

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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UTM: A 492840 B 3611210  
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- IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Ramona Melendez House
  2. Historic name: Austin Fuller House
  3. Street or rural address: 355 Del Mar Avenue  
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 County San Diego
  4. Parcel number: 568-352-02
  5. Present Owner: Ramona C Melendez Address: 355 Del Mar Avenue  
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private
  6. Present Use: residential Original use: residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Spanish Eclectic
- 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 137, por Lot 28

This one story, rough stucco home has several sections. At the front left corner, a red tile shed and low gable roof covers a section that contains the original entrance. A stucco exterior chimney on the facade has battered sides and three shallow niches. The right and rear portions of this home feature flat roofs, parapets, canales and curved, almost Puebloan corners. A wing wall with one archway extends out to the right. Sections of the house are at various levels simulating a Spanish or Puebloan village. Various alterations are apparent including extensive window and door replacement, metal awnings and room additions.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated 1927 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 54 Depth 90  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
1985

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good  Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: window and door replacement; metal awnings; room additions
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: trees

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

Fred A. Griswold, a lumberman, owned this property for a short time in 1926 and 1927. He had the water connected on May 27, 1926 and the house apparently was constructed soon after that. Mr. Griswold apparently never lived here. Austin M. Fuller, a real estate agent for R. M. Pray, had acquired the house by 1928 and he lived here with his wife, Josephine. Josephine Fuller was a teacher at the Chula Vista School. Mr. A. Kenneth Fuller, a bookkeeper at the Bank of America, also lived at this address. Although altered to some extent, this Spanish Eclectic house exhibits some interesting features and a bit of Pueblo Revival influence. The original design can still be detected.

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).

Water records  
City directories  
CV Tax Assessment Rolls

22. Date form prepared 9-10-1985  
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):

