

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Estrada House
2. Historic name: Jesse Wright Maternity Home
3. Street or rural address: 726 Buchon Street
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 County San Luis Obispo
4. Parcel number: 03-533-10
5. Present Owner: Estrada, E. Address: 1689 Phillips Lane
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Wood frame house w/ Queen Anne ornamentation
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

A two story rectangular structure has three gables, one is predominant. An open porch curves into a sunporch. Siding is of shiplap construction on the exterior with a fishscale shingle sheathing the porch. The medium pitched roof creates an uneven roofline and is of composition shingle. Architecturally, the house has elements of Queen Anne style with decorative sunbursts over windows, uneven roofline and dormer windows. The curved front room was possibly a former open verandah. The porch is sagging and the structure is in need of paint and repair.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1900 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 75' Depth 170'
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
December 1982

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated X No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential X Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known X 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 wood frame house at 726 Buchon is an interesting example of local builder hybridization of the Carpenter Gothic Revival style with Victorian appliques and a Neo-Colonial porch. Though it lacks any true stylistic categorization, the house is architecturally noteworthy with elements of the Queen Anne style: dormer windows, decorative sunbursts over the windows, a curved front room that encloses what probably was once an open porch, an irregular roofline and ship-lap siding on various parts of the exterior.

Built around 1900, J.A. Dunbar, a repairman, lived here in 1904. Miss Kate Cox, listed in 1901 as a member of the Twentieth Century Club, was a householder in 1912. By the 1920's, Mrs. Jessie Wright owned the building and used it as a maternity home. The wife of one of the prominent physicians of this era, Dr. Richard Bradbury, worked at the home as a nurse. The house was turned into a boarding house by the 1930's and today it is a private residence. Though in need of repair and maintenance, this house is an architecturally unique, vernacular and eclectic contribution to the "Nob Hill" row of Victorian structures that line this block.

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).
City Directory (1904, 1914)
"Heritage Walking Tour" brochure (OTNA, 1981)

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