

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Norma Lindquist House
2. Historic name: Elmer Kinmore House
3. Street or rural address: 230 Fifth Avenue
- City Chula Vista Zip 92010 County San Diego
4. Parcel number: 567-071-09
5. Present Owner: Norma V Lindquist Address: 786 Del Mar Avenue
- City Chula Vista Zip 92010 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: residence Original use: residence

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: Roberta Park No 3, Blk 3, Lot 9

This fanciful adaptation of Spanish style architecture has a flat roof with stepped parapets and canales. An exterior chimney stands against the left side of the one story stucco house. At each front corner a sloped wing wall extends out to the side. The house is symmetrical with an open entrance porch at the center flanked on each side by a set of three windows. The porch has a red tile shed roof, arched openings and round, twisted pillars at the sides of the street-facing arch. Each set of street-facing windows has a fixed center pane flanked by double hung windows. Metal awnings shade these windows. Decorative ironwork graces the front parapets and the street-facing windows.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1926 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 80 Depth 150
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1985

13. Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
 none apparent
14. Alterations: _____
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

SIGNIFICANCE

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

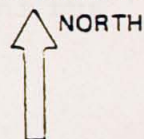
Water was connected to this property on September 26, 1927, but this house might have been constructed in 1926 for Elmer W Kinmore and his wife, Ida. In 1931, Mr. Kinmore operated Kinmore Electric in Chula Vista. In 1956, Mr. Kinmore still lived at this address. He was a well known businessman in Chula Vista. This house is a more ornate version of the Spanish style homes of this era. The twisted pillars reflect the interest in Spanish Colonial Revival houses as a result of the 1915 Exposition in San Diego. The Kinmore House has integrity of design and materials and historical significance as the home of the prominent Kinmore family.

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).
 Water records
 CV Tax Assessment Rolls
 City directories
 Assessor's Records

22. Date form prepared 9-10-1985
 By (name) K Webster
 Organization City of Chula Vista
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 City Chula Vista Zip 92012
 Phone: 691-5101

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



Schoenherr book draft Chapter 11:

Elmer Winship Kinmore and his wife wife Ida came to CV Jan. 12, 1912. He followed his mother Dora Mae Kinmore who came here from Minnesota for her health and who lived to be 100. He had orchard on Fifth Ave between F and G, but "I was wiped out in the freeze of 1913. it was the hardest freeze San Diego has had, I believe. The ice was so thick youngsters were skating in the streets." He worked at the Hercules Powder Plant during WWI. Kinmore and Joseph Lowe started the Lowe and Kinmore electrical company in 1920, became CV Electric in 1945 owned by Joseph Burkhardt and Ed Hesse. Kinmore started his own store Kinmore Electric Co. with partner Mason Baity in 1926 on 3rd Ave near center St, moved to 322 3rd Ave in 1930 and moved in 1946 to a new store at 3rd and G Street. Kinmore was one of the founding members of the Masonic Lodge in Chula Vista in 1925, and a charter member of Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce. He was chairman of the finance committee that raised \$80,000 for the original Boys Club building at 5th and I Street. Charles Kinmore, son of E. W. Kinmore, died of appendicitis in 1932. The boy was a prominent athlete at Sweetwater HS. Win Kinmore was one of the developers of the Roberta Park subdivision in 1946. He was the grandfather of Kathy Fiscus who died in a well accident in April 1949, and many people in Chula Vista gathered at his store to watch the attempted rescue broadcast live on television by the pioneering KTLA station in Los Angeles. Kathy was buried in Glen Abbey cemetery. He opened his store May 16, 1949, for the first broadcast of the local KFMB television station. He was chairman of the Library Board and led the decision to build a new public library in 1952-1955. He was past president of the Bureau of Radio and Electrical Appliance Dealers in San Diego County. As a past president of San Diego Country Club, Kinmore was an honorary member and still played golf there at the age of 80. Kinmore retired in 1958 after selling his business to Mason Baity. He moved into Fredericka Manor with his surviving wife, Merle, in July, 1965, and died in 1972 at the age of 85.

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