

MARTIN CHRISTOPHER HOUSE



1938



HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATION FORM

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Division

8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91941 (619) 667-1177

1. NAME

Historic: **Martin Christopher House**
and/or common:

2. LOCATION

Address: **8505 Lemon Avenue**

City: **La Mesa**

State: **CA**

Zip: **91941**

3. CLASSIFICATION

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>OWNERSHIP</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>PRESENT USE</u>	
☐ 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: **Thomas P. Hurner & Brenda Potts**

Address: **4858 Cypress Street**

City: **La Mesa**

State: **CA**

Zip: **91941**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

County Recorder's Office

County Administration Building

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: **City Clerk**

City: **La Mesa**

State: **CA**

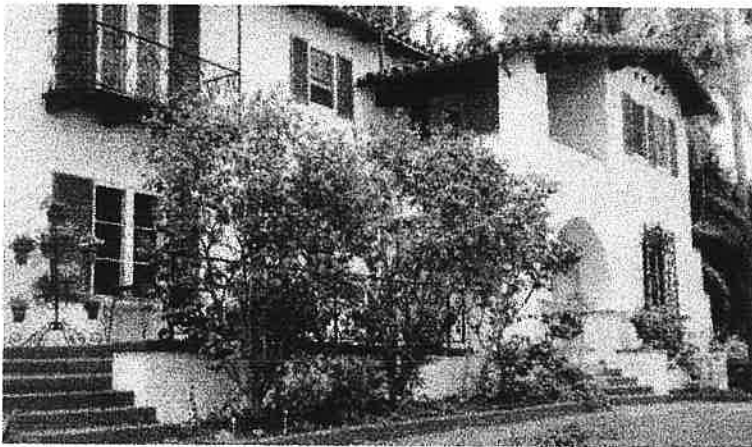
Zip: **91941**

7. DESCRIPTION

<u>CONDITION</u>		<u>CHECK</u> <u>ONE</u>	<u>CHECK</u> <u>ONE</u>
☒ Excellent	☐ Deteriorated	☒ Unaltered	☒ Original site
☐ Good	☐ Ruins	☐ Altered	☐ Moved
☐ Fair	☐ Unexposed		

Date: 8/03

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:



north elevation

This is a residence of significant historical importance, both in its design and its construction, in La Mesa and in San Diego County. It is a well-defined example of Mission Revival with its distinctive characteristics of style and design, and high quality of construction and materials and particular attention to craftsmanship. Not only are the plans faithfully adhered to, but the package of specifications (signed by both Martin and Joyce Christopher as

well as the builder) for the house details the quality and intent of the design and construction processes. The exterior of the house has been maintained in a superb manner without alteration and makes a unique statement, with its asymmetry, flowing rhythms and architectural massing.

Built at a cost of approximate total of \$10,000 (per the building permit) the 3018 square foot home is sited on a 0.53 acre parcel of land of irregular shape, which has been maintained in lovely condition, with large mature trees and unique plantings. The formal entry sidewalk, stairs and yard slopes upward from Lemon Avenue on the north. A paved auto court is set into the ell created by the south side of the residence and the garage, with entry from Crowder Street. There is access from the courtyard, through a glass paneled door under a tiled porch roof into both the formal entry hall and utility room.



south elevation

The stuccoed structure is two stories, situated on an east/west axis, with a short ell to the north (facing Lemon Avenue), and a longer one-story ell to the south (housing a portion of the kitchen and tool room) transitioning to a two-story double garage with a large recreation room (probably designed as servants' quarters) over the garage. Even the garage doors are



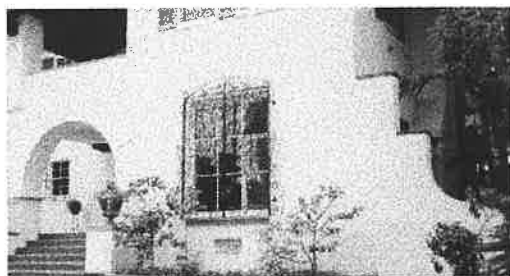
west rear elevation

unique in that they each roll to the opposite side of the garage, a la barn doors.

The house has a relatively low-pitched cross-gabled roof of Mission tiles, with moderately wide overhung eaves with exposed rafters and brackets at the corners of the roofs. Attic vents are barrel and square tiles set into the gables of the roofs.

Doors are glass-paneled in the rear of the house, up and down, while the front door is rather massive wood with sculptured small wood panels. French doors with louvered wood shutters are used on the upper wrought iron balcony on the front of the house.

Windows of the lower floor are multiple-paned and, for the most part, multi-paned casement windows for the living and dining rooms, with a few smaller double-hung windows in the entry, kitchen and rear of the house. The largest window on the north (gabled side) is fixed with a wrought-iron grille covering all of it. Another window in the entry is double-hung and gridded. Most of the windows on the upper story are double-hung in wood frames and flanked by louvered wood shutters. Small circular windows (akin to cinquefoil Spanish windows) are also notable with their wrought-iron decorative grilles.



northwest corner of facade

The northern façade has a stepped wing wall to the right (west) mirrored by a smaller wall to the left of the recessed arcaded porch, atop which is a covered balcony off one of the bedrooms. The floor of the



Mission San Diego de Alcalá

front porch continues to the east as an open verandah. The facade echoes the stepped pattern of the bell tower of the Mission San Diego de Alcalá. The verandah is of concrete with the red coloring mixed into it, as are the front stairs and side porch stairs.

The chimney is stubbed off close to the peak of the roof, with barrel tile flues. The trim located atop walls, on window sills and elsewhere is plain red brick.

Another unique feature of the house is a mechanical dumbwaiter designed to lift firewood from basement storage to the fireplace in the living room.



east elevation

Even the interior has been maintained in its original configuration, preserving the integrity of the original design, including the stepped soffits, false beams with brackets in the living and dining rooms and the coved kitchen ceiling. The original crystal chandeliers have been saved, and are being reinstalled in the entry and the dining and living rooms.

One of the home's final touches was the installation of specially-designed and woven wool carpet imported from Hong Kong. The patterns woven into the carpet were repeated and fitted to spaces in the house; e.g., stair landings, entry hall, bedrooms, etc.

The house was pictured in the *San Diego Union's* July 17, 1938 edition, in a brief mention of the heightened home-building activity in La Mesa.

This is a house that embodies a style of architecture reflecting its Spanish heritage, and presages the evolution of Spanish Eclectic architecture in California and elsewhere.

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

SPECIFIC
DATES:

1938

BUILDER/ARCHITECT: **A. L. and A. E. Dennstedt
Building Company**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This is a house emblematic of the Mission Revival style, constructed with the finest materials with fine craftsmanship, all the while adhering to a wonderfully detailed and explanatory set of building and material specifications. It truly reflects what went into the design and building of a more elegant house of the period. The working drawings and plans that still exist evidence a remarkable attention to detail.

The home constructed for Martin and Joyce Christopher at 8505 Lemon Avenue was pictured in a July 17, 1938, *San Diego Union* report on homebuilding activity in La Mesa. The story also commented that "this distinctive 10-room residence is being built for M. B. Christopher by the A. L. & A. E. Dennstedt Building Co. 'Individuality, rather than monotonous, standardized designs, marks the residences built by the ... Company.'"

The Dennstedt Building Company (formed in 1916) was also featured in an article in the *San Diego Union* in 1938 as builders of "palatial residences, modern ... homes, commercial structures and apartment houses." The Dennstedts were of the highest reputation in the design and construction industry throughout San Diego County.

Those statements complement the fact that the house reflects the City's cultural, aesthetic and architectural histories. The individuals who built it were prominent in La Mesa's civic and social fabric and with the Central Congregational Church.

Martin B. Christopher was born Nov. 12, 1868 to Norwegian parents in Wisconsin, while Emma Frazer Christopher was born in 1870 in Sedalia, Missouri, one of four children born to Alex and Jane Campbell, and the only one to live to adulthood. She was a graduate of the Collegiate Institute of Olympia (sic) [Washington].

Martin and Emma moved to La Mesa in 1911 from Bellingham, WA, where she was a grade school principal, dividing their time between La Mesa and Bellingham.

According to a 1946 *La Mesa Scout* newspaper article and quoted in *Portrait of a Church 1909 - 1984* by Eckoe Ahern, Martin Christopher first saw La Mesa in January of 1896. He said, "a new dam had just been built on the Sweetwater River and I decided to come out from San Diego on a bicycle to see it, passing though La Mesa enroute. At that time the town consisted mainly of several houses and one small railroad station."

In 1910, Martin and Emma Christopher acquired the lot at 8502 Lemon Avenue as well as several adjacent lots and much of the land immediately below the 8505 Lemon Avenue house site. In 1913, they sold that specific single lot to Mrs. Margaret Stout, Emma's aunt. The house at 8502 Lemon was built about that time, is sited on a hillside, and is a nice example of a California bungalow. It is included in the 1984 La Mesa Historic Resources Inventory, page 401, historic name "Margaret Stout House".

Emma's parents, Alex and Jane Campbell, also came to La Mesa in 1910 and lived in this house or another nearby. In the 1920 United States Federal Census, Martin and Emma were described as living in the house with (mother) Jane (then 73) and (aunt) Margaret (then 59). Martin lived in that house even after Emma's death. The house was sold in 1927. Martin was described as a "dealer in real estate" and, apparently, was quite successful with it.

Emma was heralded for her work as President of the La Mesa Woman's Club in 1914-17. She died January 12, 1922, at age 52. She is interred at Greenwood Memorial Park.

The *La Mesa Scout*, in a January 20, 1922 obituary, noted that "Mrs. Christopher ... had an interest in the intellectual and moral life of the community and possessed rare endowments which eminently fitted her for leadership in society and in the spiritual activities of the church of which she was a most constant and willing worker and where her loss is keenly felt."

Martin did live in Claremont at the Claremont Inn for several years, but returned eventually to marry. In the 1930 Federal Census, Martin was listed as a 61-year-old patient in Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital in San Bernardino County. No occupation was noted.

In January, 1926, Martin was recognized in "Services of Dedication" for the sanctuary of the Central Congregational Church, as chairman of the building committee, serving with Edwards Porter, Mrs. O. W. Todd, Mrs. E. C. Upp, and Howard Worth. The sanctuary was designed by Lewis J. Gill, a nephew of Irving Gill. The church is also in the La Mesa Historic Inventory.

In 1984, he was recognized in Eckoe Ahern's book *Portrait of a Church* (on the occasion of the Church's 75th Anniversary) as a prime mover in the financial activity in 1925 which resulted in the sanctuary's being debt-free.

Martin was also a member of the executive committee (together with Mrs. Mary S. Hodgson, S. C. Grable, et al.) for the City's 1916 Easter Morning Pilgrimage to Mount Nebo. (The Easter Sunrise Services on Mount Helix were predated by those on Mount Nebo.)

Among several others, Martin and Emma Christopher's names were added to those listed on the stained glass windows in the church, in addition to several members of the Porter family.

Martin subsequently married, in 1935, Joyce (nee McBride) Clemens, born June 10, 1887, in Illinois. Joyce had moved to La Mesa in 1921 with her then-husband Ralph Clemens, who died about a year later.

Joyce Clemens, in 1923, became a charter member of the local PEO chapter, and, after her marriage to Martin, served 9 years as president of the Woman's Guild of Central Congregational Church and elected to what was a rare event: life membership in the church.

They then decided to build, in 1938, their dream house at 8505 Lemon Avenue.

In Anna M. Gilbert's 1924 book *La Mesa Yesterday and Today* she wrote that "Lookout Ranch, which is now a part of Outlook Terrace and through the center of which the east end of Lemon Avenue runs, was built up by James D. Schuyler, who was the engineer who built the Sweetwater Dam (the highest masonry dam in the United States at that time) ... Later he sold Lookout Ranch to A. S. Crowder, who laid out the first streets of La Mesa (and built the Lemon Company Store building, the oldest commercial building in La Mesa). A house was on the property, but it burned and the land on which it sat was sold to M. B. Christopher, being in the center of what seems to be a public park on the south side of Lemon Avenue."

Another story, this time in the July 22, 1938 edition of the *La Mesa Scout*, commented that "the new home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Christopher won favorable mention with a picture of the residence in the Sunday *San Diego Union* and construction is progressing rapidly."

Mrs. Flora Robertson, a present citizen of La Mesa, moved here in 1950 and remembers that Joyce Christopher gained some renown for her lawn parties, "Silver Teas", which were intended to raise funds for church programs. Mrs. Robertson also remembers that he (Martin) donated the land for a new parsonage, built about 1946 and located at 8543 Lemon Avenue (just northeast and around the curve of Lemon Avenue), though the house was sold by the church many years ago.

Martin died (at age 78) on Jan. 30, 1953, at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla of injuries received in an accident on Torrey Pines grade. Joyce preceded him in death (at age 65) Jan. 29, 1953. Both were killed when the car in which they were riding rear-ended a truck/trailer. Details were noted in a January 31, 1953 story in the *San Diego Union*.

Mrs. E. C. Upp, then one of La Mesa's social stalwarts, authored a moving story in the February 12, 1953, *La Mesa Scout* documenting the Christophers' history in the community, their achievements in the church, the construction of the new house and the like. She did run on a bit, and made one or two misstatements, but the couple was obviously well-respected by their peers in La Mesa.

Next to own the property was William Ross Starkey, born in Canada in July 18, 1909 (died in March 18, 1990). William Ross Starkey was the owner of Pacific Messenger Service and had very extensive property holdings in downtown San Diego. He was married to Helena A. Starkey, born in Pennsylvania on March 6, 1908 and who passed away, in the house, on May 17, 1974. Only a funeral notice in the *San Diego Union* of May 18, 1974, notes her death, stating that arrangements were by Bonham Brothers Mortuary.

They had one son, Rodney Ross Starkey, who, in 1976, was listed in the La Mesa telephone book as Ross Starkey. The 1973 La Mesa City Directory lists a Rodney Ross Starkey as being married to Carlene J., living at 9288 Shirley Drive in La Mesa, and with an occupation as Assistant Manager of Pacific Messenger Service. He was trustee of his mother's estate.

Apparently, the house has been vacant for many years, but occupied for a time by the family of Salvador Perez, the caretaker of the Starkey property for most of those years. It is obvious that he saw to the maintenance of the residence in close-to-pristine condition.

On November 28, 2002, the property was sold to Tom Hurner and Brenda Potts, a young couple intending to upgrade the water, sewer and electrical systems and the kitchen, while retaining the original exterior and most of the interior design characteristics.

This handsome house was designed by a recognized master builder, resulting in a model of excellence of Mission Revival architecture in San Diego County. It remains essentially unchanged, with the craftsmanship, materials and attention to detail still so evident. It was (and is) a home befitting the community and church leadership qualities of Martin, Emma and Joyce Christopher.

San Diego County Assessor's Map
San Diego County Building Permit of June 29, 1938
Grant Terrace plat map
Outlook Terrace plat Map
La Mesa Scout article of July 22, 1938
Sanborn Fire Insurance Map – 1929
Sanborn Fire Insurance Map - 1911
Piggly-Wiggly advertisement in *La Mesa Scout* of 1938
Easter sunrise service program of 1916
Excerpts of *Portrait of a Church*, 1984
1926 *Services of Dedication* of Central Congregational Church
List of Presidents, La Mesa Woman's Club
Copy of House Specifications, signed, June 27, 1938
1920 United States Federal Census
1930 United States Federal Census
1984 La Mesa Historic Inventory, Stout House, 1913
1984 La Mesa Historic Inventory, Christopher House, 1938
Obituary of Emma Christopher, January 20, 1922
Union Tribune Story of January 31, 1953
California Death Index, 1940-1977
Available City Directories
Interviews with Tom Hurner and Brenda Potts
Interview with Flora Robertson
La Mesa Scout article of February 12, 1953 by Mrs. E. C. Upp
Maps and forms provided by Allyson Carico, City of La Mesa
La Mesa Scout article noting sale of home by Christopher Estate to Starkeys.
LMHS Files: People
LMHS Photo Archive
Obituary of A. L. Dennstedt, retired building contractor, *SD Union*, 10/10/67
Advertisement of A. L. and A. E. Dennstedt, *SD Union* 7/17/38
San Diego Union story of Dennstedt Company

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**Lot 5 of Grant Terrace, in the City of La Mesa, County of San Diego, State of California,
according to map thereof No. 2242, filed in the Office of the County Recorder of said
County, March 4, 1940.**

Assessors Parcel No. 494-293-01-00 0.53 acres (23,087 sq. ft.)

Census Tract 0149-004

Map Page Grid 62 D2

New Page Grid 1270 J2

11. FORM PREPARED BY:

Gordon Jones

APPLICATION PREPARED BY:

Gordon Jones

Chain of Title

**8505 Lemon Avenue
La Mesa, CA 91941**

Parcel # 293-01-00

The immediate area was first developed as Lookout Ranch.

June, 1909. Property was developed as Outlook Terrace (this particular property was known as Block 5, Lots 1,2,3)

Property (about 60 acres) then sold by A. S. Crowder to U. S. Grant, Jr. and then later developed as Grant Terrace (this particular property is known as Lot 5).

August 23, 1921. Sale of Lot to Martin and Emma Christopher by Elizabeth D. and Charles B. Cornue; Lot 2, Block 6, Outlook Terrace for \$10.
Deed book 864, page 46.

August 30, 1923. Interests of Emma Christopher (died January 12, 1922), going to Martin Christopher.
Deed book 949, page 311.

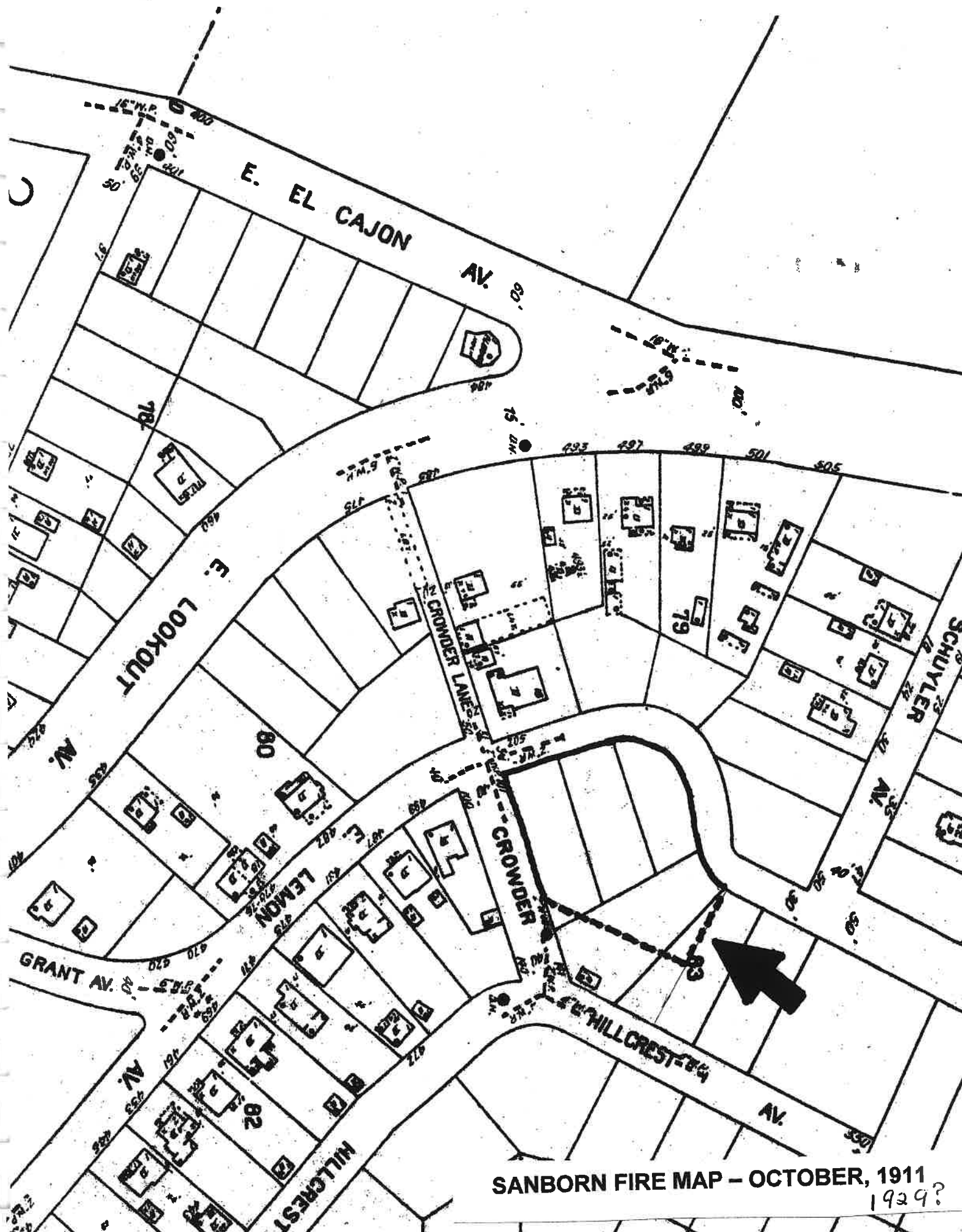
1938. Construction of house for \$10,000.

May 25, 1953. Sale by estate of Martin Christopher (Joyce Christopher predeceased him by one day in January, 1953) for \$32,300 (including all furniture and furnishings) to William R. and Helena A. Starkey.
Book 4866, Page 9, Doc. 71177.

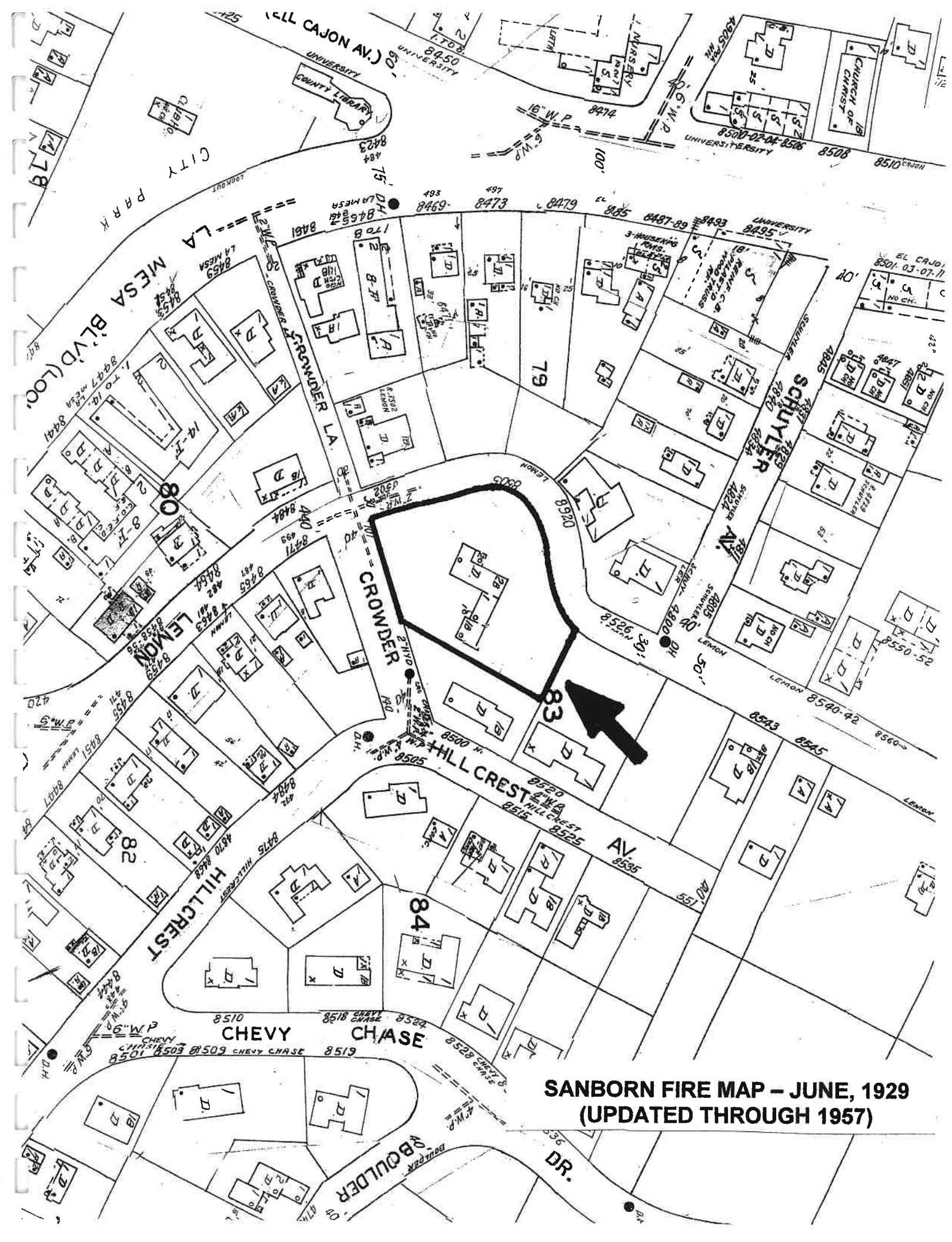
October 15, 1976. Helena Amelia Starkey death in May 17, 1974 bequeaths her one-half share in property to William R. Starkey.
Document #76-343784.

April 29, 1992. Quitclaim Deed to Rodney Ross Starkey, as Successor Trustee of the Helena Amelia Starkey Trust described as Lot 5, Grant Terrace.
Document #1992-0268176.

December 30, 2002. Sold by Rodney Ross Starkey to Thomas Hurner and Brenda Potts.
Document #2002-1203041.



SANBORN FIRE MAP - OCTOBER, 1911
1929?



**SANBORN FIRE MAP – JUNE, 1929
(UPDATED THROUGH 1957)**

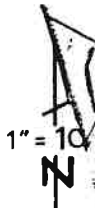
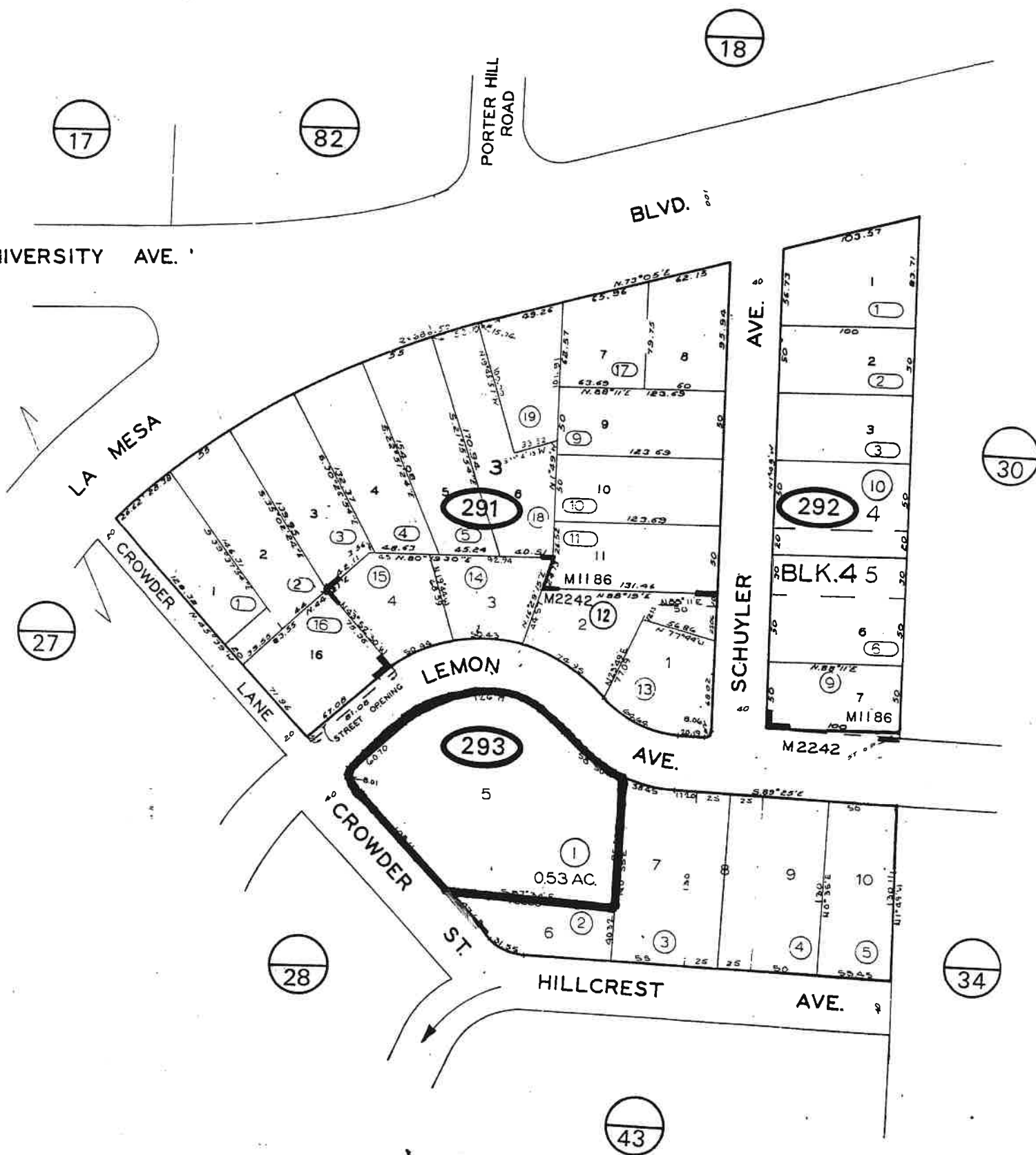


---NOTES---

1. See Record of Survey No. 203 for details of left-hand property.
2. East to West & Iron Pipe of all lot corners unless otherwise noted.
3. Draining derived from East Hill Outfall Terrace - Map 1186
4. Slope - 1" x 50 Feet.

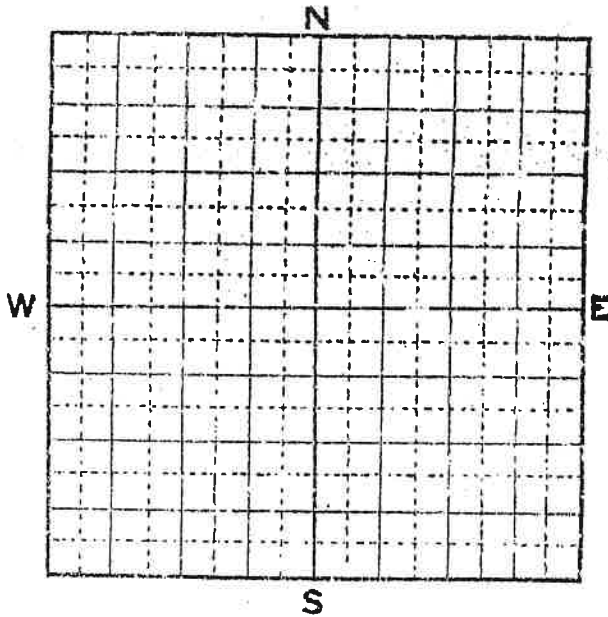
H. Edwards
Baptist Church, New York, N. Y.

UNIVERSITY AVE.



MAP 2242 - GRANT TERRACE
MAP 1186 - OUTLOOK TERRACE

DIAGRAM OF A SECTION



Each square represents 330x330 feet or 2 1/4 acres.
Locate the property described, on this plat.

1938 BUILDING PERMIT

This plat shows 4-25x140 ft lots. Locate and scale your improvements on same.
Form No. 1057-A Successor 3-38-6M

Roll..... New Value..... Lot Book.....
Page..... Old Value..... Page.....

IMPROVEMENT APPRAISAL COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Addr. Outlook Ter. City or Sch. Dist. 5
Lot 1-2-2 Block 5
St. No. 8505 Street Lemon
Owner Christopher M.B.

Lessee.....
Calif. Cottage..... Garage ☒
Bungalow..... Barn.....
Residence ☒..... Chicken House.....
Flat..... Duplex..... Shed.....
Apartment..... School..... Service Station.....
Church..... Mountain Cabin.....
Store..... Factory.....
Hotel..... Warehouse.....

4139 6-29-35 10.0000

New ☒ Addition..... Alteration..... Repairs.....
Year Built 1935 Condition..... Stories.....

FOUNDATION		INTERIOR	
Concrete	Mud Sills	Unfinished	Paper
Masonry	Blocks	V. G. Ceiling	B. & B.
CONSTRUCTION		Plaster Bd.	Celotex
Frame	Struc. Steel	Plaster Jazz	Plain
Hollow Tile	Rein. Conc.		
Brick	Light Steel	FLOORS	
EXTERIOR		Hdw.	Pine
B. & B.	Flg. or Ceil.	Hdw.	Pine
Siding	Stucco	ELECTRIC LIGHTS —Yes	No
Brick Ven.	Stone	PLUMBING —Yes	No
Shingles	Shakes	Bathrooms	Best
Cor. Iron	Sht. Iron	Laundry Trays	Med.
ROOF		Hot Water Heaters	Std.
Flat	Gable	HEATING —Yes	No
Hip	Mansard	Remarks	
Shingles	Tar & Gravel		
Tile	Pat Roofg.		
Cor. Iron	Special		

For location of improvements see other side
EXTRAS

Date.....
Appraiser.....
Approved.....
Checked.....
Entd. Field Book.....
Entd. Lot Book.....
Entd. Roll.....
Addressograph.....
Entd. Class Shrs.....

X	=	Sq. ft. @
Y	=	Sq. ft. @
X	=	Sq. ft. @
X	=	Sq. ft. @
PORCH		
X	=	Sq. ft. @
GARAGE		
X	=	Sq. ft. @
Replacement Tot: 1		
Depreciation @ %		
TOTAL PRESENT VALUE		

PERMIT CARD

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
CITY OF LA MESA

THIS CARD MUST BE KEPT ON THE PREMISES
AND **POSTED** IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE,
OTHERWISE THE WORK WILL BE STOPPED.

**Building Ordinance Requires Collec-
tion of a Double Fee or Arrest if Permit
is not taken out before work is started.**

The permit issued for this work is

(Building) ~~(Plumbing)~~ xxx (Electrical) xxx (Signs) x

No. 4189.

Street No. 8505 Lemon

Owner M. B. Christopher

Contractor A.L. & A.E. Dennstedt

CAUTION

1. Permit issued subject to Building Inspector's approval.

2. Important works require ground to be examined before footings are started.

3. If permit is issued for house moving this card must be posted on or near the front door.

4. (a) If structure is a building, do not lath or cover walls or ceilings until Building Inspector's RED card of approval is posted in the building.

(b) Do not lath or cover walls or ceilings until the City Electrician and the plumbing inspector have posted their respective cards of approval and acceptance.

**BUILDER MUST NOTIFY INSPECTOR WHEN
FRAME IS UP OR CHIMNEYS IN PLACE**

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bringing a very substantial improvement to the community and contributing in a definite way to making of the district a better and more desirable place in which to live, and we are glad to welcome to our midst those new residents who have chosen this favored spot in which to make their homes.

Among those who have most recently purchased new homes here, we find Mr. and Mrs. George F. Jones and daughter, Miss Vaida, of Sacramento, who have purchased and are now occupying the property at 8254 El Cañon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pritasil

have purchased the Warren home at 8502 Lemon and are pleasantly located.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Russo have purchased the C. Wenchel home on Avocado street and have taken possession, the Wenchel's moving to 2025 Lemon avenue.

Under construction we find the following homes: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gale are building another 5-room house on Dillon drive; Mr. A. W. Preston has started construction of his new home on Bancroft. The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Button on Dillon will soon be ready for occupancy; Mr.

and Mrs. G. Proctor Cooper, third (III), have moved into their new home on Sunset drive, Grossmont. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Duke have started a new home on Lavell drive; Major P. S. Tucker is building a large attractive home on Virginia Lane; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Pierson have let the contract for their new home on Sunset drive, Grossmont, and Dr. and Mrs. Mark E. Roby have under construction a beautiful hacienda home on Glen Ira, which T. J. Lords of the San Diego Remodeling and Building service announces will be open to the public for

inspection in the near future through the courtesy of Dr. Roby.

The new home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Christopher won favorable mention with a picture of the residence in the Sunday San Diego Union and construction is progressing rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Merrick have moved back to their old home, left vacant by the Coopers when they moved to their new home.

In the near future a number of new names will be added to the present list of new homes being constructed.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Emma Frazer Christopher, daughter of Mrs. Alexander Campbell, was born in Sedalia, Missouri in 1868. She was one of four children, three of whom died in infancy or early childhood. She spent her girlhood in the states of Texas, Kansas, eastern Washington and finally in western Washington, where her education was completed as a graduate of the Collegiate Institute of Olympia.

After graduation she took up the work of teaching which was followed until the time of her marriage to Mr. M. B. Christopher in Bellingham, Washington, where she was holding the position as principal of the graded schools.

They began making their home in La Mesa in 1911, dividing their time between La Mesa and Bellingham. During the last few years their home in La Mesa has been continuous.

Mrs. Christopher was for several years the president of the Woman's Club in La Mesa. She had an interest in the intellectual and moral life of the community and possessed rare endowments which eminently fitted her for leadership in society and in the spiritual activities of the church of which she was a most constant and willing worker and where her loss is keenly felt.

DEATHS

CHRISTOPHER—In San Diego, Jan. 12, 1922. Mrs. Emma F. Christopher of La Mesa, wife of M. B. Christopher, daughter of Mrs. Jane Campbell, niece of Mrs. Margaret Stout, all of La Mesa, Calif.; a native of Sedalia, Mo., aged 52 years, 6 months, 24 days.

Friends were invited to attend funeral services held Sunday, Jan. 15, from the Congregational church, La Mesa, at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. Chas. Hill officiating. Interment Greenwood Memorial Park. Funeral in charge of Stokes' funeral parlors.

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City Directory: House built 1938

1912 and 1913	Christopher, Martin B.
1914	Christopher, Martin B. (Emma) r Alex Campbell (Campbell h end of Lemon Ave.)
1915	Christopher, Martin B. (Emma) r Alex Campbell Christopher, Emma Mrs. – Pres. La Mesa Woman's Club r Alex Campbell
1917	Christopher, Emma Mrs. Pres. La Mesa Woman's Club Christopher, Martin B.
1918 through 1923	Christopher, Martin B. (Emma)
1924 and 1925	Christopher, Martin B. h 505 E. Lemon
1927 through 1938	no listing for Christopher
1941 through 1952	Christopher, Martin B. (Joyce M.)
1953 through 1963	William R. Starkey
1963 through 1969	William R. Starkey (Helena)
1970 through 1975	William R. Starkey (Helena) Pacific Messenger Service
1976 La Mesa telephone book	Rodney Ross Starkey listed as Ross Starkey (only son)

Portrait of a Church

By

Eckoe Ahern

On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Central Congregational Church

Of

La Mesa, California

1909 - 1984

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Dwight Port
He, his wife
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were active

charter members. Mary Porter, born in 1846, served in the Civil War as director of an Army Convalescent Camp kitchen in Memphis, Tennessee. She, too, was a missionary in China, and escaped with her brother, Henry Porter, from extreme danger in the Boxer Rebellion of 1900. She was more than generous with her money and service to Central Church.

Emma Jane Russell, born in 1865, moved to La Mesa in 1909 and became a charter member and Deaconess in Central Church. Her husband Henry was a building contractor, and it is believed that he may have built Hill Chapel in 1910.

Martin Christopher first saw La Mesa in 1896--when he rode on his bike from San Diego to see a dam just built on the Sweetwater River. He and his wife moved to La Mesa in 1911. Mr. Christopher was active in the finances of the church, particularly, and a prime mover in having the new sanctuary dedicated debt-free in 1925.

Edward B. Light, mustered out of the Union Army in 1864 because of wounds he had received in the Battle of Charleston, later went into business in Massachusetts, and served as Official American Consul in Guadalajara, Mexico, for nine years before coming to La Mesa in 1907. He, his first wife, Caroline, and his second wife, Flora,

PORTRAITS OF THE PIONEERS

On the stained glass windows, crafted by Fred Alfred Joseph Wieland of San Diego, appear the names of some members of the first small congregation of Central Church. You will remember that 19 people met originally to establish the La Mesa Church. Those not commemorated in the windows include Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Luff, Mrs. Edward Light, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Hinck, and Mrs. Rosanna Edgerley. Commemorated on the windows are Edward B. Light, Kelley B. Finley, Louisa Finley, Sara Upton Edwards, Emma Jane Russell, Margaret N. Knapp, James Porter, Mary Porter, Henry D. Porter, Elizabeth Porter, and Edward W. Porter. Added later to the group are Emma and Martin Christopher and, much later, Edward C. Upp.

Kelley B. Finley and his wife Louisa came from New York to La Mesa in 1888, the year the Hotel Del Coronado was built, and went into citrus ranching near Parks and University, where they built a home on a hill. Mrs. Finley's sister, Sara Upton Edwards, also from New York, was a charter member and served as president of the Women's Guild off and on for 14 years.

The Porter Family Portrait includes five members. James W. Porter, born in 1836 in Illinois, served in the Union Army during the Civil War and then went into business in Chicago. In 1916 he came to La Mesa and became active in Central Church. He gave a park at the corner of University and La Mesa Boulevard and

La Mesa

Yesterday

and Today

By ANNA M. GILBERT

the government the service. H and forth, but for about eight years before passing away in 1915 he made his home here most of the time. People remember him as a picturesque character. He seemed to be a part of the setting of La Mesa. He was especially helpful to young men; a very staunch, strong character loved by every one.

Mr. Parke of the Parke-Davis Company of Detroit bought several hundred acres of land including a part of Grossmont and the Miles ranch. On it was a lake where the only pond lilies in the country could be found. His home, known as "Villa Caro", was east of the Grossmont store below the flume. Mr. Parke, who was a friend of Col. Randlett, came to see his land, was stricken with illness at the home of Col. Randlett, where he died a few days later.

Lookout Ranch, which is now a part of Outlook Terrace and through the center of which the east end of Lemon avenue runs, was built up by James D. Schuyler, who was the engineer who built the Sweetwater dam. The name of his family is connected by relation and association with the Van Rensselaers, Ten Broecks, Livingstons, Hamiltons and other historic families. He too made a name for himself. He made the first surveys for a portion of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway, including some of the most difficult passes traversed by locomotives. He also constructed other railroads in this country and in Mexico.

Returning to the United States in 1884, he engaged in contracting, his first work being the construction of one section of

the San Francisco sea-wall. The section built under his supervision is still recognized as the most substantial and well built portion of that mammoth construction. The construction of Sweetwater dam in this county, completed in April, 1888, gained for him a national reputation as an engineer for it was the highest masonry dam in the United States at that time. His services were sought as far away as the Sandwich Islands. In 1889 he was City Engineer of San Diego and later was appointed one of the three commissioners of Public Works.

Mr. Schuyler spent so much money in making Lookout Ranch a gentleman's country estate that he said he might better have covered its surface with silver dollars, as it would have cost less. Later he sold it to A. S. Crowder, who was interested in the largest citrus packing house in La Mesa. Mr. Crowder was the one who laid out the first streets of La Mesa. He also erected a large brick building at the corner of Lookout avenue and Nebo drive, which C. B. Justice now owns and has since given a stucco finish.

Mr. Crowder bought sixty-five acres of Mr. Schuyler for \$35,000.00 but later traded it to U. S. Grant, Jr. The grounds with their beautiful roses, vines and shrubbery were so very fine that it was one of the show places of the country. The water was pumped here during the dry years from El Monte, at a cost of twelve or fifteen cents a thousand gallons, and so this ranch was kept green during the years of drouth preceding 1904.

The house was traded or sold by U. S. Grant, Jr., to a man from Lower California. They had not been there long when the house was burned to the ground. So quickly did it burn that a man working on the grounds left for dinner and in less than an hour found it in embers. The site of the house that was burned now belongs to M. B. Christopher, being in the center of what seems to be a public park on the south side of Lemon avenue.

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

O Thou living God, for the sake of the suffering and the sorrowful and the dying, salvation from this vast evil. We humbly pray that truth may spring up with fresh vigor; that righteousness and peace may kiss each other as of old. May the power and the grace of God, who is the God of all comfort, suddenly change the evil course of men and return the wrong doers to the ways of mutual help and blessing.

And this we ask in the name of Him, who for us and our salvation died and arose again, and ever liveth at the right hand of God. Amen.

God of Our Fathers

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor thro' the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Benediction - - - Rev. Chas. W. Hill



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary S. Hodgson, Mrs. Peter Mill, Mrs. E. C.
Upp, Mrs. D. W. Johnson, Mr. S. C.
Grable, Mr. M. B. Christopher
Mr. E. H. Stokes.

DIRECTOR OF CHORUS

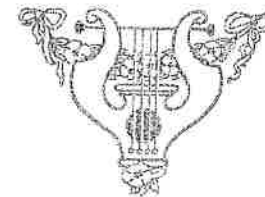
Mr. Howard F. Worth

PIANIST

Miss Ruth Rider

Easter Morning Pilgrimage

to Mount Necho



La Mesa, California

1916

PAST PRESIDENTS

* Mrs. Mary B. Ferguson	1902 - 1906	
* Mrs. Sara Upton Edwards	1906 - 1909	
* Mrs. Gene F. Parmelee	1909 - 1910	
* Mrs. Helen Stoddard	1910 - 1911	
* Mrs. Isadore Barney	1911 - 1914	
* Mrs. Emma B. Christopher	1914 - 1917	
* Mrs. Mary French Worth	1917 - 1919	
* Mrs. Edward C. Upp	1919 - 1922	
* Mrs. E. D. Miller	1922 - 1923	
* Mrs. W. A. Laidlaw	1923 - 1925	
* Mrs. O. W. Todd	1925 - 1927	
* Mrs. Charles W. Condy	1927 - 1930	
* Mrs. A. L. Eaton	1930 - 1932	
* Mrs. Edward H. Blair	1932 - 1934	
* Mrs. E. A. Cokat	1934 - 1935	
Mrs. H. B. Clark	1935 - 1937	
Mrs. A. K. McCall	1936 - 1937	E
* Mrs. L. G. Schock	1937 - 1938	E
* Mrs. C. W. Kuhlken	1938 - 1939	E
* Mrs. James Tank Porter	1937 - 1939	
* Mrs. A. E. Floto	1939 - 1940	
Mrs. Clifford Hansen	1939 - 1950	E
* Mrs. E. A. Cokat	1940 - 1941	
* Mrs. C. B. Quicksall	1940 - 1942	E
Mrs. F. L. Mainke	1941 - 1942	
* Mrs. Walter Kasitz	1942 - 1943	E
* Mrs. Edward C. Upp	1942 - 1944	
Mrs. Roy Churchill	1943 - 1944	E
* Miss Ethel Prosser	1944 - 1945	E
* Mrs. John H. Crippen	1944 - 1945	
* Mrs. William Rothenberg	1945 - 1946	E
* Mrs. Charles Dickenson	1946 - 1947	E
* Mrs. David W. Cathcart	1946 - 1948	
Mrs. John S. Cornelius	1947 - 1948	E
Mrs. Fred J. Kenward	1948 - 1949	E
* Mrs. Roxie Stewart	1948 - 1949	
* Mrs. G. Parrish Campbell	1949 - 1950	E
Mrs. Wendell B. Kirk	1950 - 1951	GB
Mrs. Walter Ray Boelter	1950 - 1951	A
* Mrs. Willard A. LaMoe	1950 - 1951	E
* Mrs. Willard A. LaMoe	1951 - 1952	GB
* Mrs. Ralph A. Peterson	1951 - 1952	A
* Mrs. Esther F. Wright	1951 - 1952	E
* Mrs. Ronald Crawford	1952 - 1953	E
* Mrs. Ronald Crawford	1953 - 1954	GB
* Mrs. William Beck	1953 - 1954	A
Mrs. Harold Hughes	1953 - 1954	E
* Mrs. W. Don Miller	1954 - 1955	GB
* Mrs. Hugh Olds	1954 - 1955	A
* Mrs. L. W. Butterfield	1954 - 1955	E
* Mrs. Walter K. Kasitz	1953 - 1956	GB
* Mrs. Charles A. Dormann	1955 - 1956	A
Mrs. W. T. Keith	1955 - 1956	E
* Mrs. Hugh Olds	1956 - 1958	GB
* Mrs. James L. Allen	1956 - 1957	A
Mrs. Robert E. Pixton	1956 - 1957	E

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* Mrs. O. C. Wood	1957 - 1958	A
* Mrs. Harold C. Hart	1957 - 1958	E
* Mrs. O. C. Wood	1958 - 1959	GB
* Mrs. R. L. Grundmeyer	1958 - 1959	A
Mrs. Paul D. Engstrand	1958 - 1959	E
* Mrs. G. Parrish Campbell	1959 - 1960	GB
Mrs. Pearl M. Hagen	1959 - 1960	A
Mrs. Emil Bauer	1959 - 1960	E
* Mrs. James L. Allen	1960 - 1961	GB
* Mrs. L. Fred Will	1960 - 1961	A
Mrs. William R. Stepek	1960 - 1961	E
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* Mrs. L. Fred Will	1961 - 1962	A
Mrs. Donald R. Boysen	1961 - 1962	
* Mrs. Ada E. Will	1962 - 1963	GB
Mrs. William Jennings	1962 - 1963	A
* Mrs. Palmer W. Grant	1962 - 1963	E
Mrs. Donald R. Boysen	1962 - 1964	GB
Mrs. Fred I. Ward	1963 - 1964	A
Mrs. Edward F. Maczko	1963 - 1964	E
Mrs. Pearl M. Hagen	1964 - 1965	GB
* Mrs. Harmon Webber	1964 - 1965	A
Mrs. Kenneth Kelly	1964 - 1965	E
Mrs. Edward F. Maczko	1965 - 1966	
Mrs. J. Holland Noel	1966 - 1967	
* Mrs. R. B. McArthur	1967 - 1968	
* Mrs. Lowell E. Elson	1968 - 1969	
Mrs. William H. Jennings	1969 - 1970	
* Mrs. James L. Spellman	1970 - 1971	
* Mrs. Thomas M. Early	1971 - 1972	
Mrs. Fred I. Ward	1972 - 1973	
Mrs. Harry Perkins	1973 - 1974	
Mrs. J. H. Kester	1974 - 1975	
Mrs. Alfred K. Shipley	1975 - 1976	
* Mrs. Harry K. Ford	1976 - 1977	
* Mrs. Robert Hungate	1977 - 1978	
* Mrs. Arlo Martin	1978 - 1979	
Mrs. L. S. Daniel	1979 - 1980	
* Mrs. R. B. McArthur	1980 - 1981	
Mrs. Samuel D. James	1981 - 1983	
* Mrs. Donald Hobart	1983 - 1984	
* Mrs. R. B. McArthur	1984 - 1986	
Mrs. Dorothy Hobson	1986 - 1988	
Mrs. M. T. Palermo	1988 - 1990	
Mrs. J. H. Kester	1990 - 1992	
* Mrs. Thomas M. Early	1992 - 1993	
* Mrs. Raymond A. Pearl	1993 - 1994	
* Mrs. Thomas M. Early	1994 - 1995	
Mrs. J. H. Kester	1995 - 1997	
Mrs. Les Jones	1997 - 2000	
Mrs. Esther Jones	2000 - 2001	

* Deceased

General Board formed in 1950.

Afternoon Division, La Mesa Woman's Club, organized in 1902. Became La Mesa Woman's Club with Afternoon and Evening Divisions coordinated by a General Board in 1950.

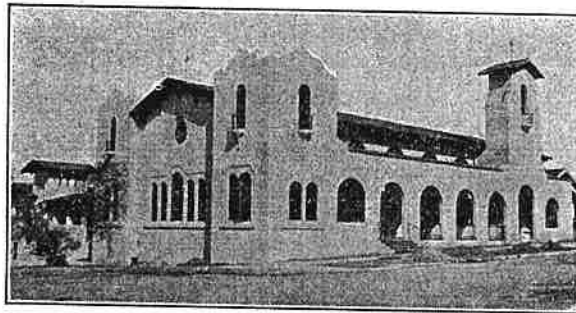
Divisions merged in 1965.

SERVICES OF DEDICATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, AND
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6
1926

Central Congregational Church

CORNER LEMON AVENUE AND EAST THIRD STREET
LA MESA, CALIFORNIA



REV. W. W. SCUDDER, D. D., *Minister*
Residence: 359 East Third Street

REV. CHAS. W. HILL, *Pastor Emeritus*
Residence: La Mesa Heights



God's Holy Dwelling

When we build, let us think that we build forever.
Let it not be for present delight, nor for present
use alone; let it be such work as our descendants
will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone
on stone, that a time is to come when those stones
will be held sacred because our hands have touched
them, and that men will say as they look upon the
labor and wrought substance of them, "See! This
our Fathers did for us."—Ruskin.



My Father's House Shall be Called a House of Prayer for All Nations

Historic Statement



HE Central Congregational church of La Mesa was organized on the 11th of July, 1909, with Rev. John W. Doane as its pastor. It derived its name from its central position between two other Congregational churches, one in La Mesa Heights and the other in Spring Valley.

Sunday services were held in the schoolhouse and mid-week meetings at homes of members. Of the 19 charter members 9 are now living, viz.: Mrs. Grace A. Canon, Mrs. Sara Upton Edwards, Mr. K. B. Finley, Mr. C. Hinck, Mrs. C. Hinck, Mr. E. B. Light, Mrs. Elizabeth Chapin Porter, all of La Mesa, and Mrs. Jean O. Borden of Los Angeles and Mrs. Mary A. Luff of Cleveland, Ohio.

After one year's ministry Mr. Doane resigned and Rev. C. W. Hill was called to the pastorate in September, 1910, and the congregation moved from the schoolroom to the opera house and proceeded to build on the church lot a building which should be the first unit of the structure which is now completed. The first building was dedicated on the 12th of February, 1911, a little less than six months after Mr. Hill's coming. After a notable pastorate of fifteen years, Mr. Hill resigned in 1925 to be continued as Pastor Emeritus by the unanimous vote of the church. The church then called Dr. W. W. Scudder, who began his ministry with Central church October 1st, 1925.

The building is admirably planned for both present and future needs with ample facilities for the important social and educational requirements of the congregation. It has been made possible by the heroic efforts of its members and their many friends and is intended for wide and constant community service.

The cost in round numbers was \$35,000, with an additional \$5,000 for furnishings. It was designed by Mr. Lewis J. Gill of San Diego and erected by the Consaul Construction company. A \$6,000 organ, built by the Pilcher company, will be installed early in April, which, with the value of lot and former building now incorporated in the new edifice, will complete a plant valued at \$60,000.

The grateful thanks of church and congregation are due the efficient building committee that has been tireless in the promotion and supervision of the work. The committee are Mr. Martin B. Christopher, chairman; Mr. Edwards W. Porter, secretary; Mrs. O. W. Todd, Mrs. E. C. Upp and Mr. Howard F. Worth.

S.D. Traffic Fatalities Rise to 8 in January

The city's traffic fatalities yesterday climbed to eight for 30 days of January—twice the toll for all the month of January, 1952, which touched off a record year of auto deaths in San Diego County.

Latest to die was Martin B. Christopher, 78, of 8505 Lemon Ave., La Mesa. He was pronounced dead at 1:05 yesterday morning in Scripps Memorial Hospital at La Jolla of injuries received in an accident on Torrey Pines grade in which his wife, Joyce, 65, also was killed.

The La Mesa couple was fatally injured when the car in which they were riding crashed at an es-

timated 55 miles an hour into the rear of a heavily-loaded truck-trailer crawling up the grade at six miles an hour, police reported.

The two deaths sent the combined city-county traffic toll to 14 killed, including six deaths in the unincorporated areas. Other cities in the county have recorded no deaths in traffic this year.

San Diego Union
Jan 31, 1953

A Friend Pays Tribute To Mr. and Mrs. Christopher

By MRS. E. C. UPP

One of the most highly esteemed couples La Mesa has ever known walked out of their spacious home—one of the show places of our city—on Wednesday morning, Jan. 23, to take a leisurly drive to Claremont and to return next day via Laguna Beach. They never returned to their beautiful and hospitable home, for death stalked the Torrey Pines grade as they were returning at dusk on Friday evening. La Mesa lost two of its beloved citizens.

Mr. Christopher's name is linked with much of the early history of La Mesa. He came here in 1911 from Bellingham, Wash., with his first wife and her parents, all of whom passed away within the next 10 years. Mrs. Emma Christopher was one of the most gracious and talented presidents of the La Mesa Woman's Club, having served from 1914 to 1917, soon after the clubhouse was built; and Mr. Christopher was the ever ready husband to lend a hand in all of the club's struggles and activities.

SEES CHURCH BUILT

After the death of his family, to each of whom he gave loving and constant care, he began to dream of an enlarged Congregational church. In 1924 he assumed the chairmanship of a finance and building committee, and the beautiful edifice as it stands today was the result of his untiring daily supervision and efforts. The new church was dedicated in 1925, entirely free from debt.

When this task was completed, he became restless and went to Claremont to live at the Claremont Inn. After several years the La Mesa ties called him back. In 1935 he married Mrs. Joyce Clemens, and after an extended eastern tour and a Hawaiian trip, they returned to La Mesa to build their dream home on the lot he had purchased many years before, which had formerly been owned by President Grant.

In this home the declining years of his life were spent quietly, but his doors were always open to

friends and to all activities of the church.

Joyce Clemens came to La Mesa in 1921, seeking health for her husband, Ralph Clemens. But in a year or so she was left a widow. She endeared herself to her host of friends, by her graciousness, unselfish interest in the Woman's Club and in her church. Her sweet smile and sympathetic words were valued by all with whom she came in contact. In December, 1923, she became a charter member of Chapter DF in PEO, and its principles were deeply embedded in her life.

After her marriage to Mr. Christopher she whole-heartedly entered into church work. She served nine years as president of the Woman's Guild, and was elected to life membership on its board. No one of Central Congregational church was more loved than she.

The many unselfish contributions of love and service of this couple will always remain a precious heritage to the church.

So have lived and served a pioneer couple who have dwelt among us and helped lay foundations of Culture and Christian ideals that will long be cherished in the memory of all who knew them.

CAPITOL AND COUNTY News Letter by RALPH R. CLOYED ASSEMBLYMAN

The California state legislature rushed its work to close shop Saturday so some members could rush to Washington to participate in the inaugural ceremonies.

The legislature received the governor's budget of \$1,326,851,805; this is a \$141,000,000 jump over the budget of a year ago.

If reaction in the legislature means anything, the legislative

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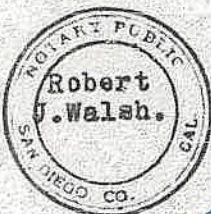
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CALIFORNIA,)
OF SAN DIEGO,) SS.

On this 21st. day of September, 1921, before me, Robert J. Walsh, a
Public In and for said County and State, personally appeared R. B. Wingo and Sara
husband & Wife, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the
ing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal the day and year in this Certificate
above written.



Robert J. Walsh,
Notary Public in and for said
County and State.

d at request of Union Title Co. of San Diego, (Squire) Sep. 24, 1921. At 9 o'clock A.M.

John H. Ferry, County Recorder,

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By N. C. Parsons, Deputy.

COMPARED

J. W. Drum
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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GRANT DEED

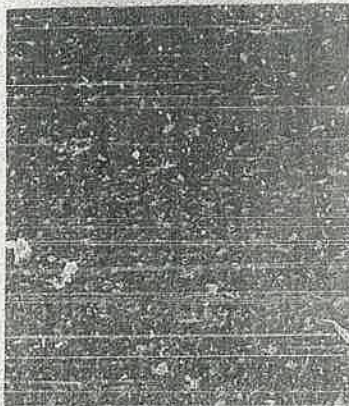
INDIVIDUAL

ELIZABETH D. CORNUE and CHARLES E. CORNUE,

For and in consideration of TEN and 00/100 DOLLARS,

DO HEREBY GRANT to M. B. CHRISTOPHER,

ALL THAT REAL PROPERTY situated in the City of La Mesa, County of San Diego



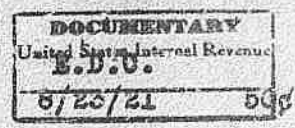
State of California, bounded and described as follows:

Lot Two (2) in Block Six (6) of Outlook Terrace, according to official map thereof filed in the office of the County Recorder of said San Diego County,

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted and described premises unto the said Grantee, his heirs and assigns forever.

WITNESS our hands and seals this 23rd day of August, 1921.

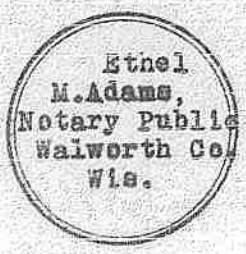
Signed and Executed in presence of } Elizabeth D. Cornue, (SEAL)
E. M. Adams, } Charles E. Cornue, (SEAL)
J. J. Kemmett, }



State of Wisconsin, }
County of Walworth, } ss.

On this 23rd day of Aug. A.D., Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one, before me, Ethel M. Adams, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Elizabeth D. Cornue and Charles E. Cornue, known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and Official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.



Ethel M. Adams,
Notary Public for Walworth County,
My Commission Expires Aug. 27th, 1922.

Recorded at Request of Union Title Co. of San Diego, (Squire) Sep. 24, 1921. At 9 o'clock A.M.

John H. Ferry, County Recorder,
By H. C. Parsons, Deputy.

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UNPAID

J. W. Drummond
COUNTY CLERK

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO.

No. 10770

Dept.----

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF

EMMA F. CHRISTOPHER,
Deceased.DECREE SETTLING FINAL
ACCOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION.

Comes now Martin B. Christopher, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Emma F. Christopher, Deceased, and proves to the satisfaction of the Court that his Final Account and report and Petition for Distribution was filed herein upon the 6th day of August, 1923; that on the same date the Clerk of this Court appointed the 17th day of August, 1923, for hearing settlement thereof; that due notice of the time and place thereof was given as required by law; that said hearing was upon said 17th day of August, 1923, duly continued by the Court to the 31st day of August, 1923; and the Court having heard the evidence and it appearing that said Account and Report is in all respects true and correct and supported by proper vouchers, and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT THE SAID DECEDENT died on or about the 12th day of January, 1922, testate, and at the time of her death was a resident of the County of San Diego, State of California; that said decedent left a Last Will and Testament which has been duly admitted to probate herein; that the following are named as legatees and devisees in said Will:

Alexander Campbell, Father.

Jennie G. Campbell, Mother;

Heirs of Martin B. Christopher, Husband, in case testatrix survived him.

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING that all the debts and expenses of administration have been fully paid and discharged; that all taxes upon the property belonging to said estate have been paid and that there is no inheritance tax due from said estate, and that said estate is ready for distribution and to be closed:

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the said Alexander Campbell one of the said legatees, and devisees, died prior to the death of the testatrix, that the testatrix left surviving her as her only heirs at law her mother, Jennie G. Campbell, and her surviving husband, Martin B. Christopher, and it further appearing that the said Jennie G. Campbell has executed and filed herein an assignment of all her interest as an heir of said Emma F. Christopher, or as legatee or devisee under the Last Will and Testament of said Emma F. Christopher, to Martin B. Christopher,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Final Account and Report of said executor filed herein be, and the same is hereby settled, allowed and approved as filed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the estate remaining in the hands of the executor herein, as hereinafter described, and all other property of said estate of whatever kind and wherever located, whether described herein or not, or which may be hereafter discovered, in pursuance to said Last Will and Testament, and in pursuance of the laws of the State of California, as to any property owned by the testatrix and as to which she died intestate, be, and it hereby is, distributed to Martin B. Christopher.

The property hereinbefore referred to and remaining in the hands of said executor consists of the following described real estate:

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) in Block 5;

Lots fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) in Block 3; and

Lots Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13) in Block 3 except the east sixty-two and one-

half (52 1/2) feet of said Lots Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13), in Outlook Terrace in the City of La Mesa, County of San Diego, State of California.

W. P. Cary,
Judge.

Dated August 31, 1923.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO. } SS.

I, J. B. McLEES, 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 within copy with the original DECREE SETTLING FINAL ACCOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION, 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 4th day of Sept. 1923.



J. B. McLees, Clerk.
By L. L. Bailey, Deputy.

Recorded at Request of W. Garfield, Sep. 4, 1923, At 3 Min. past 2 o'clock P.M.

John H. Ferry, County Recorder,
By L. B. Woodard, Deputy.

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W. P. Cary
COUNTY CLERK

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~~THE HOME LAND ACRES COMPANY, a corporation organized under the laws of Colorado and doing business in the State of California, in consideration of One Dollar, and other value received, does grant to the San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Company, a corporation, organized under the laws of the State of California, the right and easement to overhang, with its cross-arms and electric wires, at a distance not less than twenty-five feet above the ground, that certain real property situate in the County of San Diego, State of California, described as follows: to-wit:~~

~~The Easterly Five (5) feet of Lot Four (4) in Block Twenty-eight (28), and the Easterly Five (5) feet of Lots Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Twenty-nine (29), of Homeland Acres Addition to Escondido, Number Two (2), as per Map thereof Number Twelve Hundred and forty-one (1241) filed in the office of the Recorder of the said County of San Diego;~~

~~ALSO: The Easterly Five (5) feet of Lots A, D and E in Block Thirty-two (32) of the Resubdivision of a portion of said Homeland Acres Addition to Escondido, Number Two (2), as per Map thereof Number Seventeen Hundred Twenty-one (1721) on file in the office of the Recorder of the said County of San Diego.~~

~~This deed, and the rights hereby granted, are upon the following conditions, and subject to the following reservations and restrictions, to-wit:~~

~~FIRST: That the grantee herein, or its successors or assigns, shall, at all times, whenever and as requested, furnish to the grantor, (and to its successors in interest in any and all parts of the aforesaid tracts of land and also in any and all parts of the lots or tracts of land shown on said Map Number 1721, by deeds from the grantor, or its~~

~~successors, hereinafter or hereinafter made, electricity from its electric wires, at the~~

Photographed By L. K. WORDEN, Deputy Recorder

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8 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

10 No. 49527

11 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
12 OF
13 MARTIN B. CHRISTOPHER, DECEASED

14 ORDER CONFIRMING SALE OF
REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

15 The return of sale of THE FIRST NATIONAL TRUST AND
16 SAVINGS BANK OF SAN DIEGO, a national banking association, as
17 Executor of the Last Will and Testament of MARTIN B. CHRISTOPHER,
18 deceased, upon the sale of that certain real and personal property
19 more particularly hereinafter described, came on regularly to be
20 heard this 15th day of May, 1953, and it appearing to the satis-
21 faction of the Court that notice of the time and place of the
22 hearing of said Return of Sale has been regularly given in the
23 manner and for the time required by the Probate Code of the State
24 of California; that said Executor gave notice of sale as required
25 by said Probate Code and on the 28th day of April, 1953 sold said
26 property to WILLIAM ROSS STARKEY and HELENA STARKEY, husband and
27 wife, as the community property of said purchasers, at private
28 sale, for the sum of Thirty-two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars
29 (\$32,300.00) in cash, said sum being the highest and best sum
30 bid; that the said sum so offered is more than ninety per cent
31 of the appraised value of the said property; that there is reason
32 for the sale upon the ground that it is for the advantage, benefit

8 a commission of 5% of the gross sale price for
9 in connection with said sale.

10 IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that
11 said sale be, and the same is hereby confirmed; that said executor
12 be, and it hereby is, empowered and directed to execute a conveyance
13 in favor of the purchasers of that certain real property situated
14 in the City of La Mesa, County of San Diego, State of California,
15 more particularly described as follows, to wit:

16 Lot five (5) of Grant Terrace in the City of
17 La Mesa, County of San Diego, State of California,
18 according to Map thereof No. 2242,
19 filed March 4, 1940, in the office of the
20 County Recorder of said San Diego County;

21 together with all of the household furniture and furnishings of
22 the decedent located at 6505 Lemon Avenue, La Mesa, California.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said executor is hereby
24 authorized to pay the customary expenses in connection with a
25 policy of title insurance and other incidental expenses in con-
26 nection with the sale of said real and personal property; that
27 said executor is hereby authorized to pay Glasgow Realty Co. a
28 sum equal to 5% of the gross sale price as a real estate commission
29 in connection with said sale.

30 DONE IN OPEN COURT this 15th day of May, 1953.

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JUDGE OF SAID SUPERIOR COURT

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H. J. Sexton
County Clerk and Recorder
San Diego, California

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The foregoing instrument is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in this office.

MAY 18 1953
H. J. SEXTON, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of San Diego.
By *[Signature]* Deputy

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City & State 140 Marine View Dr., Ste. 201
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SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE

MAIL TAX STATEMENTS TO

Name Rodney Starkey
Street Address 1141 E Street
City & State San Diego, CA 92101

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THIS FORM FURNISHED BY TRUSTORS SECURITY SERVICE

The undersigned Grantor(s) declare(s) under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX \$... NO Consideration

- () computed on full value of property conveyed, or
() computed on full value less value of liens and encumbrances remaining at time of sale.
() Unincorporated area: () City of _____, and

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is herethy acknowledged,

RODNEY ROSS STARKEY, as Successor Trustee of the HELENA AMELIA STARKEY TRUST*

hereby REMISE(S), RELEASE(S) AND FOREVER QUITCLAIM(S) to
RODNEY ROSS STARKEY, an unmarried man

at 8505 Lemon Avenue
the following described real property in the City of La Mesa county of San Diego
state of California:

Lot 5, Grant Terrace

QRP 2242

*Order Approving First and Final Account recorded File/Page No.
76-343784

Dated April 29, 1992

State of California

County of SAN DIEGO

On this the 29th day of April 1992,

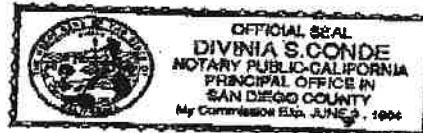
before me, Divinia S. Conde

the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared

RODNEY ROSS STARKEY

- ☐ personally known to me
☒ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence
to be the person(s) whose name(s) _____ subscribed to the
within instrument, and acknowledged that He executed it.
WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Divinia S. Conde
Notary's Signature



If executed by a Corporation the Corporation Form
of Acknowledgment must be used.

(This area for official notarial seal)

Title Order No. _____ Escrow, Loan or Attorney File No. _____

MAIL TAX STATEMENTS AS DIRECTED ABOVE

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from each, may be exercised not only in the interest of the trust estate, but for the benefit of any beneficiary. The income remaining after such expenditures as the Trustee shall elect to pay therefrom, shall constitute net income.

(4) The Trustee shall receive reasonable compensation for its services to be fixed by the Court.

(5) Wherever the term "this trust" is used in this instrument, it is intended that such term shall apply to all trusts created under this instrument unless otherwise provided herein.

(6) In the event my husband, WILLIAM ROSS STARKEY, is unable to act as Trustee for any reason whatsoever, or should he resign and not desire to act, then I nominate and appoint my son, RODNEY ROSS STARKEY, as Trustee without bond. In the event my son is unable to act for any reason whatsoever, or should he resign and not desire to act, then I nominate and appoint the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRST NATIONAL BANK, a national banking association, as succeeding Trustee.

"SIXTH: All inheritance and/or estate taxes upon any transfer or property included in my gross estate, for the purpose of determining such taxes, which shall become payable by reason of my death, shall be paid out of principal of the residuary trust estate without apportionment, deduction or reimbursement therefor."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that Executor make distribution of said estate as above set forth and file receipts for same with the Clerk of this Court.

OCT 15 1976

Dated: _____

GILBERT HARELSON

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

76-343784

The foregoing instrument is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in this office 1976

Attest
County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of San Diego

ROBERT D. ZUMWALT

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AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

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8505 Lemon Avenue
La Mesa, CA

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GREGORY J. SMITH, COUNTY RECORDER

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GRANT DEED

THE UNDERSIGNED GRANTOR(S) DECLARE(S) THAT DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX IS ~~5582.50~~ **\$852.50**

- ☐ grantees are expressly declaring that the transfer of the property is to be community property with right of survivorship
☒ computed on full value of property conveyed, or
☐ computed on full value less value of liens or encumbrances remaining at time of sale.
☐ unincorporated area X city of LA MESA AND

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,
Rodney Ross Starkeyhereby GRANT(S) to Brenda Potts, A Single Woman
and Thomas P. Hurner, A Single Man, as Joint Tenantsthe following described real property in the City of LA MESA County of SAN DIEGO, State of California:LOT 5 OF GRANT TERRACE, IN THE CITY OF LA MESA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
ACCORDING TO MAP THEREOF NO. 2242, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID
COUNTY, MARCH 4, 1940.
Rodney Ross Starkey

Document Date: December 5, 2002

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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COUNTY OF

On 12-9-02

before me

Jim E Carmichael Jrpersonally appeared Rodney Ross Starkeypersonally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within
instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s)
on the instrument the person(s) on the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature



MAIL TAX STATEMENTS TO: SAME AS ABOVE or Address Noted Below

Name

Street Address

City & State

CONSTRUCTION

BUILDING

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ACTIVITY IS REPORTED IN LA MESA



In reporting impressive new-home-building activity, La Mesa stresses the outstanding individuality expressed by such new residences as that shown above. This distinctive 10-room residence is being built for M. B. Christopher by the A. L. & A. E. Dennstedt Building Co. "Individuality, rather than monotonous, standardized designs, marks the residences built by the A. L. & A. E. Dennstedt Building Co." is the way one prominent La Mesan explains the charm of the new homes. Included in its La Mesa new-home-construction program is a three-unit residence and income structure for John Dahlgren. County-wide activity is reported by the organization.

Paint Discus Care

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Doorway Should Blend With House

There are many types of doorways, porticos, and entries, but just any one will not fit the individual house. The fidelity of the architectural design is dependent upon the selection of the correct doorway just as much as it is on the correct type of roof.

In modernizing the exterior of a dwelling care should be exercised to see that if the remodeling changes the design that the doorway or portico is changed to blend

Metal Window Screens Available

The problem of screening metal windows ceases to be a problem for the home owner who has foresight enough to take into consideration the need for screens when planning his home. Manufacturers of metal windows can supply screen of any type without having to make the screen especially for the specific house.

Three standard type of screens are usually available. They are the stationary half screen which is applied to the lower part of the window on the outside and held in

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BUSINESS

REMODELING

of Walls, Draperies Are Used in Combating Illnesses

BY LENORE KENT

ON, July 15—Because influence played by emotions, it is being the days that physi-

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combines turquoise, cream and peaches to its gay pattern, and the furniture—painted turquoise blue—includes a large chair upholstered in color-colored herring bone material.

FOR DARK ROOMS

For a room inclined to be dark cream-painted walls and woodwork would reflect considerable light. The furniture might be painted to match the walls or it might be blue-green to match the border of the mo- leum and the chair covering. Egg- plant color chintz could be used for window draperies.

A fourth color scheme employs a delicate peach tint for walls and woodwork with a deeper peach shade for the dado. Here again the furniture matches the walls, while a brown linoleum, cream bordered covers the floor. Draperies and chair cover are made of figured chintz in brown and rose.

Both linoleum-covered and painted floors, kept nicely waxed, have their sanitary advantages for a sick room because they are so easily cleaned. And speaking of sanitary aspects, scientific proofs declare painted walls are more sanitary than other types—their smooth surfaces offer no chance for germs to get a foothold. As paint is water-proof, no moisture may be retained to encourage the propagation of bacteria.

FHA Does Not Lend

The Federal Housing Administration lends no money. It insures loans made by private financial institutions operating under provisions of the National Housing Act.

COMMON AFFLICTION

Jerome—"That's my late wife."
Rod—"I didn't know you were divorced."
Jerome—"I'm not, but look at my watch."

Window Shades Linoleum Venetian Blinds

Window Shades Repaired
Venetian Blinds refinished in our own shop
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AMONG the many La Mesans who point with pride to homes the A. L. & A. E. Dennstedt Co. is building for them, are M. B. Christopher, 8505 Lemon Ave., and John Dahlgren.

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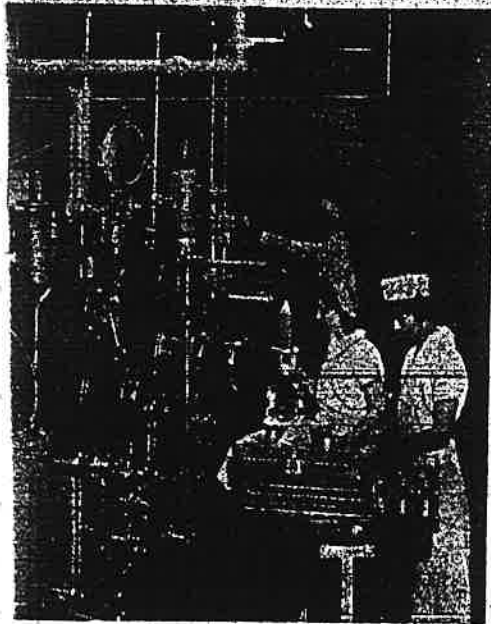
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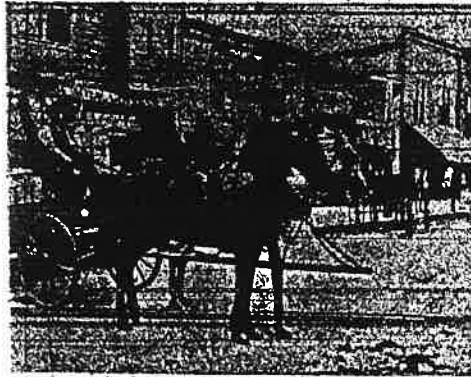


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GRAM COMPLETED BY 47-YEAR-OLD DAIRY FOUNDED ON 'SHOESTRING' IN 1891



Known as continuous freezers, and are the latest addition to the creamery. Ice cream is mixed and rapidly frozen at extremely low temperatures, resulting in the formation of ice crystals in the product. The ice cream is packed from these mixers.



between B and C sts. on Fourth ave. in 1895. At that time, and delivery equipment consisted of one team, five single



in 1900. The lady in the picture is Mrs. S. J. Wines, wife of the founder of Hages, W. B. Hage sr.

IRIS DOESN'T MISS BEETHOVEN

ARIS, Dec. 3 (A.P.)—Ten years ago, a statue of Beethoven, dedicated to the composer, was placed in a position on a stone base near the Bolshoi Theatre in Paris. The Friends of Beethoven society petitioned to authorities that they'd like a real stone statue as they got the money.

Soviet Army Numbers 2-Million-Ski Experts

MOSCOW, Dec. 3 (I.N.S.)—It is estimated that no fewer than 2,000,000 soldiers of the Soviet army are expert skiers. About 275,000 Moscow residents, both men and women, are now attending the 56 ski-training centers available in the Soviet capital and its environs.

Typical of the spirit which always seems to have influenced the management of Hage's Ltd., was the announcement this week of completion of an expansion program. The purpose of this plant improvement has been to increase the quality of the firm's products, and to increase efficiency, according to Willard B. Hage Jr., president of the company and son of the founder.

"One of the chief concerns of a milk and ice cream company is refrigeration," Hage said. "This is because milk, cream and ice cream are such perishable products. Proper and constant refrigeration all along the line is vital in governing the quality of the product when it reaches the consumer."

EQUIPMENT EXPLAINED

Wilbur T. Thomas, vice president of the firm, and directly in charge of the plant modernization, explained:

"The latest step in our modernization program, for instance, was the installation of two continuous ice cream freezers. These are the very latest development in ice cream machinery, and enable us to freeze our ice cream at 22 degrees Fahrenheit. It is then packaged and frozen for storage in a rigid tunnel."

"It also permits a more even mixing of the ingredients. By such rapid freezing, we prevent ice crystals from forming in the ice cream. To the consumer this means that he gets a much smoother ice cream with a creamier flavor."

"While we all fondly refer to 'good old home-made ice cream,' none of us would actually enjoy eating home-made ice cream any more. Our taste has become educated to the finer quality of modern commercial ice cream, and we would figuratively 'throw rocks' at the old-fashioned kind, in which it is impossible to prevent these ice crystals from forming," Thomas explained.

ESTABLISHED IN 1891

The company always has been characterized by vision. Established on the proverbial "shoestring" in 1891 by the late W. B. Hage sr., the company has grown and expanded until today it is regarded as one of the finest and most modern creamery plants in the entire west. It manufactures approximately half of all the ice cream consumed in San Diego county and is the third largest milk distributor in the county.

It was in 1931 that the company reentered the milk field, after having specialized exclusively in ice cream for 15 years. This expansion was at a time when business heads were waging in alarm.

"In investing \$45,000 in our plant at that particular time," Hage said, "we were accomplishing two things. First, we were meeting the need in San Diego for a top quality milk distributed exclusively through retail stores. We have maintained this policy of exclusivity since distribution under the slogan of 'Make your grocer your milkman.'"

ALWAYS IN FAMILY

"Our second objective was to give employment at a time when tradesmen and workers were vitally in need of work. Many new trucks and vehicles were required to distribute the milk and cream from our dairy plant, in addition to routes already established for our ice cream department. Our payroll today is the largest in the history of our business, and we confidently look forward to a new year of continued growth and development."

The Hage organization always has been owned and managed by members of the Hage family. The company was founded by the father of Willard B. Hage Jr., president. Other officers are Mr. Thomas, brother-in-law of Mr. Hage, and vice president of the company; Mrs. W. B. Hage sr., second vice president; Edna Hage Ellis, treasurer.

Japan's Whaling Fleet Largest in History

TOKYO, Dec. 3 (I.N.S.)—Japan's 1938-39 whaling fleet will be the largest in history with the catch expected to show a corresponding increase, government spokesmen said today.

A new feature of the whaling operations will be the facilities for packing considerable volume of whale meat. Its consumption is being encouraged by the government as an emergency measure to conserve meat supplies. In previous years, arrivals of whale meat were limited to 1000 tons annually, but this restriction has now been removed.

Facts are stubborn things that never apologize to anybody.

CITY'S OLDEST DENTIST OPENED OFFICE AS HEAT-RECORD SET



DR. J. M. WILSON
A thermometer broke.

Builders 22 Years



A. L. Dennstedt (above) and A. E. Dennstedt, builders.

One of the oldest dental offices in San Diego is that of Dr. J. M. Wilson, who started his practice of dentistry on Sept. 11, 1913, at the corner of Fifth ave. and Market st.

In those days Fifth and Market was regarded as the center of the business district. Dr. Wilson recalls that a few days following the opening of his office San Diego experienced its hottest day on record. The heat shattered the huge thermometer that Mayor Wicks had installed on the Plaza, and it was claimed that almost half of the chicken population of the county died that day as the result of the heat.

In 1914 Dr. Wilson moved to Fifth ave. between E and F sts., where he did dental work for large numbers of the boys that were being outfitted for war service in the navy. Shortly after this Dr. Wilson enlarged and moved his offices to the corner of Third ave. and Broadway, where he has been located ever since.

Building Firm Formed in 1916

Palatial Residences, Cottages Put Up

Since 1916 San Diego has maintained a position near the top among American cities with the highest per capita home building records. It was in that year that A. L. and A. E. Dennstedt entered the local field as builders, bringing with them a wealth of construction experience.

The A. L. and A. E. Dennstedt Building company has constructed some of the county's most palatial homes and some of its most modest, modern affairs; commercial structures and apartment houses. The service it offers includes ideas, planning, financing and building.

A. L. Dennstedt, company president, also is head of San Diego chapter, Building Contractors association. A. E. Dennstedt is in charge of the company's sales and advisory divisions. Norman Dennstedt is director of construction. Henry Landt, director of drafting. General offices are at 3144 Fifth

FREE AS JAIL IN BOOM TOWN GETS OFFICIAL-BAN

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 3 (A.P.)—The Grand river dam boom town of Disney is going to have to stop substituting a tree, a chain and a padlock for a jail. Mrs. Mabel Bassett, state commissioner of charities and corrections, declared.

"They have no place to keep prisoners," said Mrs. Bassett, who investigated the situation. "They chain them to a tree. Last week they chained an intoxicated woman to the tree. She didn't like it and I don't blame her. They have chained men there in the past."

"They'll have to build a jail or take the prisoners to Pryor or one of the near-by towns."

She wrote D. C. Armstrong, chairman of the Disney townsite board, the practice must be stopped.

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION:

1. COMMON NAME: Stout House
2. HISTORIC NAME: Margaret Stout House
3. ADDRESS: 8502 Lemon Avenue
ZIP: 92041 COUNTY: San Diego CITY: La Mesa
4. PARCEL #: 494-291-16
5. PRESENT OWNER: W. and T. Wiebolt
ADDRESS: 5905 Lubbock St. CITY: La Mesa
ZIP: 92041 OWNERSHIP IS: PUBLIC: PRIVATE: xx
6. PRESENT USE: Residence
ORIGINAL USE: Residence

DESCRIPTION:

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

Legal Description: Outlook Terrace, 16/3.

This bungalow stands on a hillside below the level of the street. The house is a horizontal rectangle in shape. The medium gable roof is covered with green asphalt shingles. The eaves are wide and low with exposed rafter ends. Some support beams extend beyond the edge of the roof at the gable ends. A gablet faces the street and is covered on the street side with fishscale shingles. The house has redwood siding, and all the windows are double sashed. An entrance porch is concealed by the dense shrubbery. A lower level of this house sits on the hillside under the main house and has large windows for a panoramic view of the city.



8. CONST. DATE:
EST: 1913 FACT:
9. ARCHITECT:
Unknown
10. BUILDER:
Unknown
11. APPROX. PROP. SIZE(FT):
FRONT. 150 DEPTH. 75
OR APPROX. ACREAGE:
12. DATE(S) OF PHOTO(S):
1982

