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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Gardner House
2. Historic name: Pennington House
3. Street or rural address: 9439 Alto Drive
- City La Mesa Zip 92041 County San Diego
4. Parcel number: 495-101-09
5. Present Owner: John E. and La Nelle Gardner Address: 9439 Alto Drive
- City La Mesa Zip 92041 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: residential Original use: residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Spanish Villa
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This asymmetrical one story house with a ground level basement stands on a knoll with the ground sloping away sharply on three sides. The stucco and plaster building with a hipped red tile roof is "L" shaped with a two car garage (with a deck above) forming one leg of the "L". The garage has wooden board and batt siding. The main part of the house has an ocean view from the living room and features a patio with a wooden arbor. The wood framed windows are double hung with several panes in the upper sashes. Some windows have ornamental wrought iron grills. This house is hidden from the street and is reached by a long driveway. The yard contains several works of art including a large modern metal sculpture.

lot 17 por lots A & 6 Mt. Helix



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1938 Factual
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 200 Depth 200
or approx. acreage 0.70
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1982

13. CONDITION: Excellent

14. Alterations: none known

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land Scattered buildings X 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: mature trees, landscaping, works of art in yard

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This Spanish Villa house is admirably adapted to the site. These stucco and red tile houses became an important style in La Mesa in the 1920s and 1930s. The Pennington House is an excellent example.

John Pennington and his wife, Ethel, had this house built around 1938. John served in the United States Navy during the 1930s. After his death, his widow sold the house in 1959 to John E. and LaNelle Gardner who still live there today.

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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

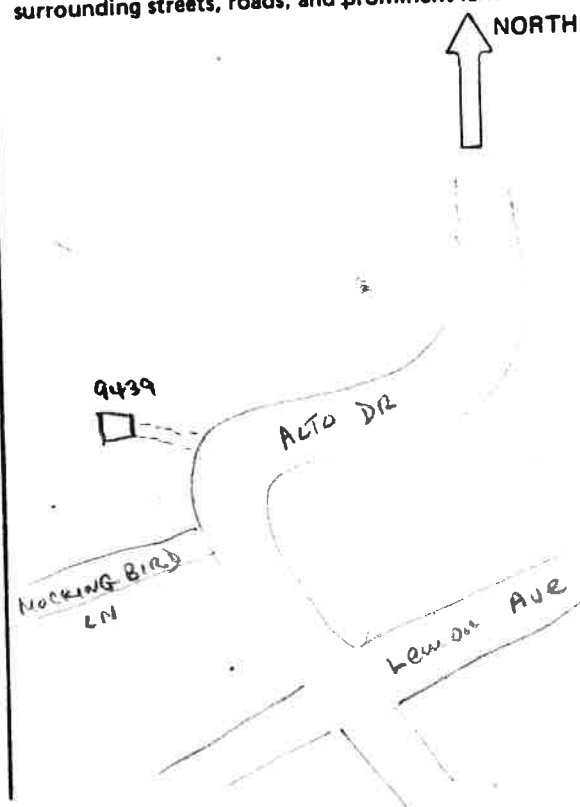
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Interview: LaNelle Gardner 3/16/82
City and County directories
S.D. Recorder: Deeds

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):

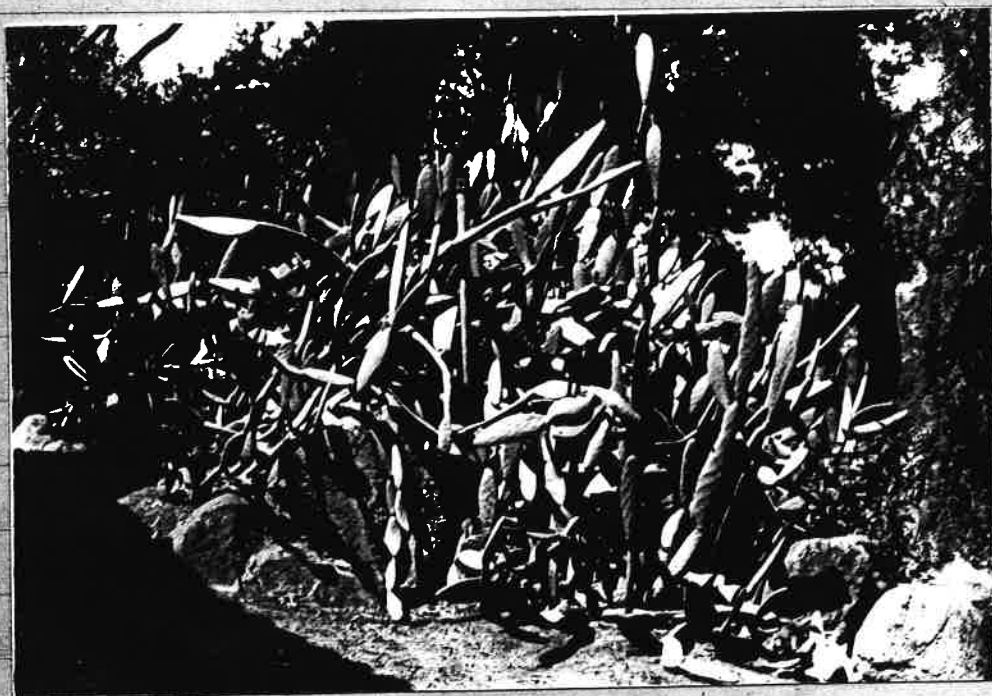


J & L Gardner 94041

4/3/31 Fred Mairwhite to J A & Ethel Pennington

4/28/1944 - John Adams & Ethel Pennington to Ouellet Street 17

10/29/1959 - ^{Ethel} Pennington to John E & La Belle C. Gardner 17



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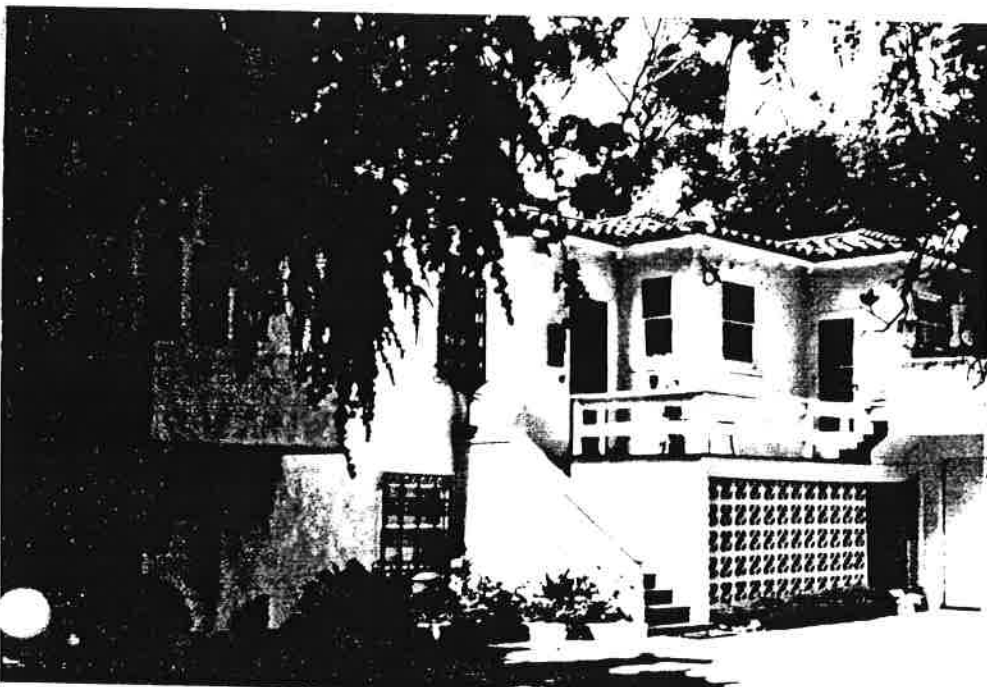
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2. HISTORIC NAME:.....Pennington House.....
3. ADDRESS:..9439 Alto Drive.....CITY:..La Mesa.....
ZIP:92041..COUNTY:..San Diego..4. PARCEL #:..495-101-09..
5. PRESENT OWNER:..John E. and La Nelle Gardner.....
ADDRESS:..9439 Alto Drive.....CITY:..La Mesa.....
ZIP:92041..OWNERSHIP IS: PUBLIC:....PRIVATE:..X.....
6. PRESENT USE:.....Residential.....
ORIGINAL USE:.....Residential.....

DESCRIPTION:

7A: ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:....Spanish Villa.....

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

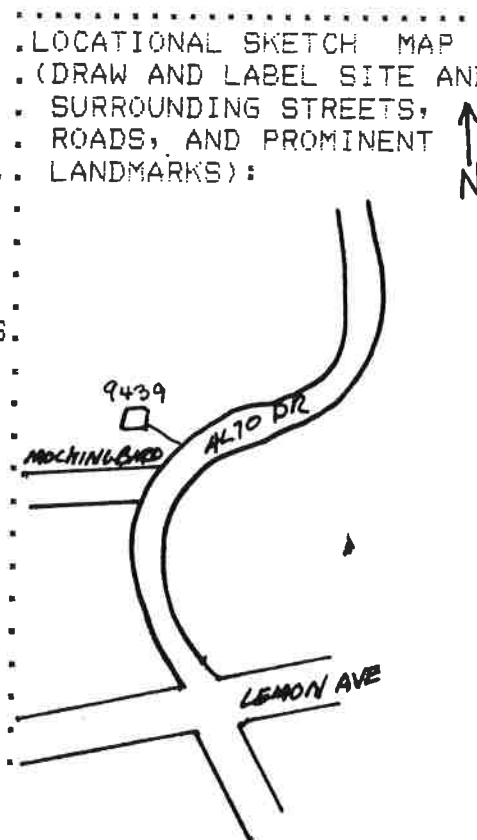
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CONST. DATE:
EST.: 1938. FACT:.....
ARCHITECT:
.....Unknown.....
BUILDER:.....
.....Unknown.....
APPROX. PROP. SIZE (FT)
FRONT:..200. DEPTH. 200..
OR APPROX. ACREAGE:
DATE(S) OF PHOTO(S):
.....1982.....

13. CONDITION: EXCELL.X.GOOD...FAIR...DETERIORATED.....
NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE.....
- ✓ 14. ALTERATIONS:.....None known.....
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: Mature trees, landscaping, works of...
SIGNIFICANCE art in yard.
19. BRIEFLY STATE HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
(INCLUDE DATES,EVENTS,AND PERSON ASSOC. WITH THE SITE.)
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in La Mesa in the 1920's and 1930's. The Pennington house
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the U.S. Navy during the 1930's. After his death, his
widow sold the house in 1959 to John E. and LaNelle Gard-
ner who still live there today.

20. MAIN THEME OF THE HISTORIC .LOCATIONAL SKETCH MAP
RESOURCE:(IF MORE THAN ONE .(DRAW AND LABEL SITE AND
IS CHKD, NUMBER IN ORDER OF . SURROUNDING STREETS,
IMPORTANCE.) . ROADS, AND PROMINENT
ARCHITECT.X.ARTS & LEISURE... LANDMARKS):
ECONOMIC/INDUSTRIAL.....
EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT.....
GOVT....MILITARY...RELIG...
SOCIAL/EDUCATION.....
21. SOURCES(LIST BOOKS,DOCUMENTS,
PERSONAL INTERVIEWS,AND
THEIR DATES).
Interview: LaNelle Gardner,
3/16/82
City and County Directories
S.D.County Records Office
22. DATE FORM PREPARED.Mar'82....
BY(NAME)..ComupShare, Inc....
ORGANIZATION...of Calif.....
ADDRESS...2725 Barnson Pl....
CITY..San Diego...ZIP.92103..
PHONE..(714)296-8619.....



4538 Alta Lane
470-601-11
George E. & Claudia E. Sperry
8126 Fairview Ave.
La Mesa, 91941

9439 Alto Dr.
495-101-09
John E. & La Nelle A. Gardner, Trs
same 91941

5422 Arizona Ave.
464-340-09
William P. & Marie Louise Jones, TRS
same 91942

4871 Bancroft Dr.
495-232-1300
Thomas J. & Kathleen Tesluc
same 91941

(Russell House)

4797 Beaumont Dr.
495-332-01
John N. & Barbara L. Jones
same 91941

4894 Beaumont Dr.
495-262-02
Stephen F. & Barbara E. Barnes
same 91941

4830 Beaumont Dr.
495-261-24
Timothy & Vicki Root
9880 Bushlac Lane NW
Silverdale, WA 98383

4846 Beaumont Dr.
495-421-02
Lolita K. Gates
same 91941

4860 Beaumont Dr.
495-421-02
William H. & Jean L Olenik
same 91941

(4940 Beaumont Dr.)