

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR _____ SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: James Kell House
2. Historic name: Fernando Neptune House
3. Street or rural address: 707 First Avenue
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 County San Diego
4. Parcel number: 574-281-02
5. Present Owner: James F & Patricia A Kell Address: 707 First 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: Eitzen Tract, Lot 2

This 1 1/2 story Craftsman house features a medium, side-facing gable roof with a large gabled dormer facing the street. The roof has wide eaves with knee braces and exposed rafter ends. A cement block chimney pierces the eave on the right side. The front porch, which is recessed under the house roof, has four square roof supports and has been carefully enclosed with windows. Most of the windows, except for the porch, are double hung throughout the house. The original siding has been covered or replaced with asbestos shingles. The chimney does not appear to be original.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1913 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 58 Depth 170
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1985

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: probable enclosure of porch, asbestos shingles, chimney may not be original
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, picket fence, trees

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 April 24, 1912. Abraham Eitzen owned this lot at that time. On October 11, 1912, he filed the Eitzen Tract subdivision map that included Lot 2 on which this house stands. Eitzen apparently had this house constructed in 1912 or 1913. In 1914 or 1915, Frenando C. Neptune, a carpenter and a minister, acquired the property. Rev. Neptune and his family lived in this house. After he passed away around 1929, his widow, Mary, resided here a few more years. In 1933, Lyman and Melvin Howard, both farmers, lived at this address. This house is one of the early examples of the Craftsman style in Chula Vista. With details much like the one story bungalow, this taller version is sometimes referred to as a "semi-bungalow" or "bungaloid." Although the home has undergone some alterations, the original design has been retained.

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
Water records

22. Date form prepared 9-8-1985
By (name) K Webster
Organization City of Chula Vista
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Phone: 691-5101

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

