

The Sallmon House



Photo of Sallmon House front, at 435 1st Ave., made in 2010 by Schoenherr



Photo of Sallmon House back, at 435 1st Ave., made in 2010 by Schoenherr

NOTES:

1866 - Name: William Henry Sallmon Birth - Death: 1866-1938

Biographical Source Citation:

* A Dictionary of American Authors. Fifth edition, revised and enlarged. By Oscar Fay Adams. New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1904. Biographies are found in the 'Dictionary of American Authors' section which begins on page 1 and in the 'Supplement' which begins on page 441. (DcAmAu)

* A Dictionary of North American Authors Deceased before 1950. Compiled by W. Stewart Wallace. Toronto: Ryerson Press, 1951. (DcNAA)

* The Twentieth Century Biographical Dictionary of Notable Americans. Brief biographies of authors, administrators, clergymen, commanders, editors, engineers, jurists, merchants, officials, philanthropists, scientists, statesmen, and others who are making American history. 10 volumes. Edited by Rossiter Johnson. Boston: The Biographical Society, 1904. (TwCBDA)

* Who Was Who in America. A component volume of Who's Who in American History. Volume 1, 1897-1942. Chicago: A.N. Marquis Co., 1943. (WhAm 1)

1910 United States Federal Census > Connecticut > New Haven Ward 9

Name: William H Sallmon

Age in 1910: 44

Estimated birth year: 1866

Birthplace: Canada English

Relation to Head of House: Head

Father's Birth Place: England

Mother's Birth Place: Scotland

Spouse's name: Alice T Sallmore

Home in 1910: New Haven Ward 9, New Haven, Connecticut

Marital Status: Married

Race: White Gender: Male

Year of immigration: 1884

Household Members:

William H Sallmore 44

Alice T Sallmore 37, wife

Henry T Sallmore 6, son

Mary Sallmore 5, daughter

Minnie Williams 47

Margeret Oconnell 23

1910 - New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957

Name: Rev. William H Sallmon

Arrival Date: 23 Aug 1910

Birth Year: abt 1866

Age: 43 Years 11 Months

Gender: Male

Port of Departure: Antwerp and Dover, Belgium

Port of Arrival: New York, New York

Ship Name: Finland

1915 ca - Photo xerox, Sallmon and William Templeton Johnson in group, notation on back says Johnson designed Sallmon's house, and it is listed in Johnson photo book of SD Architects (Photo 2470, San Diego Historical Society.) Source: # 15381

1915 ca - William Templeton Johnson (1877-1957) is best known for his Spanish Revival buildings, his work and life spanned many architectural movements, including the skyscrapers of the Chicago School, the natural philosophy of Arts and Crafts, and especially the modern traditionalism of Spanish Revival. In 1905, he married Clara Delafield Sturges, whom he later divorced; they had three sons, Winthrop, Arthur, and Alan, and a daughter, Katherine. Clara, born in 1878, was no stranger to San Diego, having traveled to the Hotel Del Coronado for vacations with her family soon after the grand resort opened in 1888. She and William came to San Diego in 1912 fresh from traveling through Europe, after which William began his practice. He "shuddered at the ugly, unsuitable lines of an architecture imported from the east" and, like contemporary San Diego architects Irving Gill and Richard Requa, strived to bring new style of building to a place that had formerly known only "East Coast hand-me-down[s]." The six-foot-tall, blue-eyed, brown-haired Johnson became well known in the community; he was an avid tennis player and golfed with city benefactor George W. Marston, who would eventually make possible his most enduring commission. In San Diego, Johnson was surrounded by other architects who drew upon mission references, most notably Irving Gill, with his stripped-down modern style, and Richard S. Requa and Frank Mead, with their more traditional Mediterranean and Spanish buildings. Early in their careers before becoming partners, both Requa and Mead worked in Gill's office, where Requa learned about Gill's "experimental style" and use of materials such as concrete and Mead took lessons from Gill's "simple, unadorned architecture whose cubed masses, broad surfaces, and recessed openings took advantage of the brilliant California sun." Mead's interest in Spanish architecture was bolstered early in his career by a trip to Sicily, Spain, and southern Italy; he was fascinated by Moorish architecture, and the journey instilled in him the Arts and Crafts belief that architecture should spring from the land on which it is built. Requa took his own trip south in 1914, studying Spanish Colonial buildings in Cuba, Panama, and South America. Mead and Requa's work, like Johnson's, "smoothly integrated interior rooms with outdoor living spaces" in the Arts and Crafts fashion. [Schaffer, Sarah J. "A Civic Architect For San Diego: The Work of William Templeton Johnson," The Journal of San Diego History 45 (Summer 1999)]

1916 - Two Pueblo Revival buildings at the Exposition, the New Mexico Building and the Pueblo Indian Village, may have inspired the design of at least two structures in Chula Vista. The Indian Village, with its almost 100 rooms, and a five-acre Painted Desert were constructed by the Santa Fe Railroad as its contribution to the Exposition. After the Exposition was over, the structure became the headquarters for the San Diego Boy Scout Council. Pueblo Revival, a massive-looking style without arches, originated in the Spanish Colonial buildings and native American pueblos of the American Southwest. The plastered or stuccoed structures of this style usually incorporated projecting roof beams or vigas and often featured round, protruding rainwater gutters called canales. In many examples, the corners were rounded or blunted and the walls given an irregular, stuccoed texture. One of the best existing examples of the Pueblo Revival style in Chula Vista is a home constructed in 1916 for William and Alice Sallmon at 435 First Avenue. This house features a flat roof with stepped parapets at the corners and large vigas. The main entrance porch incorporates vigas, a flat roof, and large, round pole supports at the front corners. Contractor L. E. Smith erected this house. At the time, William H. Sallmon, a prominent Chula Vistan, was the first vice president of the San Diego Land Corporation and the Sweetwater Water Company. When he passed away in 1938, he left a \$1,000 endowment to the Chula Vista Public Library. (Webster, Karna. Chula Vista Heritage 1911-1986. City of Chula Vista, 1986.) Source: # 6707

1916 - Photo Number CENT 0339 Title William Sallmon House Creator Unknown Date Created Unknown Subject (Topic) Historic buildings; Houses Physical Description 1 black and white photographic print; 10.25 x 13 in. Description This 1916 house is significant as the former home of William Sallmon, the first vice president of the San Diego Land Corporation and the Sweetwater Water Company. It is a good example of the Pueblo Revival style. (Census 1920.) Source: # 21056

1916 - William Sallmon house - William Smith house

435 First Avenue

Construction date: Factual 1916

Architectural Style: Pueblo Revival

Legal: CV Sub, QS 123 NEQ 1.86 Ac MIL in Lots 3 & 6

William H. Sallmon, the 1st Vice President of the San Diego Land Corp. and the Sweetwater Water Company and his wife, Alice, bought this property in 1916 from the San Diego Land Corp. This house was constructed for them by L. E. Smith in 1916. William Sallmon, a native of Ontario, Canada, was an 1894 graduate of Yale University. He was interested in education and served the university in many ways. For a year, he was the supervisor of Yale's college at Chang Sha, China. When William Sallmon passed away in 1938, he left a \$1,000 endowment to the Chula Vista Public Library. This house is significant as the former home of William Sallmon, an important Chula Vista, and as a good example of the Pueblo Revival style. Except for alterations of some windows, the home retains integrity of design and materials. A winding driveway leads up a small hill to this large two story stucco home. The house has a flat roof with stepped parapets at the corners, a small curved "mission style" parapet centered on the facade, and large vigas. The main entrance is on the left side. The open entry porch features vigas, a flat roof and large round pole supports at the front corners. Windows in the house are often paired and have multiple panes and large beam lintels. Several shallow balconies with beam supports and wrought iron railings are present outside the second floor windows. Some windows have been replaced by louvered windows. Part of this house towards the rear is one story and helps create a stepped Indian village effect.

Sources: National City Record 6-10-1916 ("William Sallmon house, Historic Site 38" Webster, Historic Resources Inventory, 1985.)

1891 - planting map of lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 14 in sec 123, "Finest building site in Chula Vista" in Lot 3 at G St. and old 5th Ave (new 1st Ave), Washington navel orange trees set out April 1891, map prepared by F. E. Prendergast, agricultural agent, Aug. 19, 1891. (San Diego Fruit Company Map Book #2, Box 40EN-42, Sweetwater Authority Archives.) 100_6858

1919/05/23 Cookie day was a success. Mrs. W. H. Sallmon motored to Camp Kearny with all the Red Cross ladies Tuesday afternoon, arranged two long tables with huge boquest of CV sweet peas, hundreds of home-made cookies were placed on the tables for 300 soldier boys who enjoyed them as dessert at the evening meal. (Chula Vista Star, May 27, 1932.) Source: # 13672 ww1

1919/05/30 Mrs Fred Truba, mother of Mrs. William H. Sallmon, has been here for the winter. (Chula Vista Star, 1932/06/03) Source: # 14193

1919/08/08 - William H. Sallmon is a director of the Calif Avocado Assoc; he is author of "To Health and Wealth" via avocados the lead article in the August issue of Orchard and Farm (Chula Vista Star, Aug. 12, 1932.) Source: # 13679

1919/08/15 - A part of the block on old 5th av bet F and G streets is being improved with road material taken from a hill on the Sallmon property. (Chula Vista Star, Aug. 19, 1932.) Source: # 13680

1919/08/15 - William H. Sallmon took an active part in all the functions of welcome to the Pacific Fleet. (Chula Vista Star, Aug. 19, 1932.) Source: # 15366

1919/08/22 - CV citizens contributed 165 boxes of lunch last Friday for the picnic in Balboa Park given to the visiting sailors of the Pacific Fleet. Mrs. W. H. Sallmon took the lunches to headquarters where she assisted the SD ladies. (Chula Vista Star, Aug. 26, 1932.) Source: # 13682

1920 United States Federal Census California > San Diego > Chula Vista > District 237 > 9

about William H Sallmon

Name: William H Sallmon

[William H Sallman]

Home in 1920: Chula Vista, San Diego, California

owner of house on old Fifth Avenue

Age: 53

Estimated birth year: abt 1867

Birthplace: Canada

Relation to Head of House: Self (Head)

Spouse's name: Alice T Sallmon

Father's Birth Place: England

Mother's Birth Place: Scotland

Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Sex: Male

Home owned: Own

Year of immigration: 1884

Able to read: Yes

Able to Write: Yes

Neighbors: James and Josie McCulloch, Edwin and Louise Yauger (on old Sixth Ave), John and Mary Morrill on F Street

Household Members:

William H Sallmon 53

Alice T Sallmon 47, wife

Henry T Sallmon 15, son

Mary Sallmon 14, daughter

Aurelia Haynes 31, servant

1920/02/17 - Mrs. Sallmon and Mrs. Darling appeared before the Board of Trustees asking the Board to contribute towards the Red Cross fund, so the local branch could retain a Nurse for another year, the estimated expense amounted to \$2,500. the petition was received by the Board and laid on the table for further reference. (City Council Minutes, Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Chula Vista, California.) Source: # 14939 hospital

1920/05/05 At request of Alice Sallmon and Mrs. Darling, rep of Red Cross, asked board to help pay the nurse as the society was financially near the end. Board agreed to salary of \$125 per month. (Minutes of the Board of Trustees, May 5, 1920) Source: # 15017 hospital

1921 City Directory - Sallmon Wm H (Alice T), rancher h 435 old 5th av

1923/06/12 - President Peters was appointed to confer With Mrs. W. H. Sallmon Chairman of the Red Cross Committee, in the matter of appointing a Community Nurse to replace Miss Grace F. Blake, whose resignation was accepted at the meeting of June 5, 1923. (City Council Minutes, Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Chula Vista, California.) Source: # 14941 nurse, hospital

1923/07/03 - COMMUNITY NURSE· EMPLOYMENT OF: Mr. Peters reported that as a result of his conference with the School Board, and Mrs. Sallmon, Mrs. Eddie S. Dunlop, of Vista, CA as Community and School Nurse. to succeed Miss Grace F. Blake, resigned effective Aug. 15, 1923. Salary, \$150.00 per month, one half each to be paid by the city and School i'rtlstees; maintainence Of automobile to be divided equally between the two boards above mentioned. Clerk to inform Mrs. Dunlop and prepare contract covering services. This action confirmed by motion. (was Red Cross nurse) (City Council Minutes, Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Chula Vista, California.) Source: # 14942 school, hospital

1923/09/05 - COMMUNITY NURSE CONTRIBUTION OR SERVICES: The clerk presented a check for \$6.00, presented by Mrs. W.H. Sallmon, contributed to the city for professional services of the Community Nurse. It was brought out that no charge is made for services of the nurse, but inasmuch as this sum had been contributed, with the statement that from the donor that it was her desire that the city accept it, the clerk was instructed receive the money and place it in the General Fund. letter from the chairman of the Visiting Nurse Committee, requesting that a member of the Board of Trustees be appointed as a member to that committee, was read. President Peters nominated Trustee Shaw for the appointment, and upon motion the nomination was confirmed. (was Red Cross nurse) (City Council Minutes, Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Chula Vista, California.) Source: # 14943 school, hospital

1928/11 - The aerial photographs taken by San Diego County between November 1928 and March 1929 show a single home along 1st avenue below G Street, surrounded by lemon orchards (Aerial Photographs, Cartographic Office, San Diego County Department of Public Works, 5201 Ruffin Road, San Diego CA.)

1938/03/25 William H. Sallmon recently died, left \$1000 in his will to the library. (Chula Vista Star, Mar. 25, 1938.) Source: # 15891 library

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR _____ SHL _____ Loc _____
UTM: A 493520 B 3611170
C _____ D _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: William Smith House
2. Historic name: William Sallmon House #38
3. Street or rural address: 435 First Avenue
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 County San Diego
4. Parcel number: 569-270-29
5. Present Owner: William A & Laura Smith Address: 435 First Avenue
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: residential Original use: residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Pueblo Revival
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
Legal: CV Sub, QS 123 NEQ 1.86 Ac M/L in Lots 3 & 6
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8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1916
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder L. E. Smith
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 236 Depth 310
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1985

13. Condition: Excellent ____ Good ☒ Fair ____ Deteriorated ____ No longer in existence ____
14. Alterations: louver window replacements
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ____ Scattered buildings ____ Densely built-up ☒
Residential ☒ Industrial ____ Commercial ____ Other: ____
16. Threats to site: None known ☒ Private development ____ Zoning ____ Vandalism ____
Public Works project ____ Other: ____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? ☒ Moved? ____ Unknown? ____
18. Related features: dense landscaping

SIGNIFICANCE

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

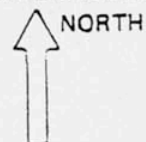
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20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure ____
Economic/Industrial ____ Exploration/Settlement ____
Government ____ Military ____
Religion ____ Social/Education 2

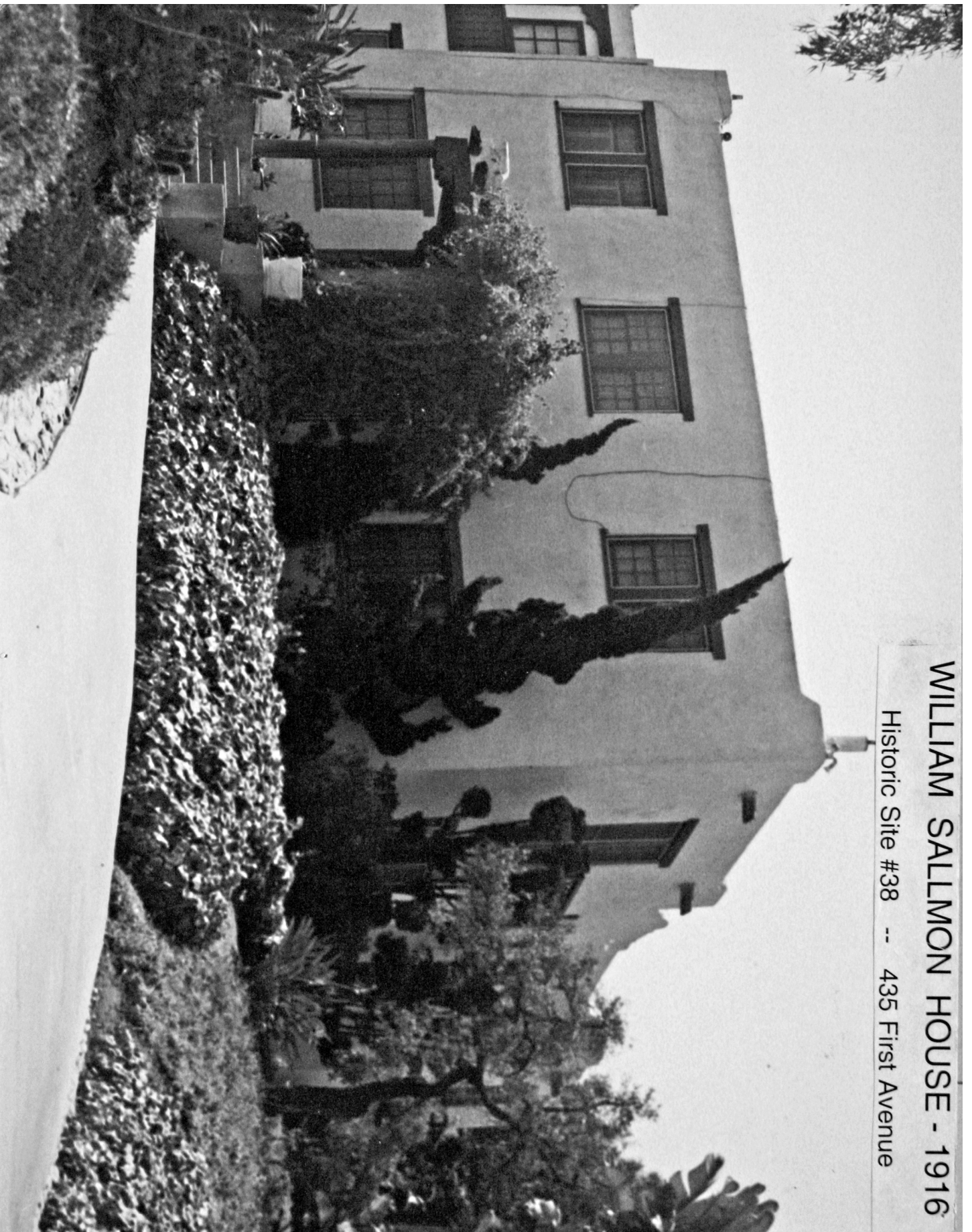
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
CV Star - 3-25-38
CV Tax Assessment Rolls
City directories
NCR 6-10-1916

22. Date form prepared 9-8-1985
By (name) K Webster
Organization City of Chula Vista
Address: P.O. Box 1087
City Chula Vista Zip 92012
Phone: 691-5101

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



WILLIAM SALLMON HOUSE - 1916
Historic Site #38 -- 435 First Avenue





2470
1440

1/410

2470

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A.S. Bridges, Dan David Sellers, Usatun, Lyman Gage, Adam Roberts

Christ Row:

A. S. Bridges, Adam David Sellers, W. S. Gage, Lyman Gage, Adam Roberts, Wangerheim, Mrs. Gen. Smedley Butler, John Wangerheim, May, Gen. Smedley Butler

Second Row: Dr. Homer Oatman, Dr. Homer Oatman

Willert S. Portland, Geo. W. Monston, Templeton Johnson, May Gen. Joseph H. Kahn, Willert S. Portland, Geo. W. Monston, Templeton Johnson, May Gen. Joseph H. Kahn

Gen Davidson, Gen Davidson

Wend. SALMON?

8 11?

1915?

1926?

NEG. GIVES neg gives locale on Chula Vista !!?

USCNE Wm H. Salmon residence was designed by Wm T. Johnson in 1920

435 5th Ave, Chula Vista, 435 5th Ave.

They could be planning the war memorial Bldg for Robbo. Pl

per Will Chandler 2001

Smiths celebrate 50th anniversary

Laura and William Smith of Chula Vista were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception held at the Commissioned Officers' Mess at the Coronado Amphibious Base.

The party was given by their children, Wayne Arnold Smith, Marie Smith Davies and Carl France Smith. Among the many special guests attending was

Joleen Kelley, who had been the flower girl in the Smiths' wedding, and Mrs. Richard Spaulding of Fullerton, who was one of the bridesmaids.

A 14-inch by 18-inch copy of their original wedding picture was displayed at the dinner dance reception.

Laura France and William Arnold Smith were married March

25, 1934, in the Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel, Calif. He was a commissioned warrant officer and they were married in a military ceremony with crossed swords. She is a native Californian.

They met July 4, 1926, when the battleship Idaho visited Ventura to take spectators aboard. She was a 16-year-old high school junior and he was a 20-year-old first class.

When she finished high school, she attended Santa Barbara State Teachers College and began teaching school in El Monte, Calif. The young couple continued to correspond until 1932 when Smith's ship returned to Long Beach and they began dating. They were engaged in December 1933 and married the next year on Palm Sunday.

In the 30 years in the service, the Smiths were apart much of the time. The only shore duty he had was as a safety engineer at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. At one time between 1941 and 1943, they were apart for 27 months. In 1950, they purchased the Soloman house on 1st avenue in Chula Vista, intending to be together for Capt. Smith's last two years in the Navy.

Before they even were settled, the Korean conflict broke out and he was sent to get the jeep

carrier Esperance out of mothballs. He then made 22 trips across the Pacific delivering and supplies.

In 1952, he retired and established Smith Service R which he continued with until 1975. In 1955, Mrs. Smith ended her teaching career and worked at Lauderbach Elementary School until 1970.

The Smiths are members of the San Diego Zoological Society, the Curators Club, San Diego Finch Society, Lamplighter Trailer Club, Fireball Camperners and the Bonita Ocean Garden Club.

He is a member of the Bay Retired Officers Association, the Enterprise CV6 Association. His wife is in South Shores Teachers Assn., Chula Vista Woman's Club, California Daughters of America, Community Hospital Auxiliary and Gamma Xi sorority.

At their reception, the Smiths cut a five-tiered cake with a sword given to Smith when he was commissioned in 1929. Smith changed into her wedding dress for the cake ceremony.

In addition to their children, the Smiths have four grandchildren and one grandchild.



Laura and William A. Smith

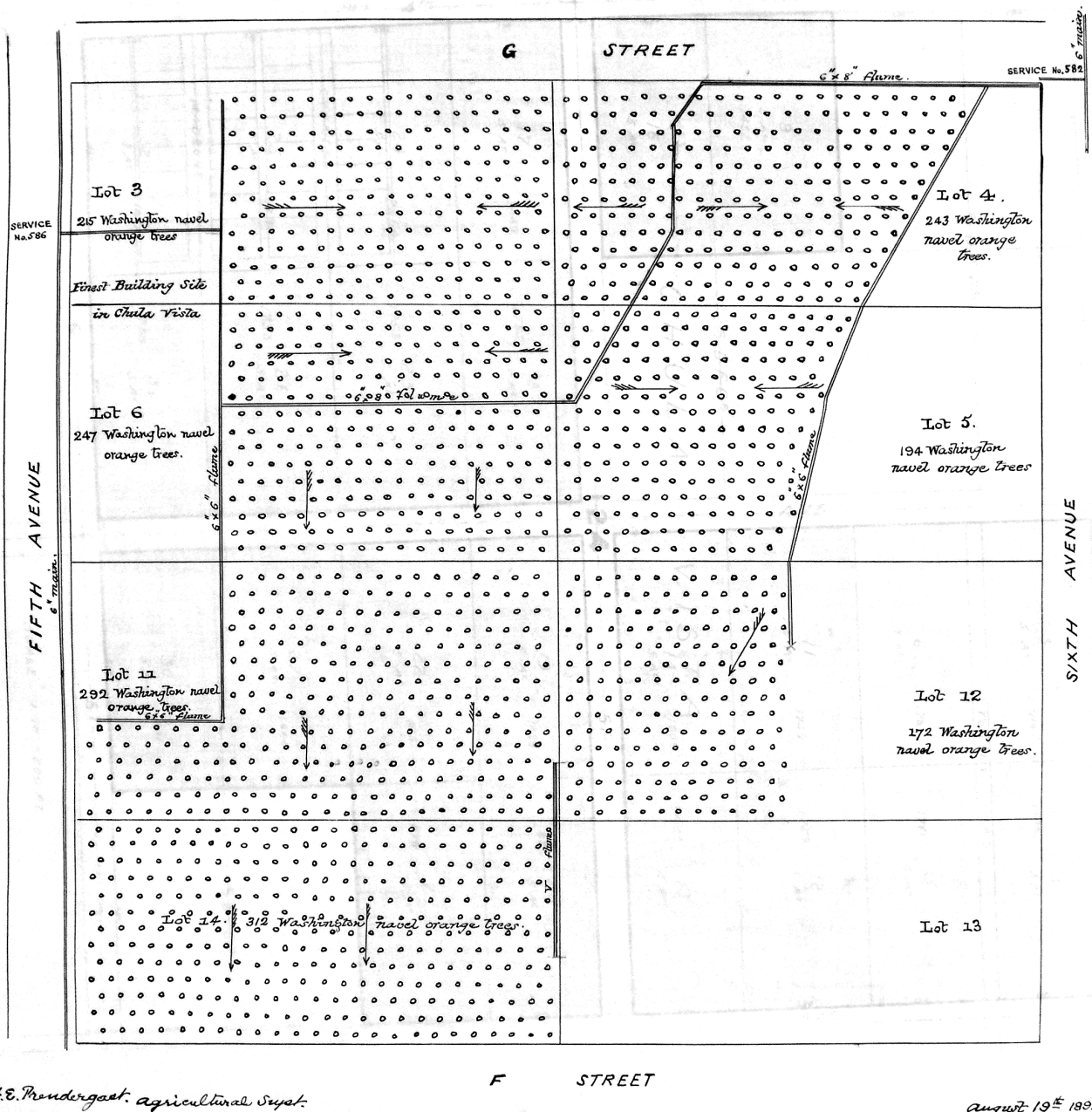
Planting in Quarter Section 123.

Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 14. 22 acres.

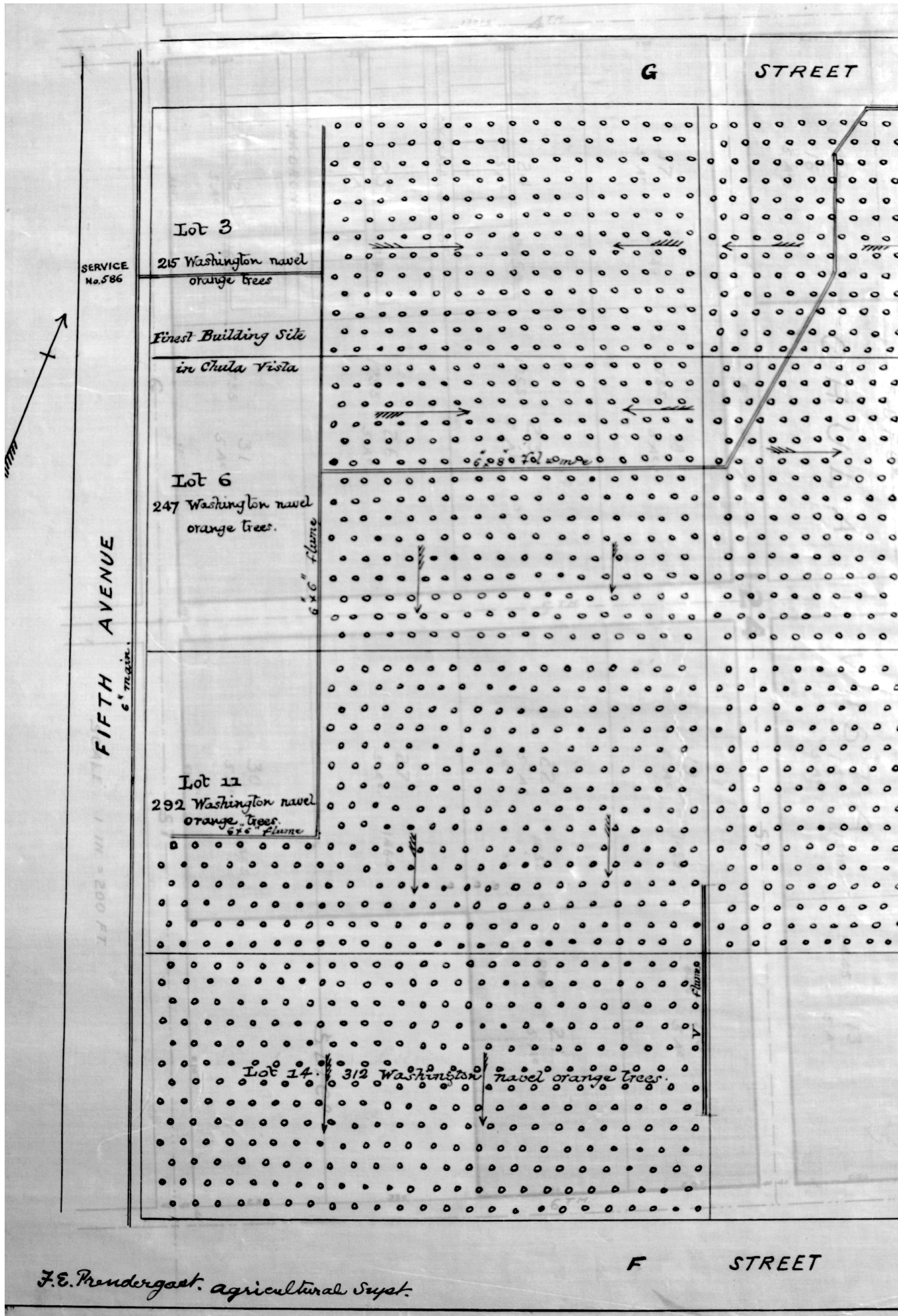
CHULA VISTA

These trees are one year buds on 3 and
four year old roots, sweet stock from Crans
land at East Highland, San Bernardino Co.,
and were set out in April, 1891.

SCALE 1 INCH = 100 FT.



Planting map of lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 14 in sec 123, "Finest building site in Chula Vista" in Lot 3 and 6 at G St. and old 5th Ave (new 1st Ave), Washington navel orange trees set out April 1891, map prepared by F. E. Prendergast, agricultural agent, Aug. 19, 1891. (San Diego Fruit Company Map Book #2, Box 40EN-42, Sweetwater Authority Archives.) 100_6858





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This is a xerox of aerial photograph taken Nov. 26, 1937, and shows the Sallmon house in the upper center along First Avenue (then known as Fifth Avenue). Hilltop street (then Sixth Avenue) is at the top. The original photo is available from the San Diego History Center.



This is a xerox of the aerial photograph taken by the Navy in 1945, showing the Sallmon house still surrounded by lemon orchards (Aerial Photographs, Cartographic Office, San Diego County Department of Public Works, 5201 Ruffin Road, San Diego CA.)



This closeup of the upper center section of an aerial photo of Chula Vista was made in 1951, shows a row of homes along G Street north of the Salmon house. (South Bay Historical Society)



Historic Aerials sells images for \$20 of any address for the years indicated. The image can be previewed online before ordering.