

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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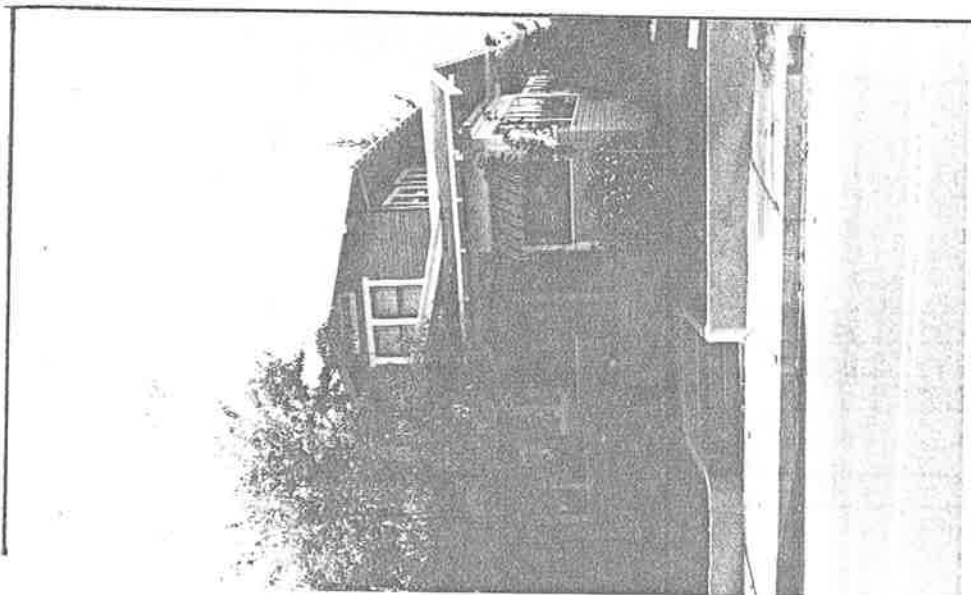
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Boatman Home
2. Historic name: Fred Cossett
3. Street or rural address: 896 Buchon Street
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 County San Luis Obispo
4. Parcel number: 03-537-13
5. Present Owner: Boatman, J.H., et al. Address: 896 Buchon
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Craftsman Bungalowoid (two-story)
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This Craftsman bungalow has a two story rising from the center of the roof. Eaves project over exposed rafters. An asymmetric front door has four lights in the upper third. A major front window is triplet double hung. Fixed windows and a ten-light door at the right front indicate the porch formerly extended around the side and has been enclosed. The upper floor is approximately half of the lower floor area. House sits over a basement with entry door in the rear. All the windows are two-light double hung except for fixed panes on enclosed porch. A separate garage in the rear has the same siding. Window awnings are in good condition along with attractive landscaping, which adds to the excellent appearance of the residence..



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1916 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 55' Depth 120'
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.)

The house at 896 Buchon is one of the most striking examples of a two story Craftsman Bungalow in San Luis Obispo. It was built between 1914 and 1918 for Fred Cossett, manager and owner of the Channel Commercial Wholesale Grocery. The house reflects the Craftsman anti-industrial and counter-Victorian theme and sentiment of organicness and closeness to nature. The very gently pitched eaves, generously projecting with exposed rafters and purlins, triplet windows and window molding are typical features of the bungalow. The asymmetrical cross plan of the gable directions between the first and second stories make an interesting design and add distinct character that significantly differentiates this house from the majority of average, simple, modest, do-it-yourself bungalows found in the city. It is appropriate that this relatively more aesthetically designed bungalow found location in the affluent Murray and Church, old town neighborhood.

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).

City Directory (1914)

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

