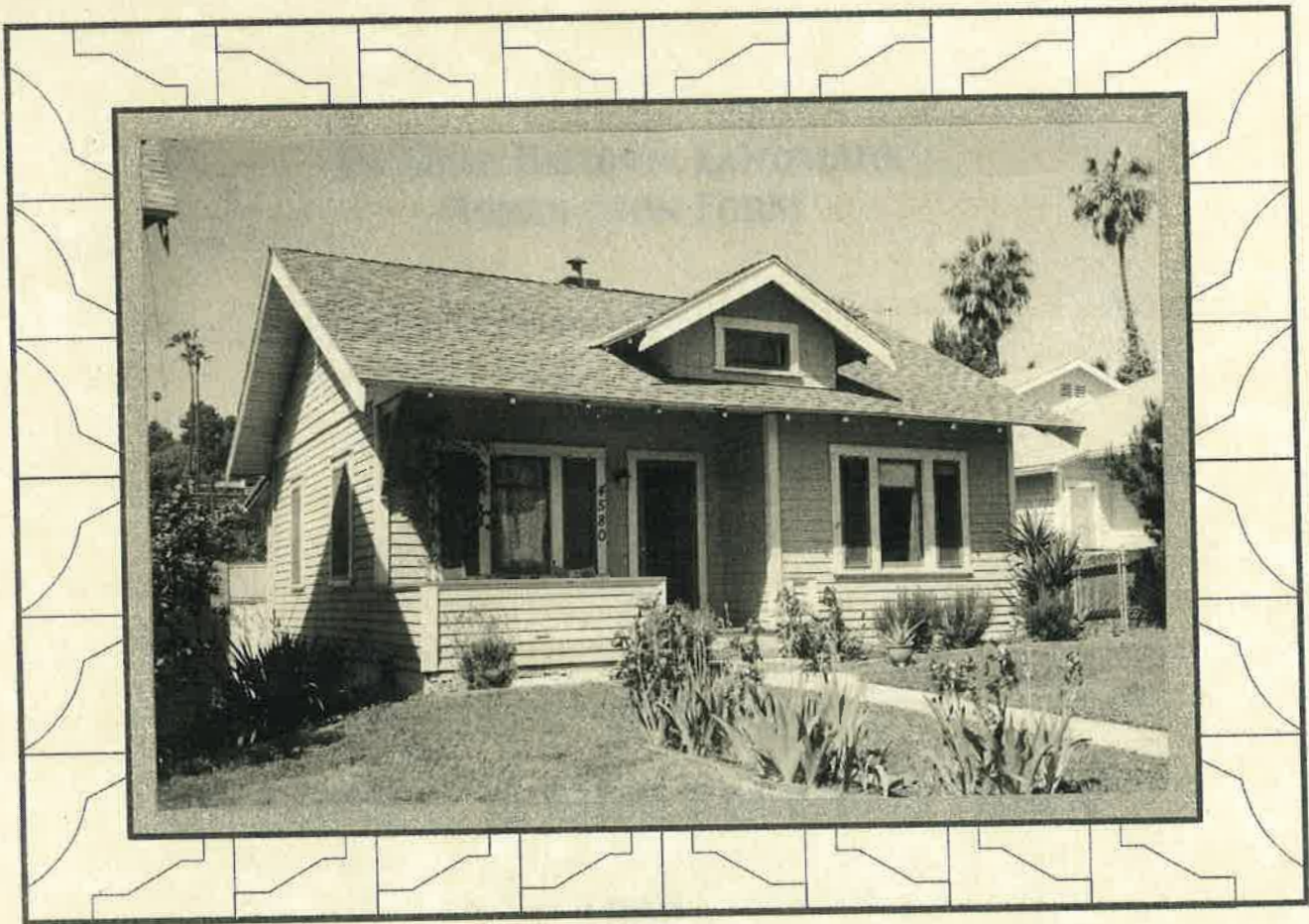


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The James C. & Ellen Robertson House

1909

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**LA MESA HISTORIC LANDMARK
NOMINATION FORM**

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HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATION FORM

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Division

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

1. NAME

Historic: The James C. and Ellen Robertson Home
and/or common:

2. LOCATION

Address: 4580 Palm AV
City: La Mesa State: CA Zip: 91941

3. CLASSIFICATION

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>OWNERSHIP</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>PRESENT USE</u>
District	Public	X Occupied	Agricultural Museum
Building(s)	X Private	Unoccupied	Commercial Park
X Structure	Both	Work in progress	Educational X 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: David A. Kievit and Dorothy J. Harrop
Address: 4580 Palm AV
City: La Mesa State: CA Zip: 91941

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, etc.: San Diego County Recorder's Office
Address: 1600 Pacific Coast HWY
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 of La Mesa
City: La Mesa State: CA Zip: 91941

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION
☒ **Excellent** Deteriorated
 Good Ruins
 Fair Unexposed

CHECK ONE
☒ **Unaltered**
 Altered

CHECK ONE
☒ **Original site**
 Moved

Date: 10 / 02

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

Situated on a level lot on the west side of Palm Avenue between Fresno and Finley Avenues, the James C. & Ellen Robertson House represents a typical craftsman residence built in La Mesa in the early 1900s. Constructed in 1909, this carefully restored single-story dwelling features horizontal lapped wood siding, a raised foundation, and a medium pitch side-gable roof. Along the front elevation, a recessed front porch extends along half of the frontage, covering a set of recessed windows and an entry door. The windows consist of a central fixed pane and transom, flanked by narrow double-hung windows. An identical set of windows is located opposite the front porch. All windows and doors are surrounded by wood trim. Prominent features include a large knee brace at the open end of the front porch, a central attic gable dormer, and wide eave overhangs with pointed, exposed rafter tails. A rear addition was completed across the entire width of the structure in 1926 with matching wood windows and other details similar to the original structure. The addition has a metal roof. Outbuildings include a detached garage built before 1927, which features single-wall construction and a flat roof.

The present owners researched the original color scheme and have painted the house and trim to be in keeping with the original 1909 appearance. The new roof gives the sense of the original cedar shingles, with open galvanized valleys. Gutters have been removed to expose the rafter ends. And the front porch, which was closed in by glass panels in 1947, has been re-opened.
(see Exhibits 7.1 & 7.2, page 8)

The new floor plan is in keeping with the California Bungalow Style.
(see Exhibit 7.3, page 9)

8. SIGNIFICANCE

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE – CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW</u>			
Prehistoric	Archeology-prehistoric	Conservation	Landscape architecture	Religion
1400-1499	Archeology-historic	Economics	Law	Science
1500-1599	Agricultural	Education	Literature	Sculpture Social /
1600-1699	X Architecture	Engineering Exploration /	Military	Humanitarian
1700-1799	Art	X Settlement	Music	Theater
1800-1899	Commerce	Industry	Philosophy	Transportation
X 1900-	Communications	Invention	X Politics/Government	
	Community planning	Other (specify)		

SPECIFIC DATES: August 1909 **BUILDER/ARCHITECT:** Harry L. & John A. Robertson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The house and property at 4580 Palm Avenue are significant as a landmark in three ways. First, the house is an excellent example of a California Bungalow as described and pictured in American Shelter, An Illustrated Encyclopedia of the American Home (Exhibit 8.1, page 10). Second, two of the property's early owners, the Maxwells and the Robertsons were instrumental in the settlement of the city of La Mesa. Third, and finally, in the area of politics and government, Algot Swanson, who owned and lived in the house in the early 20's was an active member of the city's board of trustees, notably as an advocate for the city parks.

William Maxwell was an agent for the Park-Grable Investment Company (Exhibit 8.2, page 10) and sold many of the parcels on which the early homes were built. The Robertson brothers, Harry and John, were in the construction business and had a hand in building many of those homes. Their father, James C., ran the shoe repair shop in town. And the youngest brother, J. Frank, was a barber. We've all seen enough television to know what kind of effect the local barber shop can have on a community.

Two months after their wedding, Harry & Vada Robertson purchased lot 22 directly from Park-Grable Investments on June 12, 1909, on which they built their home. On August 19th they bought lot 21 from William & Eva Maxwell. Taking ten feet from lot 22 (their own lot) and thirty feet from lot 21 (the corner lot which they just acquired) they created lot 21/22, which they sold to Harry's parents, James C. & Ellen Robertson on the same day. Lot 21 was first purchased from Park-Grable Investments by Ramus & Liberta Christoffersen, who owned it for six months before selling it to William and Eva Maxwell. Based on the way the house is positioned it is possible that it was built prior to splitting the properties. The Christoffersens only owned the land for a short time. The Maxwells had it for a year and may have had the house quickly built as a place to live while they were finishing the larger family home up on Lemon; however, being in the real estate business, William was probably just holding it as an investment.

It is more likely that Harry, a plastering and brick contractor (see Exhibit 8.3, page 11) and his brother John, a carpenter, built the house for their Mom and Dad after August 19, 1909. The house does appear in a panoramic photograph, cir. 1909, (see Exhibit 8.4, page 11) which the La Mesa Historical Society uses in one of its brochures; so Harry and John were busy. The La Mesa Scout ran an interesting article on April 5, 1912, about Harry and Vada's adventure home from San Diego one evening (see Exhibit 8.5, page 12).

James & Ellen Robertson were both born in Ohio in 1853 and 1855, respectively. They were married on November 20, 1872 in Lovington, Illinois. A few years after their marriage they moved to Cornish, Nebraska, where they took a homestead of 160 acres and built a sod house. Thirty-five years and eight children later they moved to La Mesa. For the next eight years between 1909 and 1917, while sons Harry and John built houses, and J. Frank cut hair, Dad worked in his shoe repair business downtown. The newspaper printed an article on James' business and the nature of its proprietor. (Exhibit 8.6, page 12)

After eight years in La Mesa, Harry and John, and their families, moved up to the San Francisco area to work in the construction business. James and Ellen moved to 619 27th ST, San Diego, with their youngest son, J. Frank & his wife, Josie. The San Diego Union ran an article in November of 1929, about Ellen Robertson's biscuits, which also recounts their journey to California and their time in La Mesa (see Exhibit 8.7, pages 13 & 14). The house was sold to Ezekiel and Olette Hanson. Ezekiel worked as a cement finisher, and probably knew the Robertsons through the construction business. After three years the Hansons sold the house to Algot Swanson and moved next door to what is now 4582 Palm, which was the house that Harry & Vada Robertson originally called home.

Algot Swanson lived in the house from 1920 -1922. He was the manager of the La Mesa Meat Market, which he bought and renamed the Hardy Meat Market, after it's original owner. Mr. Swanson was elected to the board of trustees of the city of La Mesa in April of 1919 and served for at least two years. During his service he worked hard for the sewer and water, and was an advocate for the development of city parks. (Exhibit 8.8, page 15)

Algot sold the house to Eugene O. & Lillian Johnson. Eugene was a salesman who later became an airplane mechanic at a time when the airplane industry was just given a boost by Lindbergh's solo crossing of the Atlantic. Eugene & Lillian stayed in the house for 15 years. In 1926 they added a 160 square foot addition to the back of the house creating the second bedroom, a bathroom, and enclosing the back porch to make a utility room. The Johnsons also built the garage on the alley. (Exhibit 8.9, page 16)

The Johnsons sold the house to Annabell Dean who lived in it for a year before selling to Estelle B. Rees. Within a year Estelle married Harry Koenning and they sold the house to George Spragins. Spragins, and the next two owners, Robert & Flora Brabban, and Archie & Helena Brickford used the house as a rental property. In the early 40's James & Myrtle Balser rented the house and lived in it with James' brother, Virgil. James was an aircraft worker for Ryan Aeronautical, the company, which 14 years earlier had built *The Spirit of St. Louis*.

In 1944 Herbert and Sarah A. Shaw purchased the house as a retirement home, and lived in it for 21 years. They glassed in the front porch in 1947. (see exhibit 8.10, page 16) Herbert past away in 1961, and Sarah lived on in the house for four more years before selling it to George J. Shaieb.

For 31 years Shaieb's name was on the deed to 4580 Palm. It was used as a rental property for the first 13 years, while George, his mother, Violet, and other family members lived at 8071 Orange Avenue. George was a student, a clerk, a salesman, and, in 1973, started his own business: California World Reality. When part of the La Mesa Springs Shopping Center was built on the section of Orange Avenue, which included 8071; he moved his business and his mother, into 4580 Palm. In 1995, however, it was vacated and stayed empty for more than a year finally falling into foreclosure. It was bought by the Statewide Group, Inc., then by William Brown & Audrey Granziani, and in 1997 it was purchased by David Kievit & Dorothy Harrop, both teachers, who in the past five years have reopened the front porch, renovated, and restored the house that they call home.

9. SOURCES

PLACES: Central Branch San Diego Library – 820 E ST

San Diego City Directories

San Diego Daily Transcript

La Mesa Historical Society Archives

The McKinney House, 8369 University AV

San Diego Historical Society Research Archives

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park

City of La Mesa – 8130 Allison AV

Property tax payment records 1912-21

Park's Addition Sub-division Map 1906

Permit Files

San Diego County Recorder's Office – 1600 Pacific Coast HWY

Registry of Deeds

Death Certificates

PEOPLE: Karna Webster, past President La Mesa Historical Society

Sanborn Maps & Research Advice

Stephanie Glazer, next door neighbor

Overlapping Research on 4572 Palm (Historic Landmark #16)

Allyson Carico, Assistant Planner City of La Mesa

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The Sanborn Maps – 1911 & 1929

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

All that portion of lots 21 and 22, Block 11 of Park's Addition to La Mesa Springs, in the city of La Mesa, County of San Diego, State of California, according to map thereof No. 993, filed in the office of the county recorder of San Diego County, June 5, 1906, Described as follow:

Commencing at the northeasterly corner of said lot 21, running thence southerly along the easterly line of said lot, 30 feet; thence at right angles westerly on a line parallel with the northerly line of said lot to the south line thereof; thence west along said south line to the southwesterly corner of said lot; thence northerly along the westerly line of said lots 21 and 22, 34.55 feet; thence at right angles easterly on a line parallel with the northwesterly line of said lot 21, 140 feet to a point in the easterly line of said lot 22, thence southerly along said easterly line of lot 22, 10 feet to the point of commencement.

Lot Square Feet: 5,571

See Exhibits 10.1 – 10.4 for Maps

11. FORM PREPARED BY: David A. Kievit and Dorothy J. Harrop

APPLICATION PREPARED BY: David A. Kievit and Dorothy J. Harrop

Exhibit 7.1 1911 – San Diego Historical Society Research Archives

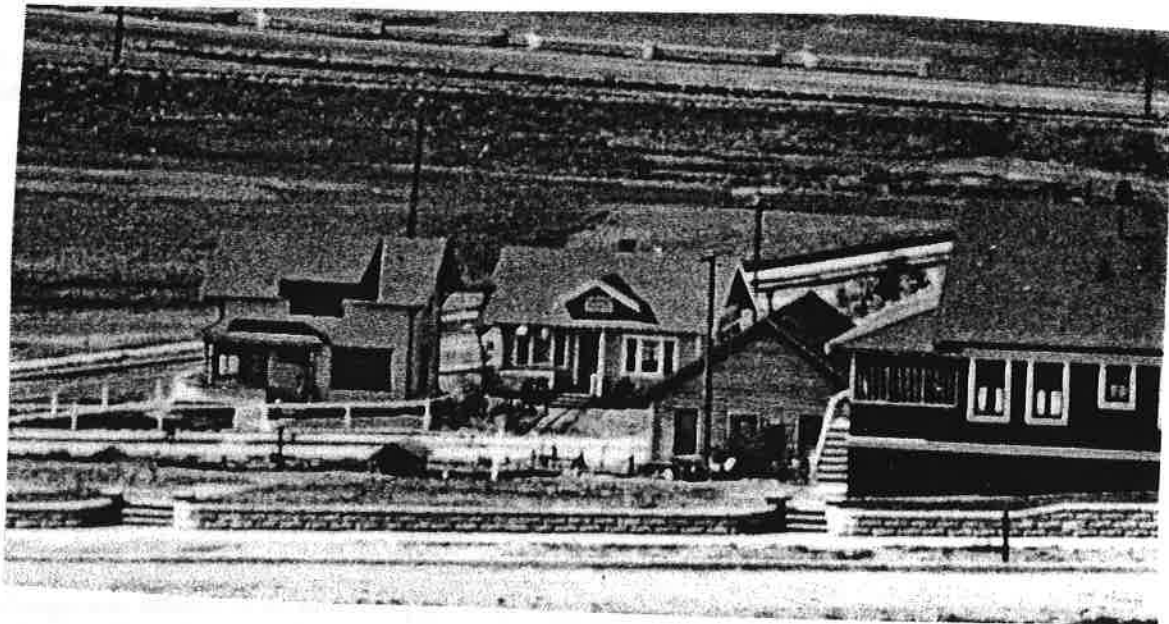
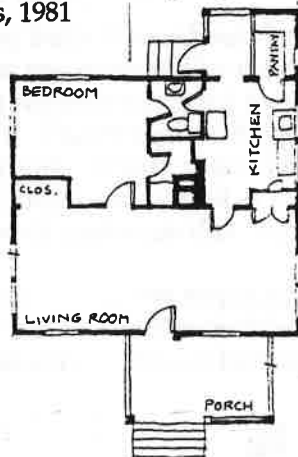


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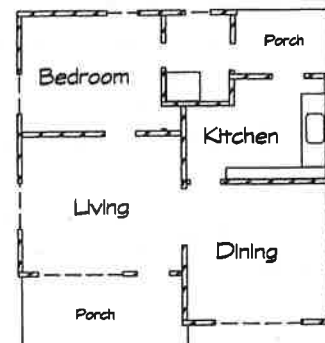


Exhibit 7.3 INTERIOR: The floor plan has been altered three times. Each plan has kept within the California Bungalow Style.

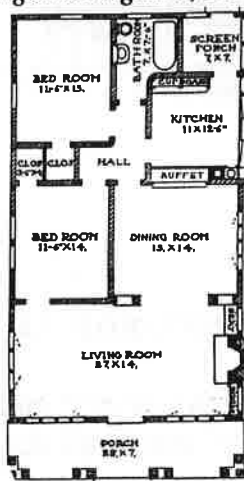
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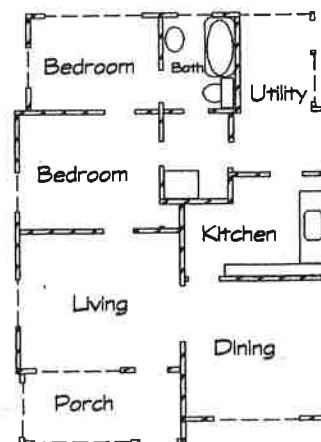
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1909



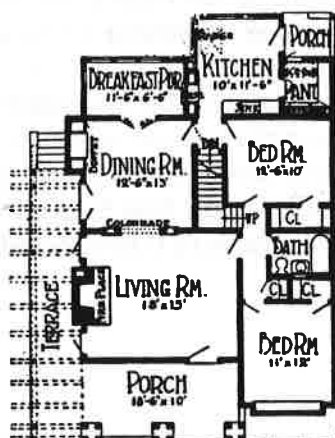
This design was offered in an undated plan book called Wilson's California Bungalow, published by a L. A. architect Henry L. Wilson. Selling many such plans by mail, he also published, Bungalow Magazine, between 1909 and 1918.



418 S. Palm
1926



Published in The Home of 1923. From Duchscherer and Keister, The Bungalow, America's Arts & Crafts Home, Penguin Books, Canada, 1994



4580 Palm Av
2000

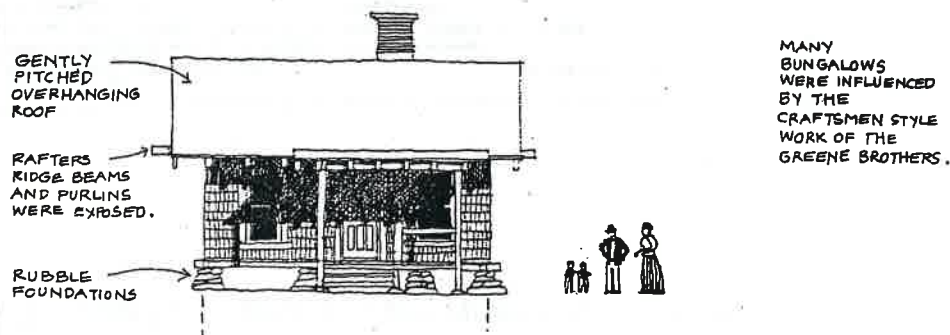


Exhibit 8.1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHITECTURE

California Bungalow is described and pictured in American Shelter, An Illustrated Encyclopedia of the American Home

"Bungalows, built throughout the country primarily from 1890 to 1920, were loosely described as any cottage-like dwelling, informal in plan, elevation and detail. They answered a widespread need for simpler residences brought on by economic setbacks of the 1890's. The bungalow began in California, evolving from the Craftsmen heritage... (with) certain basic characteristics. Its lines were low and simple with wide projecting roofs. It had at most two stories, but usually one, large porches and was made with materials that suggested a kind of coziness.

The Bungalow Style was so popular after 1905 that it became the first style to be built in quantity by the contractor-builder... Plan books and monthly journals made it possible for any contractor or future homeowner ... to erect a bungalow..."



1906 SMALL SPECULATIVE HOUSE,
GREENE & GREENE ARCHITECTS

Exhibit 8.2 EXPLORATION / SETTLEMENT

Chapter VI: Legendary Citizens and Pioneer Families, page 93
from La Mesa through the Years, by the La Mesa Historical Society, 2001.

"William Maxwell, his wife Eva, and their children, Marie and Leonard came to the Logan Heights area of San Diego from Ohio in 1903. When William went to work for the Park-Grable Investment Company in June 1906, he moved his family to La Mesa where he became the company's La Mesa land agent. Soon after, Eva's parents, A. C. and Sarah Baldwin, and her brother and his family, joined the Maxwells in La Mesa.

By 1910, the Maxwells' home was completed at 8443 Lemon Avenue. In 1914, the family opened one of the town's first restaurants. Five years later, they decided to sell the café and open a furniture store instead. This was the forerunner of the Maxwell Furniture Store, a La Mesa institution for many years."

Exhibit 8.3 Advertisement in *The La Mesa Scout* 1912-1915

ver two hundred dollars per ton. Sixteen tons of ore were run through the Red Dog custom mill at Johannesburg during the past week, used up four hundred and eighty ounces of quicksilver, and the mill was obliged to close down until more "quick" could be brought in.

Mr. Shipsey, who is just taking charge of this mine, is an extensive property owner in La Mesa springs. He has many friends here, who will be glad to know of his fortunate lease. For many years Mr. Shipsey has been leasing and working this mine off and on. Some times he has come out with a rich strike and other times he has lost thousands of dollars. Over a year ago when Mr. Shipsey was here and invested in his first property in La Mesa he had a plan to erect a ten thousand dollar apartment house here at an opportunity came to take lease on the old mine and he took it. Then he lost the ten thousand he would have put into

J. B. DAVISCONTRACTING AND DESIGN
Estimates Furnished**The Union Title and Trust Co.**

With \$1,000,000.00 bona fide assets for your protection issues
GUARANTEED CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, TITLE INSURANCE
POLICIES AND ABSTRACTS OF TITLE.
JNO. F. FORWARD, President and Manager.
903-999 Fourth St., Cor. E St. San Diego, Cal.

H. L. Robertson

Plastering and Brick Contractor

Stone Work

Pioneer Truck Company

1328 E Street

Largest handlers of all kinds of freight in the city. Large
brick warehouse at California and B streets.

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Home phone 1462

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**Pure Alumina
Kitchen Utensils**

Just arrived. Large

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FREE ALUMINUM

Walter E. Wi

1021 State

WE HAVE just received the best money complete. We Coffees, 25c to 40c, and Food Law sold in our goods" along any lines. Remember the place.

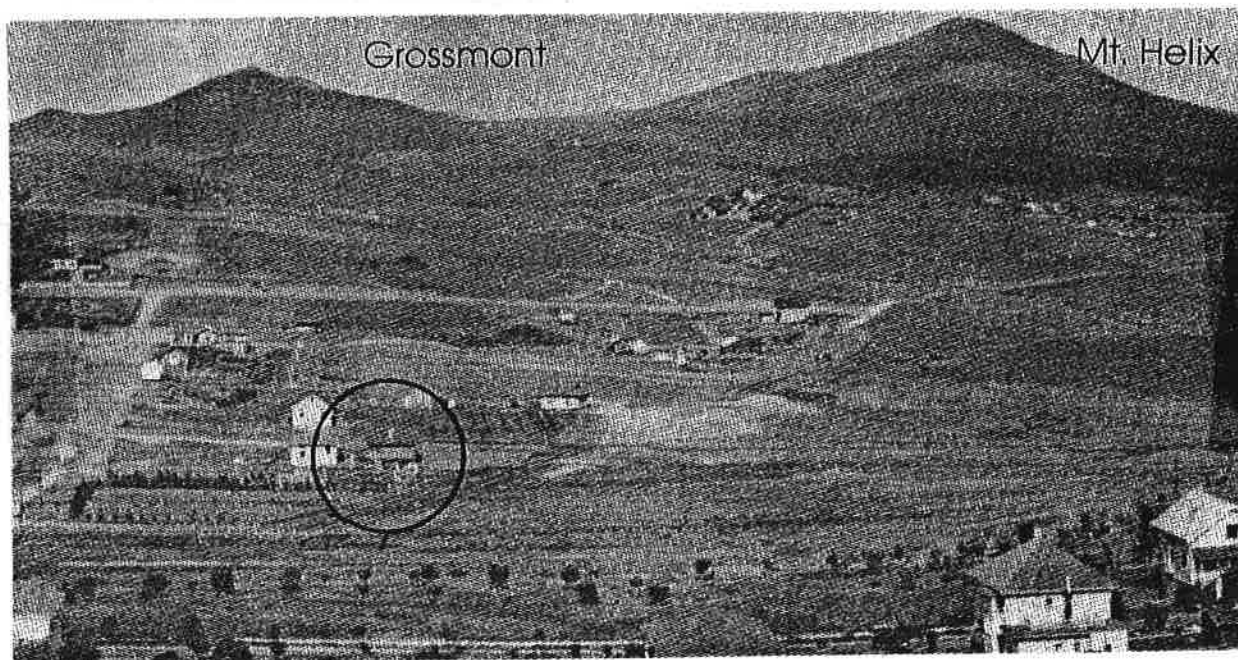
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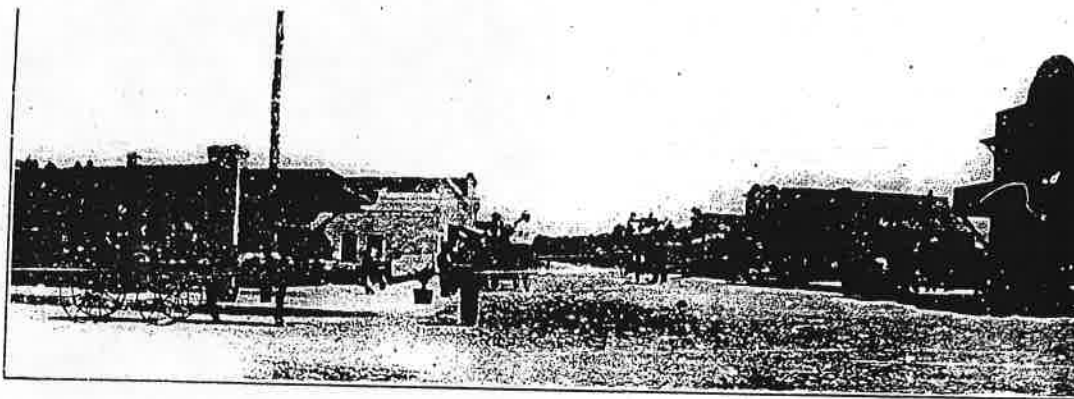
Exhibit 8.5*The La Mesa Scout, April 5, 1912*

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Robertson were in San Diego Saturday evening, and while returning home in their auto along University avenue, the machine dropped into a hole caused by the excavating when the new water main pipes were put in. A cable was attached to the front of the auto and to the rear of the street car, and Mr. Robertson was soon enroute to La Mesa.

Exhibit 8.6*The La Mesa Scout, 1909***J. C. Robertson**

This gentleman is an expert shoe repairer and is located at the corner of Lookout and Date avenues. He does all kinds of repair work on all kinds of footwear at the most reasonable prices, and the work is generally found satisfactory. A shoe repairer is a mechanic who is a public necessity, and a good shoe repairing shop is an institution that cannot be dispensed with in any community. La Mesa is fortunate, indeed, in having such a good shop of this kind, and our people should show their appreciation by giving all their work to our local shoe shop, for money spent at home is sure to be a benefit to our town and an aid in the upbuilding of our local business interests.

The proprietor, Mr. J. C. Robertson, is a worthy citizen, who has taken an active interest in the development of La Mesa Springs. He is held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen for an upright and reliable business man. We wish him a full measure of success and trust that his business will expand with the growth of this section, a growth that we feel confident will continue.



CORNER OF LOOKOUT AND

J. C. ROBERTSON.

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Interest in all matters pertaining to this section and is popular and highly respected by our people. The produce business is an important one and we trust that the business of this particular establishment will greatly increase and expand as time slides on. We are glad to give Mr. McCarthy most favorable mention in this special number of our paper.

MRS. E. TODD.

large increase in trade Mr. Donalco is always operates with all money for their object the a is section.

J. B. DAVIS & C.

The work of the great importance in a His is a work that stands time, giving credit to the town, or vice versa

Exhibit 8.7*The San Diego Union*, November 1929**BAKES PAN OF BISCUITS EVERY DAY FOR 57 YEARS FOR HUSBAND
- THREE MILES OF FLUFF****Mrs. James C. Robertson Issue Challenges to All Culinary Experts to Equal Record****He Thrives on 'Em**

For 57 years, Mrs. James C. Robertson, of 619 Twenty-seventh street, has baked biscuits once a day for her husband, and if her fluffy, golden-brown biscuits were placed side by side they would make a row of biscuits three miles long. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, shown below, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on Nov. 20.



San Diego biscuit makers, young and old, a challenge has been flung into your faces.

Mrs. James C. Robertson of 619 Twenty-seventh street has missed only one day in 57 years baking biscuits for her husband. He makes this challenge to the women of San Diego: "My wife is the best biscuit maker in this city, for money, marbles or chalk."

One of Mrs. Robertson's golden brown, fluffy biscuits was measured. It was three inches across. For 57 years Mr. Robertson has averaged three of them a day, 3,295 inches in a year, a total of 187,815 inches in 57 years, or a row of biscuits, if placed side by side, that would be three miles long. Some biscuits!

Seated in their cozy home, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson recounted some of the interesting events in their 57 years of married life.

DRIVE THROUGH SNOW

On Nov. 20, 1872, when the Robertsons were married, at Lovington, Ill., they drove 20 miles with horse and buggy through 10 inches of snow to buy the license. A few years after their marriage they went to Cornish, Neb., where they took a homestead of 160 acres and built a sod house. Their family of eight - six of whom are living - was born in the sod house out on a bleak Nebraska prairie. Their surviving sons and daughters are Mrs. Lottie Richardson, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Lillie Schafer, Pipestone, Minn.; Alfred H. Robertson, Lincoln, Neb.; Harry L. Robertson, Oakland; Mrs. Myrtle Hackney and J. Frank Robertson of San Diego.

Exhibit 8.7 continued

For the last 20 (12) years they have lived in the same house with their son, Frank, and wife. They keep their own apartments and Mrs. Robertson does her own housework.

Coming to southern California 28 (20) years ago, **Mr. and Mrs. Robertson lived in La Mesa for eight years.** They have nine grandchildren and the same number of great-grandchildren.

"I have been married to that women three times," said Mr. Robertson. "The first marriage ceremony was performed 57 years ago; again when we celebrated our silver anniversary, and the third time at our golden wedding celebration. That was a big day for me, because I kissed 90 women – both old and young – and I did not get a count of the younger ones who went around to the end of the line and repeated. Guess they must have liked 'em."

"What was your wife doing all the while you were kissing so many women?" he was asked.

"O, she was looking out for herself – she was kissing the men," he said.

"You bet I was," chirped in Mrs. Robertson, "and I kissed as many men as he kissed women at that golden wedding anniversary."

Mrs. Robertson was 75 years old last June, and he was 76 last March. He is a great reader and enjoys all the latest books, and is never too busy to talk on any subject, and above all, he loves his little game of cards in the evening.

"Do you love your wife as much as you did 57 years ago?" he was asked.

"I love her 57 times more than I did the day we were married," he replied. "Our love for one another has increased with the years we have lived together."

Busily engaged in bead work, Mrs. Robertson smiled her approval of everything her husband said about their happy lives.

"But please do not put it in the paper that we never said a cross word to each other," he said. "We've had our little tilts, and there's a heap of fun in getting things straightened out, and we kiss and let by-gones be by-gones. That's our way of having a fuss. We get things off of our chest then make up. Do you do that way?"

SAMPLE BISCUITS

Mrs. J. Frank Robertson, their daughter-in-law, said she would like to have the visitors sample Mother Robertson's biscuits. Two had been left from the noon meal. They were buttered and jellied and served.

"I do not use a speck of shortening in my biscuits," said the 57-year biscuit maker. "They are nice and light and would not hurt anybody."

Hot bread once a day for 57 years has agreed with Mr. Robertson. He eats very few vegetables, he says, and dislikes spinach.

"My wife and her fluffy biscuits have kept me young at 76, and I've just got to have my hot biscuits once a day.

"We have breakfast, dinner and supper at our house. That's what they were 50 years ago, and we are just old fashioned enough to believe in calling them that way. No lunch at our house, unless you go the cupboard and help yourself."

Exhibit 8.8

La Mesa Scout, August 25, 1922

SWANSON STORE BUILDING SOLD TO M. W. WIARD TUESDAY

Al Swanson proprietor of the Hardy Meat Market sold his store building on Lookout avenue in which the meat market and Lyles' Grocery are located to M. W. Wiard Tuesday morning.

The consideration was \$14,000, L. A. Drown, local real estate agent made the sale.

The building was originally purchased by Swanson about 3 years ago, and was remodeled and enlarged by him about a year ago into an up-to-date store building, and several rooms added on the second story.

Mr. Wiard, the new owner, is a newcomer to La Mesa, and states that he bought the building for an investment, believing in the future of La Mesa. He came here from San Diego recently, and is now conducting the jewelry store which he purchased from C. R. Baker. Mr. Wiard states that he will continue his jewelry business here, in which trade he has been engaged in San Diego for the past 20 years.

Mr. Swanson states that his future plans are indefinite. He will retire from the meat business, but expects to remain in La Mesa for at least a month. Later he states that he may go to San Diego and go into business with his brother-in law, E. Anderson, who conducts a furniture store on Sixth street, or he may return to his old home in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

La Mesans will be sorry to see Mr. Swanson leave. He has been one of our most active and progressive merchants during his 5 years' residence here. Two years ago last April he was elected to the board of trustees of the city and during his term of office he has invariably been found at the bottom of every good improvement for the town which has come to pass in that time. He worked hard for the sewer, water and park bonds; he and H. C. Park instigated the movement for the lateral water mains along lookout avenue for better fire protection; he has been laboring for months with others to raise the assessed valuation of real property here, something which should have been done years ago; and it is safe to say that if it hadn't been for Swanson there wouldn't be any park and swimming pool in operation today. Everyone knows he met discouragement enough. But he kept at it; went down and bossed the job himself, at the sacrifice of his business, and got the park cleaned up and in shape, and the pool completed in time for the kids to swim this summer. And he has made a start for one of the prettiest little parks in Southern California. Swanson is a man imbued with true public spirit. Any town needs all it can get of such men. Wherever he may go, Mr. Swanson has the well wishes of La Mesa for prosperity and happiness.

Mesa Sco

LA MESA, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 1922

SWANSON STORE
BUILDING SOLD TO
M. W. WIARD TUESDAY

MUELLER'S FRIENDS
CONFIDENT THAT HE
WILL WIN IN RACE

CITY MEET
For
The first time
Perennially
held on the
first of August
the contest was
held at the
city of La Mesa

Exhibit 8.9 1927 – San Diego Historical Society Research Archives
back of house showing addition and garage



Exhibit 8.10 1984 – Historic Resources Inventory, shows glassed in front porch



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1940, Aug. 12	Spragins, George M.	
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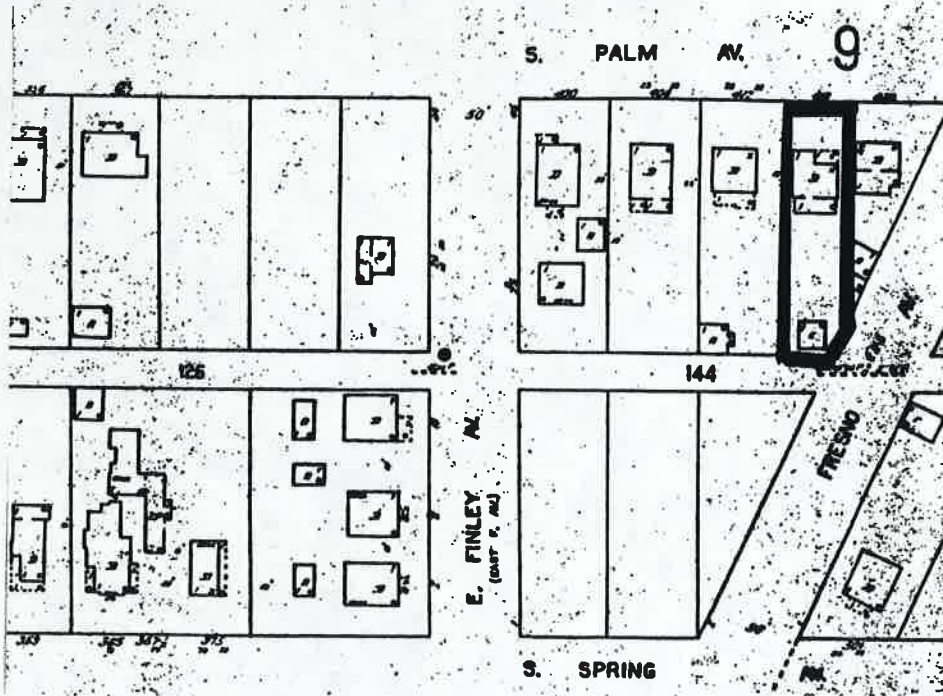
Exhibit 9.2**SAN DIEGO CITY DIRECTORY ENTRIES** (owners in bold)

listed as "h w S Palm 2n of Fresno" begins 1914; 418 S. Palm begins 1924; 4580 Palm begins 1931

1907	Grable, SC / Maxwell, WL / Park, CC & DF , p. 737
1908	no Christoffersen / Maxwell, WL, p. 751
1909-13	Robertson, Harry L. plasterer Robertson, James C , shoemkr Robertson, John A, carp Robertson, J Frank, barber
1914-16	Robertson, Harry L (Vada E), plasterer h w S Palm 3n of Fresno Robertson, Jas C (Ellen H) , shoemkr Lookout av nr Palm, h w S Palm 2n of Fresno Robertson, J. Frank (Josie D), h ss Lookout av 2 w of 3 rd av
1917	no Robertsons ..., principal industry is fruit raising, p. 1226 population 1300
1918-20	Hanson, Ezekiel , cement fnshr, Palm Av
1921-22	Swanson, Al , city councilman, mgr La Mesa mt mkt , p. 1158 La Mesa Meat Mkt, Chas Hardy, Prop, Algot Swanson , mgr Johnson, EO
1923	no Johnson or Swanson...ADDRESSES START in 1924
1925	population 2,000: 7 miles of cement sidewalks; 8.5 miles of curbing; pressure water piped to each residence; fine spring water supplies downtown district; gas & electricity; recently estab LM Country Club w/ 73 acres, & 9 hole golf course, p. 1011
1926-31	Johnson, Eug O (Lillian) slsmn h 418 S. Palm Av , p. 1097
1937	Johnson, Eug O (Lillian F) airplane mech h 4580 Palm , p. 1208
1938	Dean, Annabelle (wid GW) h 4580 Palm av , p. 1293
1939	Cody, Raymond C h 4580 Palm av , p. 1097 population 4,000
1940	Felger, Elfreida Mrs artist h 4580 Palm av , p. 1188
1941-2	Spragins, Geo M r 4580 Palm av , p. 1385 Balser, Jas (Myrtle) aircraft worker RACo h 4580 Palm av (RACo=Ryan Aeronautical Co)
1943	Balser, Virgil shtmtlwkr r 4580 Palm , p. 1367 Ahrens, Mary A clk r 4580 Palm , p. 1595 Federle Anto E (Virginia) h 4580 Palm av , p. 1600
1944-45	Shaw Albt (Sarah) h 4580 Palm av , p. 1968
1947-48	Shaw, Herbt (Sarah A) h 4580 Palm av , p. 2130
1961-62	Shaw, Herbert H06-8928, p. 339 PHONE NUMBERS BEGIN HERE
1963-66	Shaw, Sarah
1967-68	Dickerson, G. L.
1969	NO RETURN
1970	Woolverton, Tim K. (Dorothy A.) mech Lukens Pontiac h
1971	Lockout, Pat L.
1972	VACANT
1973	Bergen, T. S.
1974	xxxx
1975	Campagna, Richard
1977	Williams, Bridget
1978-97	Ca Wor. Real. & W. Wor. Real. & Mrs. Violet Shaieb
1999-2001	Kievit, David

Exhibit 10.3

Sanborn Map - June 1929 [418 S. Palm]

Exhibit 10.4Assessor's Parcel Map
Showing section of Park's Addition [4580 Palm AV]