

8318 Allison Ave

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: BOWERS HOME A. 3625200 B. 498400
2. Historic name: BOWERS HOME
3. Street or rural address: 8318 Allison Avenue (8318 & 8320)
 City La Mesa Zip 92041 County San Diego
4. Parcel number: 494-252-16
5. Present Owner: Samual I. & Helen T. Matson Address: 7997 Blue Lake Dr.
 City San Diego Zip 92119 Ownership is: Public ☐ Private ☒
6. Present Use: Residence (duplex) Original use: Residence (duplex)
Wheeler Tr, ely 82.5' lot 1 & 2,
Block 2

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 two-story structure covered by wooden clapboard siding is a mirror-image duplex with each unit occupying half of both floors. The main roof is hipped and the broad two story porch across the front has a gabled roof. The first story of the porch has siding extending up to railing height and four square wooden columns supporting the closed second story. Craftsman influences are found in the projecting eaves and exposed rafters; the projecting gable roof edge and its end board, supported by two knee braces, and the paneled front doors with small square glass panes. The duplex is set back from the street with a small front yard. Garages of a similar vintage stand at the back of the property: a triple garage on the west and a single one on the east.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date: Estimated 1925 Factual _____
9. Architect UNKNOWN
10. Builder UNKNOWN
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 82.50 Depth 100
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) _____

13. Condition: Good

14. Alterations: _____
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: Triple garage at the back of the lot on the west, single on east.

SIGNIFICANCE

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

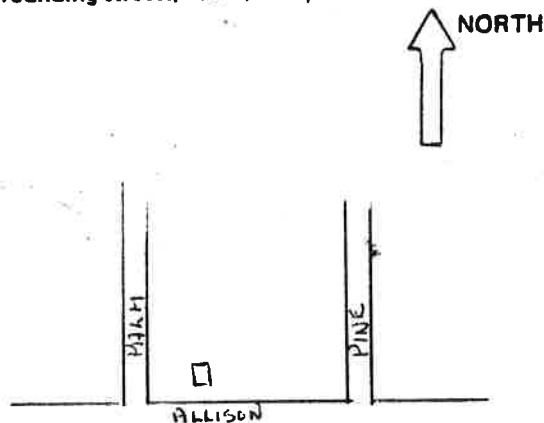
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20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture ☒ Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates). San Diego County Records-Deeds; City Directories; Sanborn Maps 1911 & 1929; interviews with Ruth Raush 3/7/82, Mary Atkinson 3/7/82.

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

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



8/2/41 Nellie Morgan to Frank C. Gable, 2
 9/13/41 Gable to ^{Charles} Bessie M. Bowers, 2
 2/2/1951 Bowers to Itha A + Harmon O. Smith, 2
 4/27/1953 Smith to Mabel Calhoun, 2

1961 owner Harold Buechel - repairs

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UTM: A 3625200 B 498400
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3. ADDRESS:..8318 Allison Ave.....CITY:..La Mesa.....
ZIP:..92041.COUNTY:..San Diego 4. PARCEL #:..494-252-16..
5. PRESENT OWNER:..Samuel I. & Helen T. Matson.....
ADDRESS:..7997 Blue Lake Dr....CITY:..San Diego.....
ZIP:..92119.OWNERSHIP IS: PUBLIC:....PRIVATE:..X.....
6. PRESENT USE:.....Residence(duplex).....
ORIGINAL USE:.....Residence(duplex).....

DESCRIPTION:

7A:ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:.....Homestead.....

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:..1925.FACT:.....
ARCHITECT:
.....Unknown.....
BUILDER:.....
.....Unknown.....
APPROX. PROP. SIZE (FT)
FRONT:..82.5DEPTH:..100..
OR APPROX. ACREAGE:
DATE(S) OF PHOTO(S):
.....1982.....

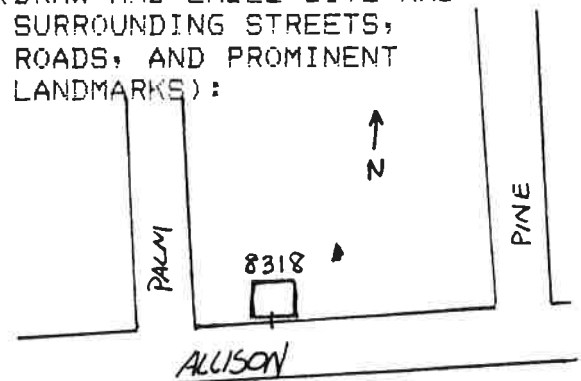
13. CONDITION: EXCELL...GOOD.X.FAIR...DETERIORATED.....
 NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.....
 14. ALTERATIONS:.....
 15. SURROUNDINGS: (CHK MORE THAN ONE IF NECESSARY)
 OPEN LAND...SCATTERED BLDGS...DENSELY BUILT-UP...X.....
 RESID.X..INDUST....COM'L.X..OTHER.....
 16. THREAT TO SITE: NONE KNOWN.X..PVT DEVEL....ZONING.....
 VANDALISM....PUBLIC WORK PROJECT....OTHER.....
 17. IS STRUCT.: ON ITS ORIG SITE?.X.MOVED?...UNKNOWN?.....
 18. RELATED FEATURES: Triple garage at back on west; single
 SIGNIFICANCE on east side.

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 RESOURCE: (IF MORE THAN ONE IS CHKD; NUMBER IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE.)
 ARCHITECT.X.ARTS & LEISURE...
 ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL.....
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT.....
 GOVT....MILITARY...RELIG...
 SOCIAL/EDUCATION.....

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



21. SOURCES (LIST BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, AND THEIR DATES).
 S.D. County Records Office
 City Directories
 Interviews with Ruth Raush 3/7/82
 Mary Atkinson 3/7/82

22. DATE FORM PREPARED. Jan '82....
 BY (NAME).. CompuShare, Inc....
 ORGANIZATION... of Calif.....
 ADDRESS.. 2725 Barnson Pl.....
 CITY.. San Diego... ZIP. 92103..
 PHONE.. (714) 296-8619.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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