

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name:

Mary Frew HOUSE

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2. Historic name:

Mary Frew House

3. Street or rural address:

4566 Acacia Avenue

City La Mesa

Zip 92041

County San Diego

4. Parcel number:

470-602-09

5. Present Owner:

Patricia Conaway

Address: 4566 Acacia Ave

City La Mesa

Zip 92041

Ownership is: Public

Private X

6. Present Use:

residence

Original use: residence

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Bungalow

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

This small, one story, wood frame house lies on a lot that rises steeply from the street behind a stone faced block retaining wall at the front sidewalk. The front facing garage, which is under the house, has two small hinged doors with six panes in the upper sections. The house features a low cross gable roof and narrow overlapping wood siding. Triple windows face the street on the first floor with narrow, long, double hung windows flanking a center wider window with five small panes in a row at the top. The brick chimney at the south end of the house and brickwork at the entrance of the small front porch may be later additions.

Grable's Addn NE 1/2 lot 6,
Block 3

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:

Estimated 1928 Factual

9. Architect unknown

10. Builder unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet)

Frontage 50 Depth 70
or approx. acreage

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

1982

13. Condition: Good

14. Alterations: addition of brick exterior chimney and brickwork at front steps
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ☐ Scattered buildings ☐ Densely built-up ☐
Residential ☒ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Other: ☐
16. Threats to site: None known ☒ Private development ☐ Zoning ☐ Vandalism ☐
Public Works project ☐ Other: ☐
17. Is the structure: On its original site? ☒ Moved? ☐ Unknown? ☐
18. Related features: trees

SIGNIFICANCE

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

In the 1920's, many bungalows were built in La Mesa to meet the needs of the middle class families. The Mary Frew House is a remaining example of a La Mesa bungalow.

The Mary Frew House stands on property originally subdivided by Sherman Grable in 1906. By 1924, Weston and Freda Hicks had acquired the lot. Weston N. Hicks was a La Mesa building contractor and became a city councilman in 1930. By 1927, James and Sarah Tebbetts who lived on adjacent property, had acquired the lot and sold it again to Mary and Grace Frew. Mary J. Frew, the widow of David Frew, probably had this house constructed in 1928. In 1929 and 1930, Mac Spence, who later became assistant La Mesa Postmaster, lived at 4566 Acacia Avenue. In 1931, Col. J. N. Pickering, a retired U. S. Army officer lived there. Mary Frew lived in the house only one year in 1932.

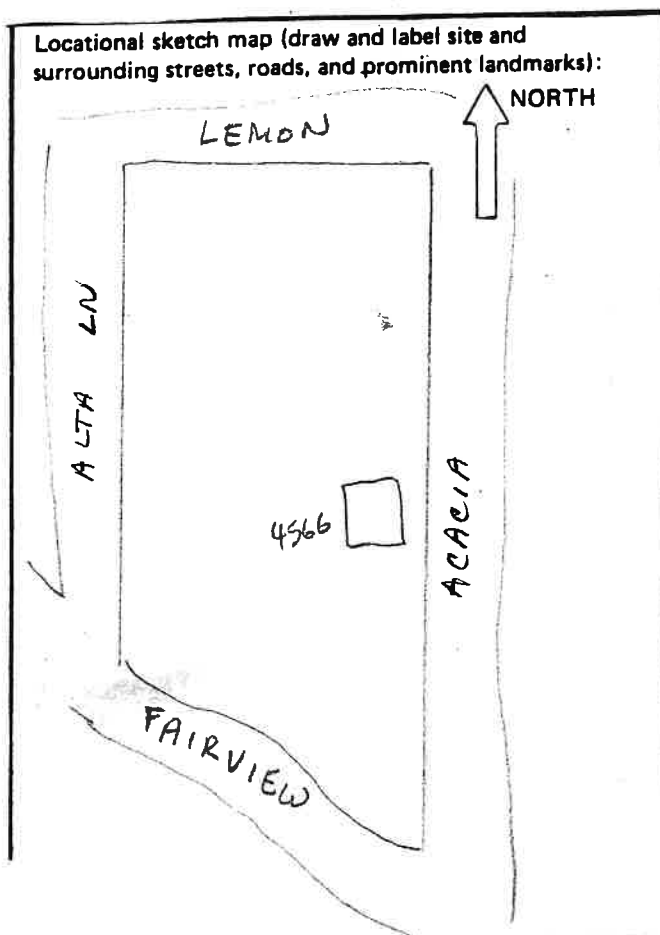
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture ☒ Arts & Leisure ☐
Economic/Industrial ☐ Exploration/Settlement ☐
Government ☐ Military ☐
Religion ☐ Social/Education ☐

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

Sanborn 1929 Fire Ins Map
S.D. City and County directories
San Diego Union
County Recorder: Deed Books
2/82

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):



GRABLES ADD NE 1/2 LOT 6 / BLK 3
PATRICIA CONAWAY 92041

12/24/92 Minnie Reynolds del to Ewing Reynolds and 1/26

3/18/24 Talbert & Ella Watson to Weston & Fada Hicks

4/29/25 Hicks to Della Graves

4/7/27 James & Sam Tebbets to Mary & Grace Lewis Ely 70'6" DP 4309

built 1928 - 9?

Station Photo(s) Here

3. Construction Date

Estimated 1928

4. Previous Occupants

Unknown

10. Builder UNKNOWN

11. Approximate size (in feet)

Frontage 50 Depth 10

Foundation concrete

12. Date of earliest recorded deed

1902

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UTM: A		498060		B		362450					
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3. ADDRESS:..4566 Acacia Ave.....CITY:..La Mesa.....
ZIP:92041 COUNTY:..San Diego.4. PARCEL #:..470-602-09..
5. PRESENT OWNER:.....Patricia Conaway.....
ADDRESS:..4566 Acacia Ave.....CITY:..La Mesa.....
ZIP:..92041. OWNERSHIP IS: PUBLIC:....PRIVATE:..XX....
6. PRESENT USE:.....Residence.....
ORIGINAL USE:.....Residence.....

DESCRIPTION:

7A:ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:...Bungalow.....

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.: 1928. FACT:.....
ARCHITECT:.....
.....Unknown.....
BUILDER:.....
.....Unknown.....
APPROX. PROP. SIZE (FT)
FRONT:..50.. DEPTH:..70..
OR APPROX. ACREAGE:
DATE(S) OF PHOTO(S):
.....1982.....

13. CONDITION: EXCELL...GOOD.X.FAIR...DETERIORATED.....
 NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.....
 14. ALTERATIONS: Addition of brick exterior chimney, brick-
 work at front steps.
 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:trees.....
 SIGNIFICANCE

19. BRIEFLY STATE HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 (INCLUDE DATES, EVENTS, AND PERSON ASSOC. WITH THE SITE.)

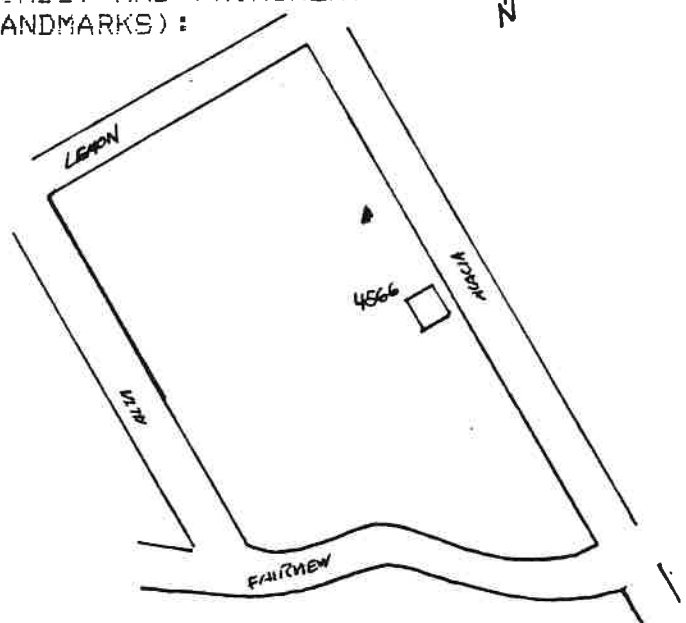
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20. MAIN THEME OF THE HISTORIC . LOCATIONAL SKETCH MAP
 RESOURCE: (IF MORE THAN ONE . (DRAW AND LABEL SITE AND
 IS CHKD, NUMBER IN ORDER OF . SURROUNDING STREETS,
 IMPORTANCE.) . ROADS, AND PROMINENT
 ARCHITECT..X. ARTS & LEISURE... LANDMARKS):
 ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL.....
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT.....
 GOVT....MILITARY...RELIG....
 SOCIAL/EDUCATION.....

21. SOURCES (LIST BOOKS, DOCUMENTS,
 PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, AND
 THEIR DATES).

City and County Directories
 Sanborn Fire Maps
 SAN DIEGO UNION
 County Records Office

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.....



} 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

SITE ADDRESS

OWNER ADDRESS

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 Paurote, 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