

8262 Allison

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION:

1. COMMON NAME: First Church of Christ, Scientist, L.M....
2. HISTORIC NAME: Same.....
3. ADDRESS: 8262 Allison Ave..... CITY: La Mesa.....
ZIP: 92041. COUNTY: San Diego 4. PARCEL #: 494-251-13..
5. PRESENT OWNER: First Church of Christ Scientist, L.M.
ADDRESS: 8262 Allison Ave..... CITY: La Mesa.....
ZIP: 92041. OWNERSHIP IS: PUBLIC:..... PRIVATE: X.....
6. PRESENT USE: Church (Sunday School).....
ORIGINAL USE: Church.....

DESCRIPTION:

7A: ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Classical.....

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

Legal Description: Wheeler tract, block 1, lots 22 & 23.
The one story stucco church originally built in 1938 was
basically classical in design. A low-pitched gabled roof
faces Allison Ave. The foyer area was a gabled central pro-
jection toward the street. A deeply inset circular window
was above the inset paneled double doors which stood six
broad steps above the sidewalk. Flat pilasters at the build-
ing corners gave the effect of a broken pediment to
both the main and foyer gables. Gabled wings running east
and west intersected the foyer; a semi-circular windowed
bay projected from the west wing. In 1962, a new stucco
church building was added on the east. Its gabled roof two
stories in height faces the street corner; a semi-circular
glass wall encloses the corner foyer. Walls with tall narrow
vertical panels of lighter stucco parallel both streets.
In 1975 the original church was remodeled to correspond
with the new. Walls with narrow vertical full length windows
now form the front of the foyer and east wing. The foyer
area has been extended outward and the steps and center en-
trance have been replaced by a ramp entrance on the east.

CONST. DATE: A

EST:..... FACT: 1938.

ARCHITECT:

..Earl F. Giberson....

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BUILDER:.....

.....Unknown.....

APPROX. PROP. SIZE (FT)

FRONT: 150. DEPTH: 100..

OR APPROX. ACREAGE:

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DATE(S) OF PHOTO(S):

.....1982.....

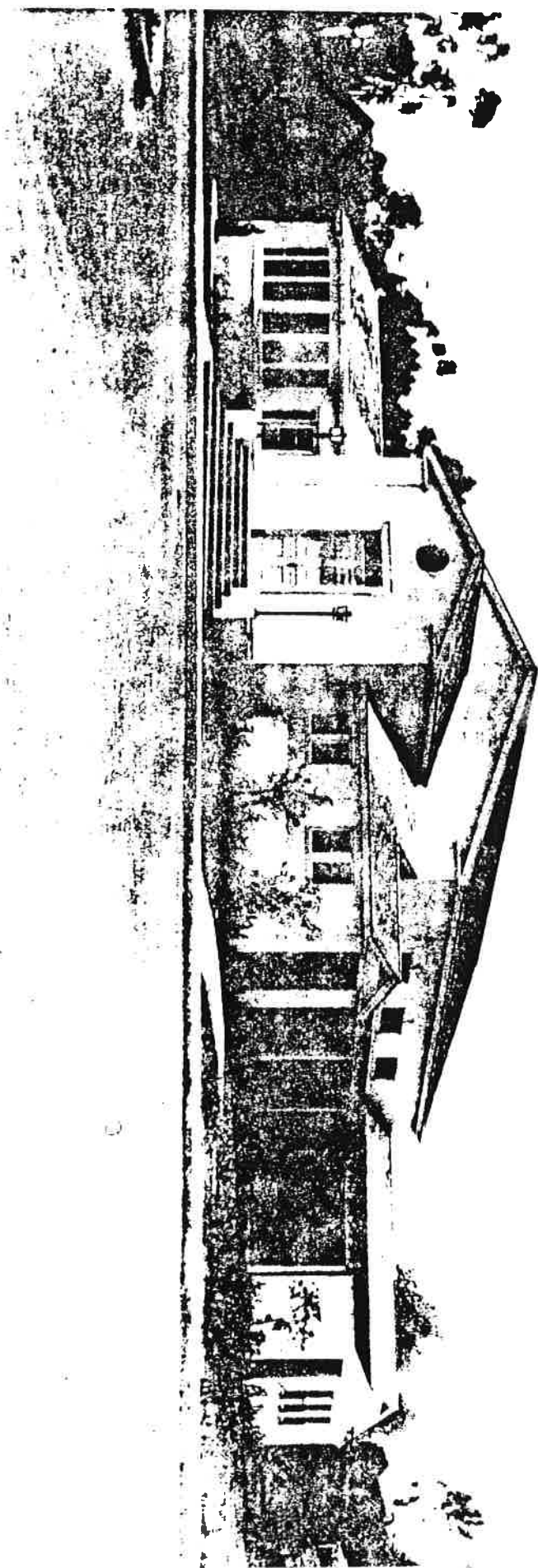


13. CONDITION: EXCELL...GOOD.X.FAIR...DETERIORATED.....
NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.....
14. ALTERATIONS:..Foyer extended, front walls remodeled....
15. SURROUNDINGS:(CHK MORE THAN ONE IF NECESSARY)
OPEN LAND...SCATTERED BLDGS...DENSELY BUILT-UP....X....
RESID.X..INDUST....COM'L.X..OTHER.....
16. THREAT TO 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:.....
- SIGNIFICANCE
19. BRIEFLY STATE HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
(INCLUDE DATES,EVENTS,AND PERSON ASSOC. WITH THE SITE.)
Christ Scientists first began to meet as a group in 1915
and organized a Society in 1917.Services were held in ren-
ted facilities downtown.In 1925 they purchased 2 lots on
the NW corner of Palm & Allison from Joseph & Betty Flax.
The following year the Society became First Church of Chr-
ist,Scientist,La Mesa.In 1937 the members hired San Diego
architect E.F.Giberson.Construction began in Dec. and a
notice of completion was filed on Apr.18,1938.Giberson had
been a draftsman for engineer & architect F.P.Allen and
then worked as an architect from 1938 until his death in
1956 or 57.A new larger church building was added in 1962
and in 1975 the front facade of the old church was exten-
sively remodeled to tie in with the new structure.The
original church retains its importance as the 1st church
bldg.constructed by one of La Mesa's early religious organ-
izations but the bldg's architectural significance has been
diminished by the alterations made.
20. MAIN THEME OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCE:(IF MORE THAN ONE
IS CHKD, NUMBER IN ORDER OF
IMPORTANCE.)
ARCHITECT...ARTS & LEISURE...
ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL.....
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT.....
GOVT....MILITARY...RELIG.X..
SOCIAL/EDUCATION.....
21. SOURCES(LIST BOOKS,DOCUMENTS,
PERSONAL INTERVIEWS,AND
THEIR DATES).
S.D.County Records Office
City Directories
Church records and photographs..
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.....

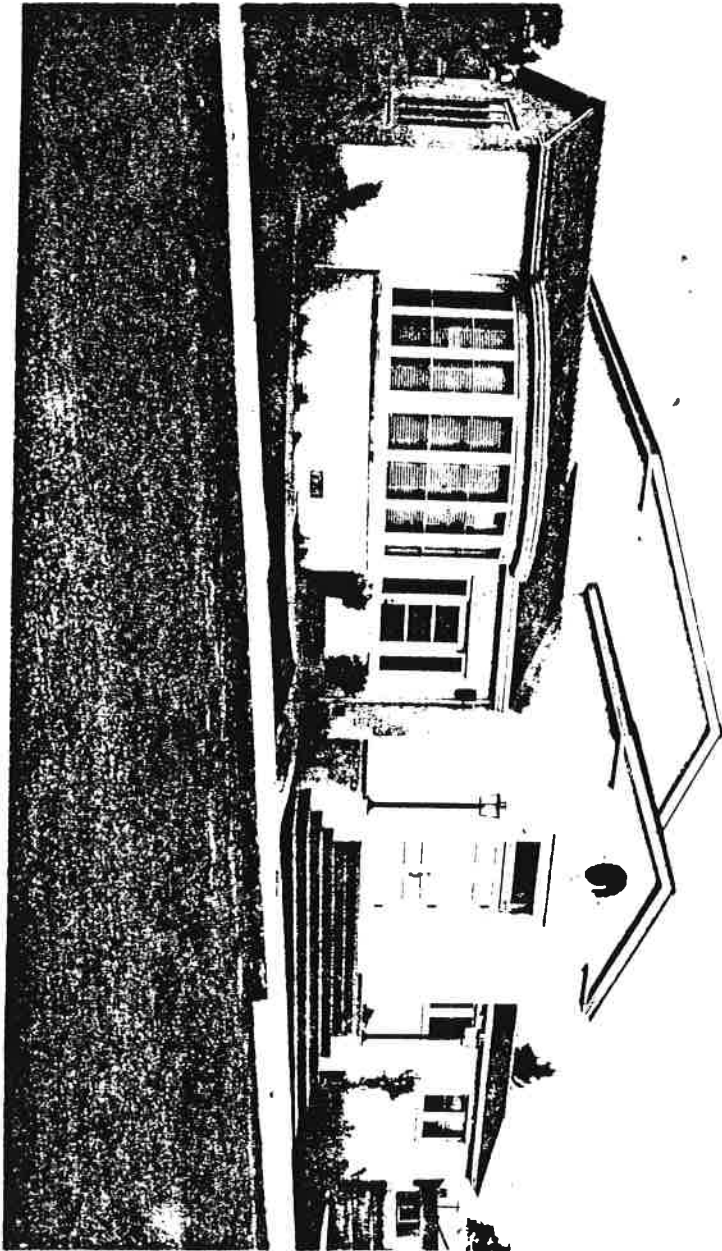
LOCATIONAL SKETCH MAP
(DRAW AND LABEL SITE AND
SURROUNDING STREETS,
ROADS, AND PROMINENT
LANDMARKS):



ED.
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Carl F. Nelson
Architect



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