

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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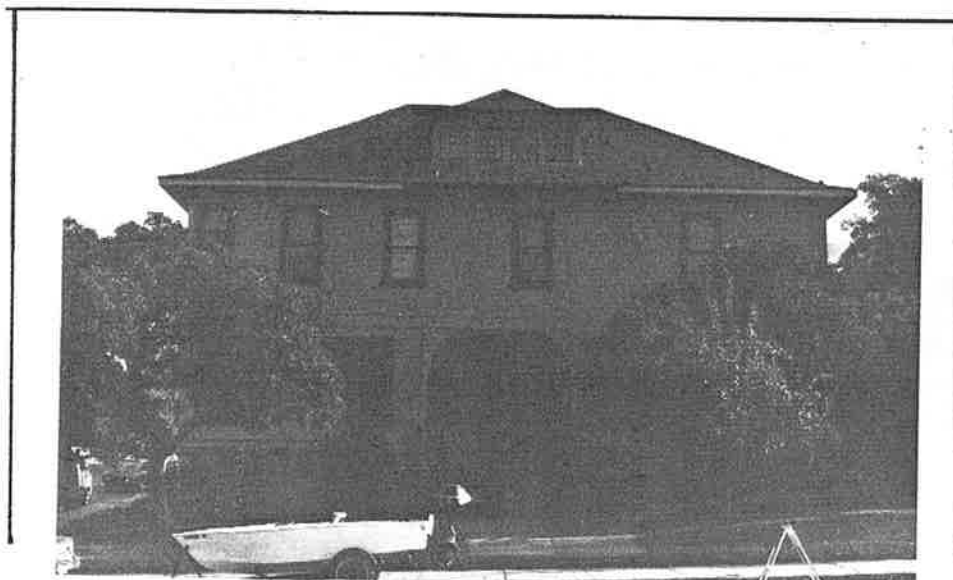
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Foundation House
2. Historic name: Allen House
3. Street or rural address: 1700 Osos Street
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401 County San Luis Obispo
4. Parcel number: 03-554-01
5. Present Owner: San Luis Obispo Boarding, A Calif. Corp. Address: 2049 Century Park
c/o Halperin & Halperin
City Los Angeles Zip 90067 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Multiple Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This two story rectangular building has a medium sloped belled-hip roof with composition shingles and medium overhangs with boxed soffit. Below the soffit is continuous smooth frieze band. Centered on the roof is a belled-hip dormer with four 20 pane windows. The center recessed porch is framed by a straight top arch. The entry door is solid with two large fixed windows to the left. The porch has steps with a brick railing. Both floors contain rows of spaced large double hung windows with wide flat trim and bracketed lugsills. Siding is clapboard with random fitted stone around the base.



8. Construction date: Estimated 1900 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 90' Depth 120'
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
February 1983

13. Condition: Excellent ____ Good X Fair ____ Deteriorated ____ 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

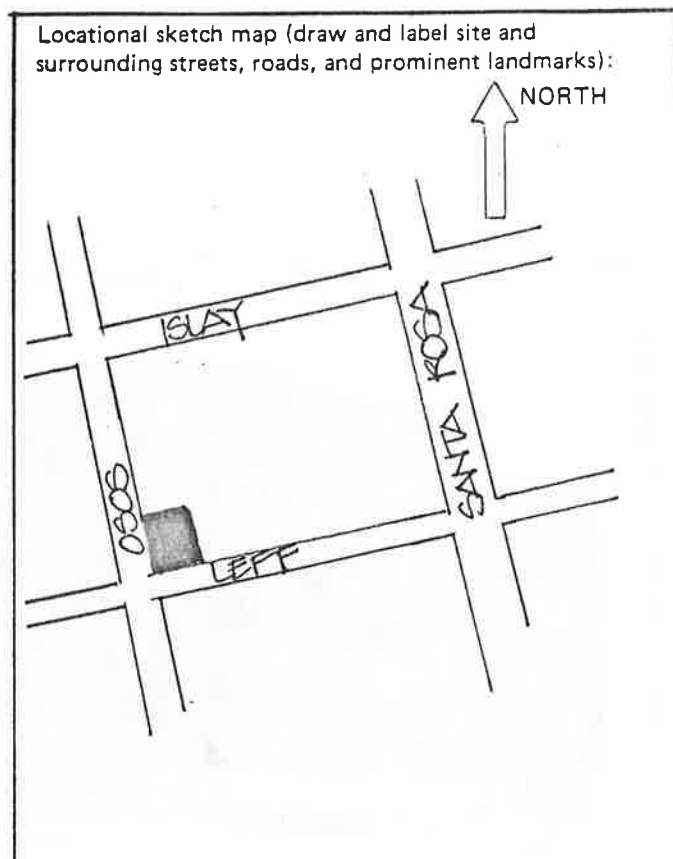
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

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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 (1914)

22. Date form prepared 17 June 1983
By (name) Historic Res. Survey Staff
Organization City of San Luis Obispo
Address: P.O. Box 321
City San Luis Obispo Zip 93401
Phone: (805) 541-1000



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Reference No. _____
 Photo No. _____
 Direction _____
 Parcel No. _____
 Evaluation Score _____

Name O. Cotser
 Phone _____
 Date _____
 Time Spent _____
 Reviewed by _____
 Evaluated by _____

ARCHITECTURAL WORKSHEET

1. Address Block 138 1700 OSOS ST. (corner lot)

23. Architectural Style(s): List predominant style and, if applicable, secondary styles

RAILROAD VERNACULAR WITH NEO-CLASSICAL INFLUENCE

24. Describe the present physical appearance of the structure in standard architectural terms.

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