwards became the leader of this church. He served for five years, and greatly increased the church in membership. The

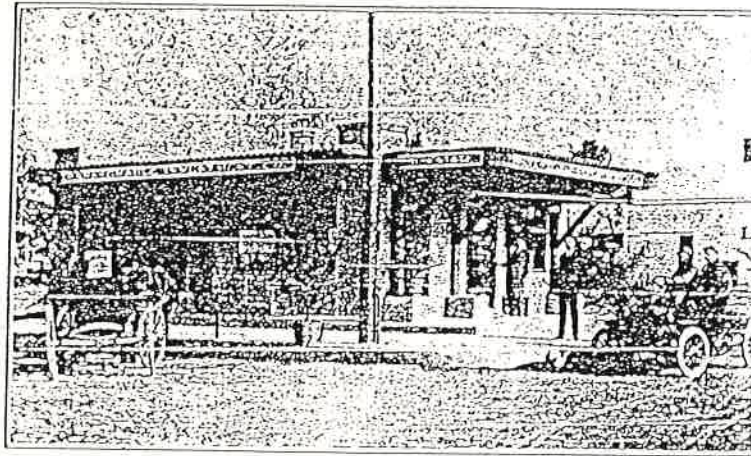
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La Mesa and San Diego County owe much to her real estate men. It is true that her natural advantages, combining a matchless climate, a superb and beautiful location, her nearness to an unsurpassed deep sea harbor, her railway facilities, and her unrivaled mineral and agricultural surroundings, would all have combined unheralded to attract a certain amount of capital here, but her unexampled growth must in large part be attributed to the very progressive and up-to-date spirit shown among the men who compose the realty fraternity of San Diego County. No firm in the real estate business has contributed a larger share toward the ultimate results that have been obtained, nor to whom a greater amount of praise is due, than the concern of Park-Grable Investment Co., whose convenient and commodious city offices are centrally located at 1529 D street, San Diego.

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ital at hand and make and negotiate loans on short notice at reasonable rates.

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