

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ NR _____ SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Maxine Hoover House
2. Historic name: Edwin Smith Jr House
3. Street or rural address: 680 Del Mar Avenue
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 County San Diego
4. Parcel number: 573-250-32
5. Present Owner: Maxine P. Hoover Address: 680 Del Mar Avenue
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: residential Original use: residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Craftsman
- 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 139, por Lots 11 & 14
This large, one story house features a medium, cross gable roof with wide eaves, exposed rafter ends, and visible support beam ends. The beam ends are stacked and have horizontal spacers. The home is nearly symmetrical with the street-facing gable and the front door centered on the facade. Four large fixed windows face the street; the outer window on each end is flanked by narrow double hung windows. Other details of this charming home include horizontal clapboard siding flared at the foundation line, tiny attic windows in the front gable end, and an interior chimney. The front sidewalk and three concrete steps lead to a large concrete entrance terrace. A gabled popout is on the right side of this house.



8. Construction date: Estimated 1925 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 0.80
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1985

13. Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
14. Alterations: none apparent except for rain gutters and downspouts
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: garage, trees and shrubs

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Water was connected to this property on Feb. 25, 1924. The house was built in 1925 or 1926 for Edwin T. Smith, Jr. and his wife, Pansy Boone Smith, an oil heiress from Midland Texas. In 1925, E. T. Smith, Jr. was the Assistant Cashier at the People's State Bank, and in 1932, he managed the Bank of America in Chula Vista. He died in an automobile accident at Fullerton in October, 1951. One source indicates that Mr. Smith might have designed and constructed this house himself. This attractive and unique house has significance as the former home of the prominent Smith family and also as a good example of a Craftsman house. The building apparently retains integrity of design and materials.

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).
Information: Art Day
City directories
CV Tax Assessment Rolls
Water records
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):

