

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

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR _____ SHL _____ Loc _____
UTM: A 11/498125/3624640 B _____
C _____ D _____

IDENTIFICATION

- 8/9
H4523
Arnold
1. Common name: Arnold House
 2. Historic name: Arnold House
 3. Street or rural address: 4523 Acacia Ave
City La Mesa Zip 92041 County San Diego
 4. Parcel number: 470-613-02
 5. Present Owner: Alice T. (Lester) Williams Address: 4523 Acacia Ave
City La Mesa Zip 92041 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
 6. Present Use: residence Original use: residence

DESCRIPTION

- W 75' & S 45', lot 23, Bl. 4
Grable's Addition
- 7a. Architectural style: Mission Revival
 - 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This small, almost symmetrical, one story house has a painted stucco exterior and a shallow red tiled gable on each side of the entrance extending in front of the front parapet. A red tiled hood covers the small recessed entrance porch at the center. Several types of windows have been used in this house: metal casement windows, wide fixed windows, and narrow double hung windows with several panes in a row across the top of the upper sashes. There is an exterior chimney at the north end of the house, and a room addition with wood siding at the rear. Aluminum awnings over the windows and attached to the entrance hood are later alterations which detract from the appearance. The metal casement windows may be replacements.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:
Estimated 1926 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 45 Depth 75
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1982

14. Alterations: room addition at rear with wood siding
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: separate garage at rear; landscaping

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Mission and Spanish style architecture became popular in San Diego County in the 1920's. The Gertrude Arnold House is a remaining example of the Mission Revival style in La Mesa as adapted in a small home.

The Arnold House stands on property subdivided by Sherman Grable in 1906. During the early 1920's, the lot was owned by Peter and Pauline Kamp; then by David C. Marker, a building contractor, and his wife Nellie; and in 1922, by Clyde and Nellie French. Clyde French was a civil engineer, city councilman, and treasurer of the La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Spring Valley Irrigation District. Gertrude Arnold purchased and mortgaged the property in 1925 and probably had the house built around the same time. The first known residents of the house were Morris and Adelaide Hancock who lived there from around 1927 into the 1940's.

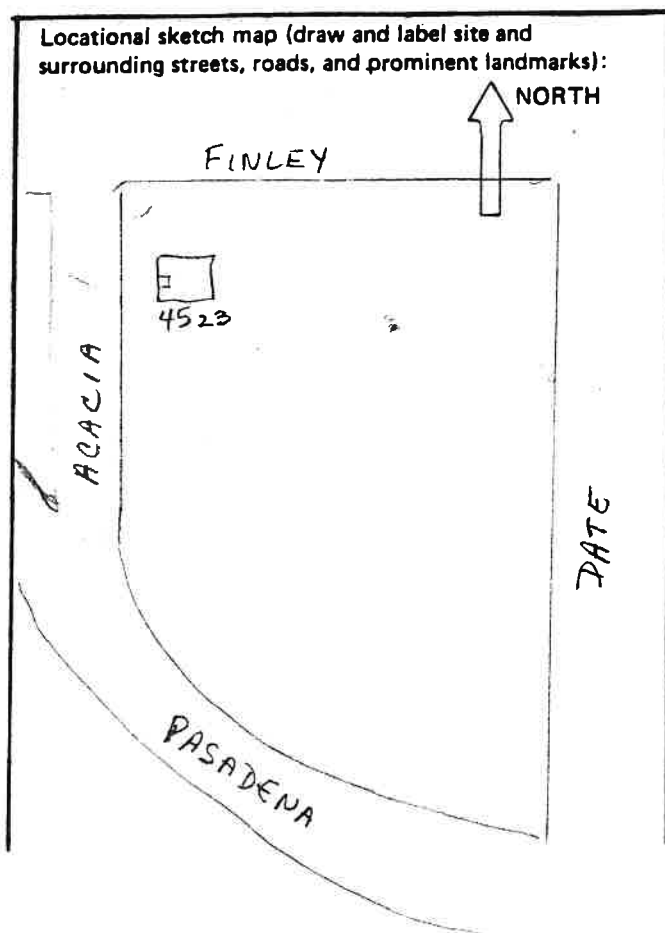
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture X Arts & Leisure Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement
Government Military Religion Social/Education

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

Sanborn 1929 Fire Ins. Map
S.D. City and County directories
County Recorder's Deed Book

22. Date form prepared 2/82
By (name) KW
Organization Address:
City Zip
Phone:

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



Alice T. (Alta Denton) Williams

4513 Acacia Ave

La Mesa 92044

W 75' + S 45' of Lot 23, Block 4

5/2/21 Peter & Pauline Kamp to D.C. & Nellie Marker
(1st Time Westly portion sold)

8/3/22 Marker to Kamp

6/4/22 Kamp to Clyde & Nellie French

5/13/25 French to Gertrude Arnold

mtg. P.D.M. by Arnold 1939

3/8/40 Laura C. Jones to Arlington Kent

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Sherman Grable in 1906. During the early
1920's it was owned by Peter and Pauline Kamp,
then David C. (Nellie) Marker, a building
contractor, and Clyde and Nellie French (civil
engineer, city councilman, Treas & acct I.D.).
Gertrude Arnold purchased and mortgaged the
property in 1925. This absentee landlord
rented the house (prob built mid 20's) to
Morris and Adelaide Hancock

1 of
3
houses
on
property
1929

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ZIP:92041..COUNTY:..San Diego..4. PARCEL #:..470-613-02..
5. PRESENT OWNER:..Alice T. (Lester) Williams.....
ADDRESS:..4523 Acacia Ave.....CITY:..La Mesa.....
ZIP:92041..OWNERSHIP IS: PUBLIC:....PRIVATE:..X.....
6. PRESENT USE:.....Residence.....
ORIGINAL USE:.....Residence.....

DESCRIPTION:

7A:ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:....Mission Revival.....

7B:BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF
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ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION.

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CONST. DATE:
EST.: 1928. FACT:.....
ARCHITECT:
.....Unknown.....
BUILDER:.....
.....Unknown.....
APPROX. PROP. SIZE (FT)
FRONT:..45..DEPTH:..75..
OR APPROX. ACREAGE:
.....
DATE(S) OF PHOTO(S):
.....1982.....

13. CONDITION: EXCELL...GOOD.X.FAIR...DETERIORATED.....
 NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.....
 14. ALTERATIONS: Room addition at rear with wood siding....
 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: Separate garage at rear; landscaping.
 SIGNIFICANCE

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

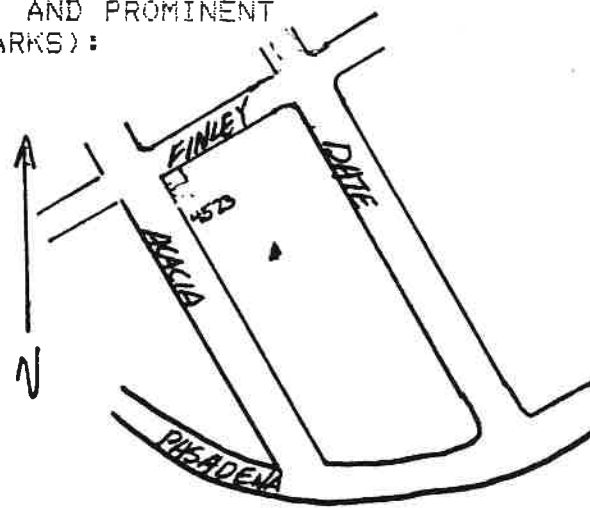
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20. MAIN THEME OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCE: (IF MORE THAN ONE IS CHKD, NUMBER IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE.)
 ARCHITECT.X.ARTS & LEISURE...
 ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL.....
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT.....
 GOVT....MILITARY...RELIG...
 SOCIAL/EDUCATION.....
 21. SOURCES (LIST BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, AND THEIR DATES).

Sanborn Fire Map, 1929
 City and County Directories
 San Diego County Records Office.

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

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



} UPANBMX} La Mesa Historic Resources Inventory
Property Owners as of January, 1990 (some changes to Nov., 1990)

4523 Acacia Ave.

470-613-02

Alice T. Williams (AKA Lester)

same 91941

SITE ADDRESS

OWNER'S ADDRESS

4543-47 Acacia Ave.

470-611-10

Larry E. Vale & Mary Sullivan

same 91941

4554 Acacia Ave.

470-602-11

Phillip Henry

same 91941

4558 Acacia Ave.

470-602-10

Jan E. & Gena B. Wilcox

same 91941

4566 Acacia Ave.

470-602-09

Laura A. White

same 91941

4572 Acacia Ave.

470-602-06

Margaret L. Westcott, Tr

9425 Barbic Lane

Spring Valley, CA 92077

4576 Acacia Ave.

470-602-05

Barbara Faurote, TR

4525 Alta Lane

La Mesa, 91941

4583 Acacia Ave.

470-611-03

Mary Masters

8036 Lemon Ave.

La Mesa, 91941

4590 Acacia Ave.

470-602-02

Kurt K. & Julie M. Bohnsack, TRS

4309 Mt. Helix Highlands Dr.

La Mesa, 91941