

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. 0017-04R
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 4 _____ SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Carpenter House
2. Historic name: Ed Kaiser House
3. Street or rural address: 751 Buchon Street
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 County San Luis Obispo
4. Parcel number: 03-534-09
5. Present Owner: Carpenter, R.L. and D.J. Address: 751 Buchon Street
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Colonial Revival/Neoclassic
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

A wide, generously roofed verandah wraps around the front and side of a large two-story corner house. Wide overhanging eaves with deep frieze, and amply proportioned columns support the porch roof rising from a closed railing that is covered with varied decorative fishscale and other shingles. The front door is stained and varnished with a beveled edge oval window. Stained/leaded glass extends across top of front windows. There are slanted bay windows on the front and the side of the upper floor and side of the lower floor. The rear portion of the house is one story. The structure is well painted and maintained.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1906 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 60' Depth 180'
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
December 1982

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.)

This house is a prime illustration of Colonial Revival architecture in San Luis Obispo as it appeared after the turn of the century. The symmetry and formality of the two story classic box is evident from the medium pitched hipped roof, classical proportioned windows, compressed slanted bays, and wrap-around porch bordered by Doric columns. This residence was constructed between 1904 and 1908 and is one of the earliest Classical Revival "American Four Squares" in the city. The two houses east of 751 Buchon, on the same side of the street are also Neo-Classic designs, but they were erected later in the early teens. In 1914, 751 Buchon was the home of Ed Kaiser, a cigar dealer and bar owner, and his wife Annie. Today the house stands well trimmed and, amidst the Victorian transitional Neo-Classical styles of the old Murray and Church district, it is a vivid symbol of early 20th century architecture in San Luis Obispo.

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 _____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
(1903, 1909)
City Directory (1904, 1914)

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

