

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ NR _____ SHL 3610810 Loc _____
UTM: A 492860 B _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Agnes Wilkinson House
2. Historic name: Edith Darrow House
3. Street or rural address: 273 Alvarado Street
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 County San Diego
4. Parcel number: 568-511-17
5. Present Owner: Agnes M. Wilkinson/Pauline Stefanko Address: 273 Alvarado Street
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: residential Original use: residential

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Bungalow

7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Legal: Van Deever & Merritt Tct, Lot 6
This interesting version of the bungalow style features a low, cross gable roof with wide eaves and exposed rafter ends. The ridge of the front-facing gable is peaked, giving this one story house an oriental flair. Other details include latticework vents in the gable ends, wooden shingle siding in the gable ends and clapboard siding on the rest of the house, and an interior brick chimney. A recessed porch under the front gable originally had two tapered posts on high piers as roof supports. The piers and a unique stepped wall across the front of the porch appear to be made of rock faced concrete blocks in unusual sizes. The porch has been enclosed by side hinged windows and a door. Room additions on the right side of this house are covered by three small gable roofs.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1914 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 60 Depth 140
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1985

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: room additions; enclosure of porch
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: flowers and plants; chain link fence

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This house lies within the VanDeveer & Merritt Subdivision and was built in 1914 or 1915 while C. C. VanDeveer still owned the lot. By 1916, Edith Darrow had purchased the property. She owned it until about 1921 or 1922. Later owners included M. B. Case in 1922, James M. and Mabelle Pine in 1923 to 1926, and Nellie Green who purchased the home on Dec. 13, 1926. Edith Darrow and her husband, George, lived in the house for a time. James Pine was a salesman. The Green family included Nellie Green, Mary Louise Green, a teacher at the Chula Vista School, and Cecil Green. The Greens lived there until at least 1931. In 1933, John J. and Helen McHugh and Thomas J. McHugh lived here. John and Thomas McHugh were both golf pros. This house although somewhat altered has significance as one of the few bungalows in Chula Vista with oriental influence in the design.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture Arts & Leisure ___
 Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
 Government ___ Military ___
 Religion ___ Social/Education ___
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
 City directories
 CV Tax Assessment Rolls

22. Date form prepared 9-5-1985
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

