HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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A. 11/498100/3624960

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Orcutt House
2. Historic name: Staples-Orcutt House
3. Street or rural address: 4576 Acacia Ave

City La Mesa Zip 92041 County San Diego

4. Parcel number: 470-602-05
5. Present Owner: Barbara Faurote Address: 4525 Alta Lane

City La Mesa Zip 92041 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X

6. Present Use: residential Original use: residential

DESCRIPTION

Grable's Addn Block 3, lot 4

7a. Architectural style: semi-bungalow

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

This unusual one-and-one-half story symmetrical semi bungalow stands on a lot that rises from the street behind a fieldstone retaining wall at the sidewalk. The house has a medium gable roof with a large dormer facing the street. A porch with a shed roof extends across the entire front of the house and is entered from the side. Two square wooden posts standing on elephantine-like bases support the porch roof. The exterior of the house consists of rock-faced concrete block on the first story with horizontal wooden siding on the second level. The porch has painted wood shingle siding. The front of the house has paired double hung windows flanking the front door which has an oval glass window in it. The dormer has a row of six fixed single sash window set celsely together. A wooden stairway to the upper level has been added on one side of the house.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date: Estimated 1910 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet) Frontage 50 Depth 140 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) 1982

13. CONDITION: GOOD

14. Alterations: exterior stairway to upper level added

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential X Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ___

16. Threats to site: None known X Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: ___

17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___

18. Related features: trees, shrubs, rock retaining wall, another house on lot (4525 Alta LN)

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 X Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

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

Sanborn Fire Ins Maps 1911, 1929
City and County directories
S.D. Recorder: Deeds 492:490; 920:496
La Mesa Scout Dec 10, 1921

22. Date form prepared 3/22/82
By (name) kw
Organization ___
Address: ___
City ___ Zip ___
Phone: ___

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

4576 Acacia

470-602-05
Owner: Barbara Faurote
4525 Alta Lane, La Mesa

Legal: Grable's Addition, Block 3, Lot 4

Note: There are two houses on Lot 4 - one facing Alta Ln (4525 Alta) where the owner lives, and the second facing Acacia (4576).

For this reason, no parcel number will be found by looking under the 4576 Acacia address.

4576 Acacia Avenue Unable to locate at Assessors need info

Karna found house w/#s on it Grabler 7/3

Cannot be found at Assessors Jr

~~4538 is 3/4 Kind~~

Use the data have title

1931 City directory = Benjamin M. (Orleleary) ~~[illegible]~~
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12/10/1908 A C Grable to Martin & Bessie Knudtson
5/29/09 Knudtson to Frank Kruse
4/13/10 " to John Brierly
7/5/10 " to C A & Carrie Reynolds
12/23/22 Brierly to Jennie ~~John~~ Staples
2/9/23 Staples to Benjamin M. Orcutt

State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Ser. No. ____
HABS ____ HAER ____ NR ____ SHL ____ Loc ____
UTM: A 498100 B 3624960
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H4576:1
IDENTIFICATION:
1.COMMON NAME:.....Orcutt House.....
2.HISTORIC NAME:.....Staples-Orcutt House.....
3.ADDRESS:...4576 Acacia Ave.....CITY:..La Mesa.....
ZIP:.92041.COUNTY:.San Diego 4.PARCEL #:.470-602-05..
5.PRESENT OWNER:...Barbara Faurote.....
ADDRESS:...4525 Alta Lane.....CITY:....La Mesa.....
ZIP:.92041.OWNERSHIP IS: PUBLIC:....PRIVATE:..X.....
6.PRESENT USE:.....Residential.....
ORIGINAL USE:.....Residential.....
DESCRIPTION:
7A:ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:....Semi-bungalow.....
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7B:BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE AND DESCRIBE ANY MAJOR ALTERATIONS FROM ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION.
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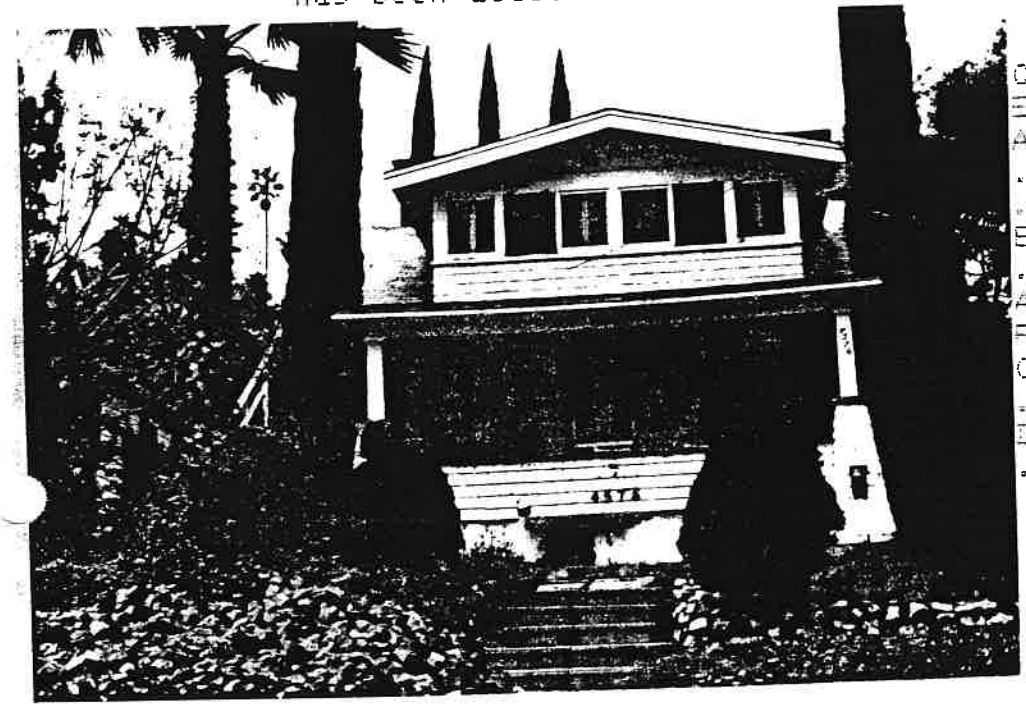

CONST.DATE:
EST:.1910.FACT:.....
ARCHITECT:
....Unknown.....
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BUILDER:.....
.....Unknown.....
APPROX.PROP.SIZE(FT)
FRONT:.50..DEPTH.140..
OR APPROX.ACREAGE:
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DATE(S) OF PHOTO(S):
.....1982.....

13. CONDITION: EXCELL...GOOD.X.FAIR...DETERIORATED.....
NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.....
14. ALTERATIONS:.Exterior to upper level added.....
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, shrubs,rock retaining wall....
another house on lot(4525)

SIGNIFICANCE

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

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ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL.....
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT.....
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21. SOURCES(LIST BOOKS,DOCUMENTS, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS;AND THEIR DATES).
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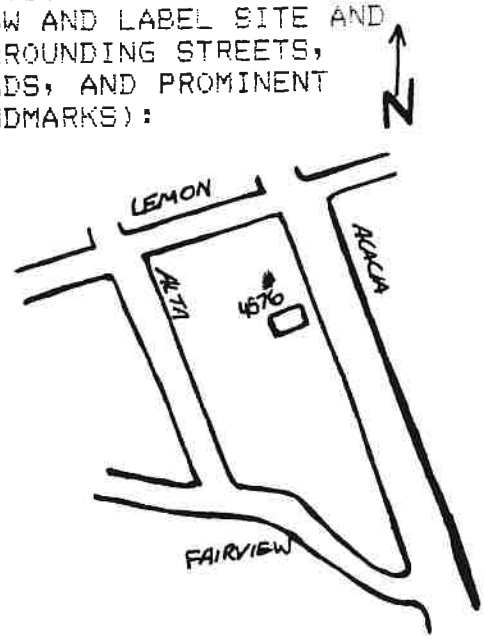
County Recorders office
LA MESA SCOUT, 12/10/21,3/22/82.
Sanborn Fire Maps.

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

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



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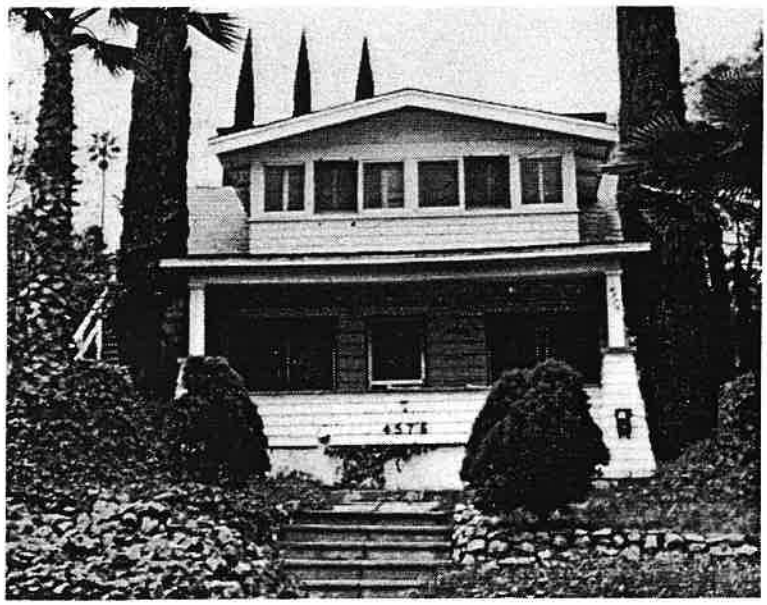

8. CONST. DATE:
   EST: 1910 FACT:
9. ARCHITECT:
   Unknown
10. BUILDER:
    Unknown
11. APPROX. PROP. SIZE(FT):
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    OR APPROX. ACREAGE:

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22. DATE FORM PREPARED: March 1982
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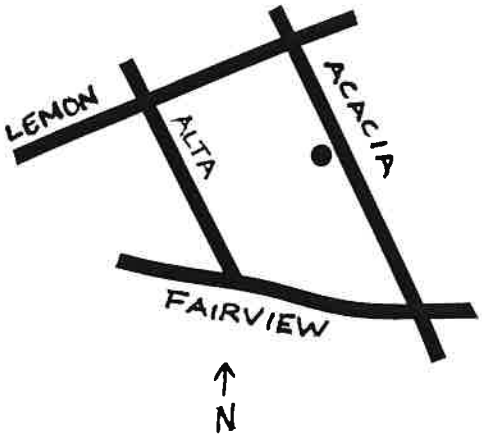
ORGANIZATION: SANDAG
ADDRESS: 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 524
CITY: San Diego ZIP: 92101
PHONE: (619) 236-5300

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