

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

Martin Knudtson House

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1. Common name:

2. Historic name:

Martin Knudtson House

3. Street or rural address:

4590 Acacia Avenue

City La Mesa

Zip 92041

County San Diego

4. Parcel number:

470-602-02

5. Present Owner:

Kurt K. and Julie M. Rohnsack

Address:

5130 Mesa Terrace

City

La Mesa

Zip

92041

Ownership is: Public

Private

X

6. Present Use:

residence

Original use:

residence

DESCRIPTION

Grable's Addn Lot 2, Block 3

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 one and one-half story, wooden frame house has overlapping wooden siding and a medium gable roof with a large dormer facing the street. Craftsman influence is revealed in the wide eaves, exposed rafter ends, and the knee braces under the eaves. A glassed-in, enclosed entrance porch is located at the right front of the house under an extension of the house roof. The triple windows facing the street on the first floor and in the dormer feature double hung windows with multiple panes in a row at the top of the upper sashes flanking wider center windows. The house is situated on a slope that rises from the street, and the partially exposed foundation consists of stone faced concrete block similar to the block retaining wall in front of the house at the sidewalk. A room has been added at the left rear of the home.

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: possible room addition at left rear

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: stone face block wall in front

SIGNIFICANCE

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

A semi-bungalow is a larger version of the one story bungalow. The Martin Knudtson House is a remaining example of a La Mesa semi-bungalow as adapted for a larger family.

The Martin Knudtson House was built around 1910 for Martin and Bessie Knudtson. Martin Knudtson had the first harness and shoe shop in La Mesa. He served as City Trustee from 1918 to 1923. This family had five children; one son, Dr. Wilfred Knudtson, became a prominent La Mesa osteopath. A number of other persons lived in the house with the Knudtsons from time to time including Irving Veall, a brother-in-law. Mrs. Mabel Knudtson Taylor resided there into the 1950'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 1911, 1929 Fire Ins. Maps
S.D. City and County Directories
La Mesa Yesterday and Today
County Recorder: Deed Books

22. Date form prepared 2/82

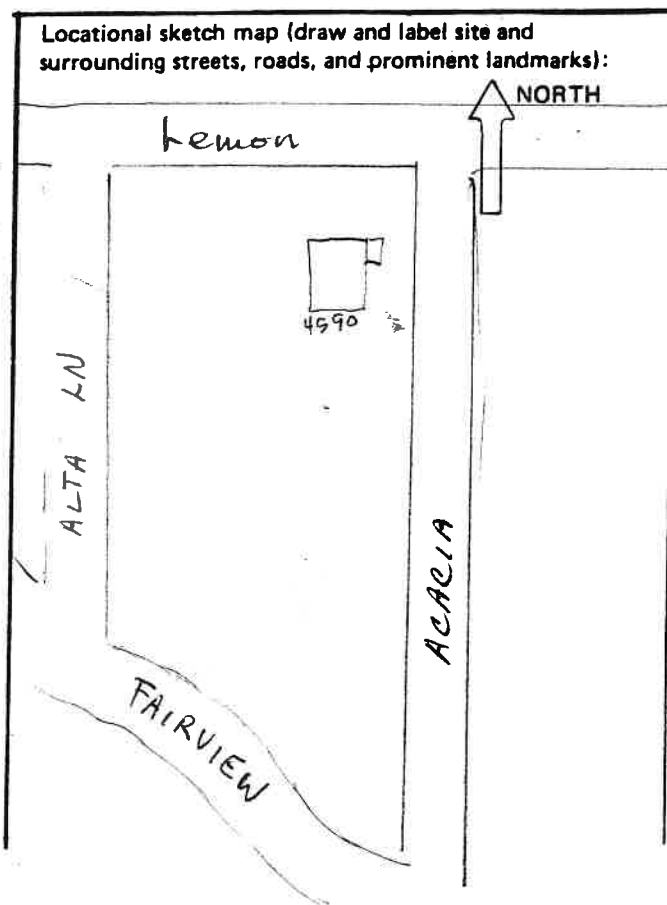
By (name) KW

Organization

Address:

City Zip

Phone:



5130 Mesa Verde, La Mesa 12071

4/5/1911 Martin L. & Benie Knudsen to Frank Krause 2
10/27/1923 Knudsen to Irving & Alice Veale 2
10/11/25 " to George Parker & Ellen Smith 2
6/2/1930 Cora B. Christi to Violet Colerans 2 etc rear 40-
8/27/1934 M L Knudsen to Whiteig-Mead Co 2
3/17/1948 Knudsen to Claude W. Grover 2

Sunroom

1931 Directory



~~7/2/1910 Arthur & Virginia Knudsen to John & Alice 3~~
~~2/11/1914 Eli & Carrie Knudsen to Sallie Metzger 3~~
~~3/21/1925 " to W.H. & Malina Grover~~

lots 1 & 2 owned together until 1943

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UTM: A 498040 B 3624800
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3. ADDRESS:..4590 Acacia Ave.....CITY:..La Mesa.....
ZIP:..92041..COUNTY:..San Diego 4. PARCEL #:..470-602-02..
5. PRESENT OWNER:..Kurt K. and Julie M. Bohnsack.....
ADDRESS:..5130 Mesa Terrace....CITY:..La Mesa.....
ZIP:..92041..OWNERSHIP IS: PUBLIC:....PRIVATE:..X.....
6. PRESENT USE:.....Residence.....
ORIGINAL USE:.....Residence.....

DESCRIPTION:

7A: ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:....Semi-bungalow.....

7B: BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF
STRUCTURE AND DESCRIBE ANY MAJOR ALTERATIONS FROM
ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION.

Legal Description: Grable's Addn. Lot 2, block 3.

This 1 1/2 story, wooden frame house has overlapping wooden siding and a medium gable roof with a large dormer facing the street. Craftsman influence is revealed in the wide eaves, exposed rafter ends, and the knee braces under the eaves. A glassed-in, enclosed entrance porch is located at the right front of the house under an extension of the house roof. The triple windows facing the street on the first floor and in the dormer feature double hung windows with multiple panes in a row at the top of the upper sashes flanking wider center windows. The house is situated on a slope that rises from the street, and the partially exposed foundation consists of stone faced concrete block similar to the block retaining wall in front of the house at the sidewalk. A room has been added at the left rear of the home.



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

13. CONDITION: EXCELL...GOOD.X.FAIR...DETERIORATED.....
NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.....

14. ALTERATIONS:...Possible room addition at left rear.....

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:...Stone face block wall in front.....

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 Maps
City and County Directories
LA MESA YESTERDAY AND TODAY
County Records Office

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

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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 - 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