

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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## IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Duenow Residence
2. Historic name: Barneberg House
3. Street or rural address: 550 Dana  
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 County San Luis Obispo
4. Parcel number: 02-401-07
5. Present Owner: Duenow, J.M. Address: P.O. Box 1446  
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

## DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Prairie with Neo-Georgian overtones
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This two story symmetrical stucco house is roofed with asphalt tile and is trimmed with painted wood. The roof is truncated and has projecting eaves. Stucco chimneys give balance at each side. A concrete stoop implies a concrete foundation. The windows are rectangular, some in arcades and some fixed with mullions at the top. There are narrow moldings and a shelf on the front windows. The centered doorway is indented. There is a solid wood door with a beveled glass window in a geometric shape. One half Doric columns trim the doorway. There are long paned windows flanking the door opening. An open portico with square pillars of stucco on rough cut granite is an important feature to this house and show a Palladian influence. A railing around the top of the portico forms a balcony with French doors giving access to the house. A flat roofed one story extension on one side has a doorway and stoop. The house and yard are in good condition.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1914
9. Architect Charles McKensie
10. Builder James Maino
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 200' Depth 360'  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
February 1983

13. Condition: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ No longer in existence ☐
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? ☒ Yes ☐ Moved? ☐ Unknown? ☐
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

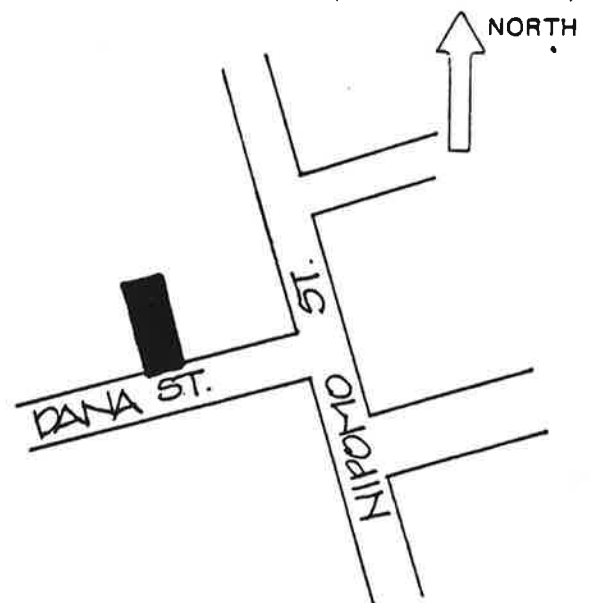
### SIGNIFICANCE

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

The Barneberg residence stands out as a fine example of Neo-Classic architecture with some Craftsman and even Prairie School overtones. Built in 1914 for J.W. Barneberg, the house was designed by Charles McKensie. James Maino, a leading contractor, did the construction. The two story 50 x 44' residence cost about \$6000; a price which Barneberg, a prominent businessman, president of the Commercial Bank and of San Luis Obispo's first millionaires, could well afford. McKensie, the San Francisco architect associated with Wolf and Wolf of San Jose, designed several homes in the city during the teens for prominent citizens. To some degree the low truncated hipped roof and fenestration of this house suggest Prairie School overtones, but its form is detectably Neo-Georgian. The house is unique and impressive to San Luis Obispo not only in its unusual appearance of style and sheathing but also in the fact that it is one of the very few residences in the early teens that was architect-designed.

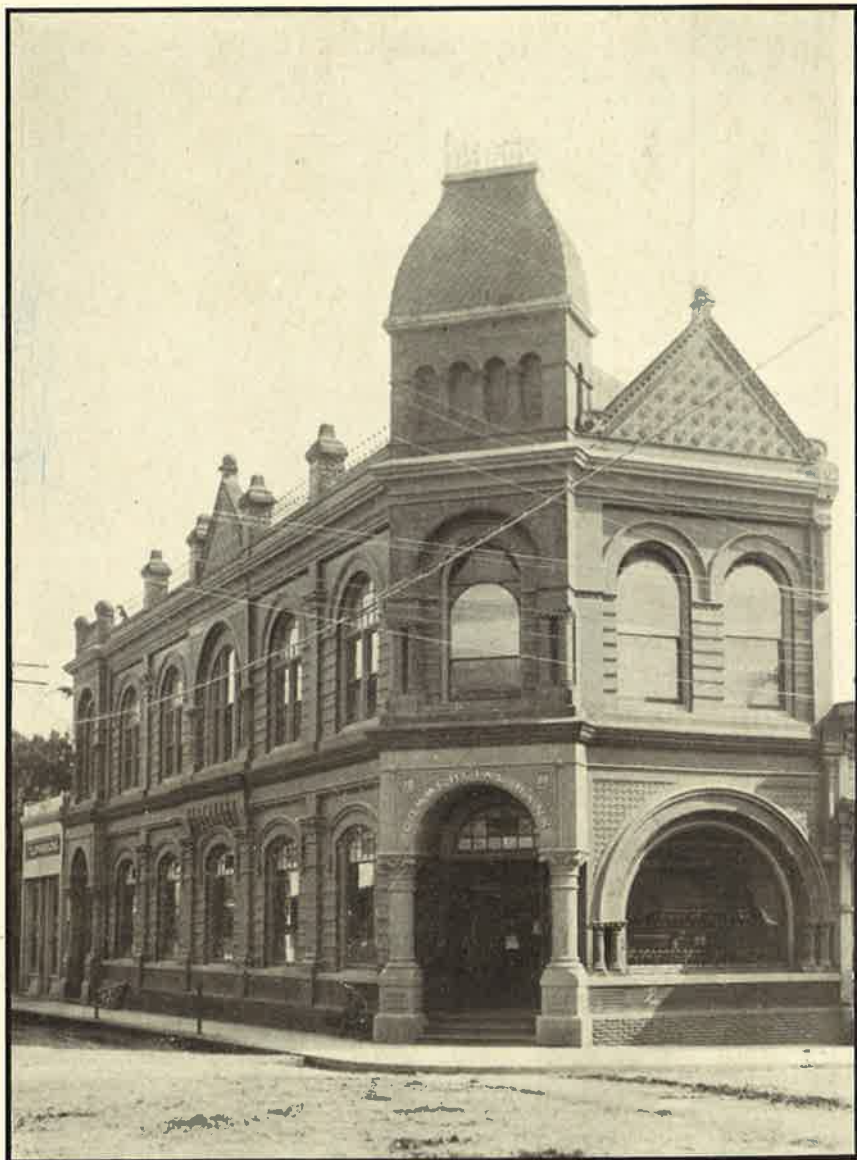
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
Architecture ☒ 1 Arts & Leisure \_\_\_\_\_  
Economic/Industrial ☒ 2 Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_\_\_  
Government \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_\_\_
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
City Building Permits (1914)  
City of San Luis Obispo Historical Element (1977)
22. Date form prepared JUL 17 1983  
By (name) Historic Res. Survey Staff  
Organization City of San Luis Obispo  
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):





Barneberg Family, ca.1890: l to r: Grace E., John W. (father, seated), John F., Sarah E. (mother, seated), and Chester D.



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