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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

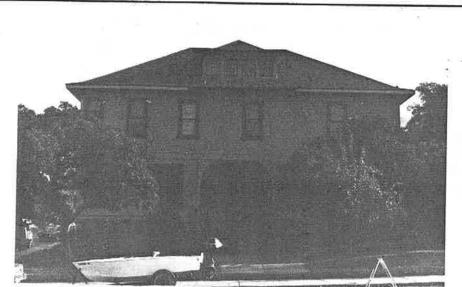
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	FICATION Common name:	Foundation House				
2.	Historic name:	Allen House				
3.	Street or rural ac	ddress: 1700 Osos S	treet			
	City San	Luis Obispo	Zip 93401	County	San Luis Obispo	
4.	Parcel number:	03-554-01				
5.	Present Ownes:	San Luis Obispo Board	ing, A Calif. Co	orp Address: 204	49 Century Park	
	City Los A	ngeles Zip		o is: Public	Private X	
6.	Present Use:	Multiple Residence	Original use:E	Residence	640	

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.



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8.	Construction date: Estimated 1900 Factual
9.	ArchitectUnknown
10.	BuilderUnknown
11,	Approx. property size (in feet) Frontage 90' Depth 120' or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) February 1983

13.	Condition: ExcellentGood 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 XIndustrial Commercial Other:
16.	Threats to site: None known X Private development Zoning Zoning Vandalism Dther: Zoning National Vandalism
17.	Is the structure: On its original site? Yes Moved? Unknown?
18.	Related features:
	NIFICANCE Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
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	Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):
20.	Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.) Architecture1 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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