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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Dr. George C. Clark home ~~Home~~
AND/OR COMMON
Heritage House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
California State University, Fullerton ^{campus} ~~Fullerton~~ -- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Fullerton VICINITY OF 39th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE California CODE 06 COUNTY Orange CODE 059

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: 2 rooms

OWNER OF PROPERTY

Arboretum Office

NAME
California State University, Fullerton Lease-holder Arboretum Society, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER
California State University, Fullerton

CITY, TOWN Fullerton VICINITY OF _____ STATE California 92634

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Orange County Court House

STREET & NUMBER
630 North Broadway - Room 101

CITY, TOWN Santa Ana STATE California 92701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Fullerton Public Library Survey of Historic Homes and Businesses
"Fullerton As It Used to Be" - Dora Mae Sim

DATE 1971 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Fullerton Public Library

CITY, TOWN Fullerton STATE California 92631

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Dec. 23, 1972</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

1. Description of the house at 114 North Lemon Street, Fullerton, California

The redwood structure with main entrance facing west contains 10 rooms and an unfinished attic. The rooms within the house are entry, parlor, dining room, kitchen, pantry, two bedrooms, bath, doctor's office and pharmacy.

Excerpts from a report on the house as prepared by C. L. Schultz of McLean & Schultz Civil & Structural Engineers, October 23, 1972, prior to the December 23, 1972, move to the Arboretum:

The structure is a very good example of the architecture of the period.

The foundation around the periphery of the building is hand mixed concrete and is in good condition. The interior foundations are wood piers on square concrete footings.

The fir and pine floor joists and wood plates are in good condition. The floor sheathing is 1 x 6 tongue and groove. All lumber is rough sawn or surfaced two sides.

The walls are constructed of 2 x 4 studs with wood siding. The interior is wood lath and plaster. The 11 foot plus ceiling is constructed of 2 x 3 rough sawn (full size) joists at 16 inches on center with wood lath and plaster.

The roof is of light construction. The rafters are 2 x 3 (full size) at two-foot-seven inches on center with a slope of approximately 60° with 1 x 4 sheathing at 10 inches on centers. The roof has 16 inch long cedar shingles. All of the wood construction in the ceiling and roof is in good condition with no signs of termites.

The interior plaster has cracks and some water damage. All of the walls, ceilings, and floors need refinishing.

Romex and B-X electric wiring has been used to replace the original electrical wiring. The light fixtures are non-code; however, these can be replaced. A close inspection of the electrical wiring should be made prior to reuse of the structure.

Natural gas is used for floor furnace heating, cooking and water heating.

Extensive repairs would be required to the front porch floors and ceilings. The structure has adequate exits.

The present code does not allow wood lath and plaster. However, a special ruling from the Development Services Department or state agency (whomever will have final jurisdiction) would be needed to ascertain if the present wood lath and plaster must be replaced. Drywall construction could be used to replace the wood lath and plaster.

The basic structure is in good condition and it is our opinion that the structure is safe for use as a residence. The very light roof construction, many interior walls and wood siding construction would provide adequate resistance to seismic forces as required by today's codes.

The walls were braced with interior wood cut-in bracing and the house has not suffered any damage from minor earth quakes during its 78 years of existence. It is recommended that the existing brick chimney, which is not in use and has been partially removed, be completely removed from the building.

The structure would twist and rock during an earthquake and would sustain plaster

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cracking but would not endanger the occupants to a greater degree than our present light constructed homes. If the wood lath and plaster were removed and one half inch drywall were used, properly nailed, the residence would be able to resist more seismic force with less damage. Presently, there is some danger of falling plaster in moderate and heavy seismic accelerations.

It is our opinion that the residence can be brought up to present day residential code requirements and is worthy of saving for its historical value.

2. Description of the house at The Arboretum, Fullerton, California

Refurbishment of the George C. Clark home (Heritage House) for use as a museum and Arboretum office includes the following:

The new foundation as designed by H. Stanley Kohlenberger, AIA, is constructed of girders and concrete in accord with the Uniform Building Code.

The original roof had to be removed and the gables lowered for the move to the Arboretum site. The new roof, identical to the original, was reconstructed by a Fullerton College construction class.

All plaster was removed from the interior walls. A small room at the rear of the house was removed as suggested by Kohlenberger. This room was not part of the original house and did not fit in with intentions for the house. At the rear of the house, a few partitions were moved to provide office space for the Arboretum and to provide restroom facilities. All internal partition framing, studing and lathing were kept intact and only reinforced where necessary.

All plumbing and electrical conduit were removed and reconstructed to the current Uniform Building Code standards. It should be noted that all new electric work was a duplication of location of the existing fixtures. The actual control fixtures are of a push button nature.

The chimney was removed in compliance with earthquake safety.

All interior partitions and ceilings were covered with 5/8 inch drywall, taped and plastered. All new drywall was attached to the existing lath and are now ready for painting and wallpapering.

All existing floor material has been kept intact. All doors and trim in the Museum area are original

The porch decking is still intact, but was so badly worn it was decided to cover the existing porch deck with 5/8 inch by 3 inch tongue and groove Douglas Fir.

The new porch railing and steps were duplicated from a photograph taken of the house in 1899.

At the rear of the house, a new paraplegic ramp was installed to provide access for the handicapped.

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The exterior was completely stripped of paint, down to the natural Redwood. It was then sanded and prepared for painting. Two coats of primer and paint were then applied.

All new electrical heating and air conditioning was installed.

Cement sidewalks in the style of those Dr. Clark had laid in 1895 have been replaced.

Steps to protect the house include:

- a. A cyclone fence with barbed wire top surrounds the house--this will be removed when the Arboretum is complete, as the total 25 acres will then be enclosed within a similar fence.
- b. An ADT Sonic Burglary Detection System is now in operation within the house.
- c. Research on smoke detection devices is now in progress.

3. Original Site

In 1894 when Dr. Clark purchased land on which to build his home, Fullerton was little more than a small farming community. Livestock was kept within the city limits while orange groves and vineyards encircled the area. During the years which elapsed the Clark home on Lots 11 and 12 (as indicated by the red dot on the enclosed copy of the Assessor's Map - Book 33 - Page 8 - County of Orange) changed hands many times and the city grew around it. Homes gave way to business and public buildings and the house stood isolated in the ever growing and in later years deteriorating, downtown district.

In the spring of 1972 the City of Fullerton--now owners of the property--announced the house was to be demolished, as it stood in the way of a municipal street-widening project along Lemon Street. Many people in the community wished to save the structure, and they were informed that the house would have to be moved from the path of progress. It was then the decision was reached to relocate the house at Fullerton's historic and ecological preserve--the Arboretum at the California State University, Fullerton campus.

4. Present Site

On December 23, 1972, the house was moved to its permanent home in the Arboretum--please note enclosed maps USGS - CSUF Campus and Arboretum.

The land which comprises the Arboretum has historic worth as it was homesteaded in the 1870's by two of Fullerton's pioneers, Henry Hettebrink and Richard H. Gilman. Henry Hettebrink was a dairyman, whose home still stand and is presently used by CSUF as an office. Richard H. Gilman was a rancher, who in 1880 planted California's first Valencia orange grove.

The house nestles into the edge of an old Valencia grove within the Arboretum. The main entrance of the structure faces west as it did on Lemon Street. The aim of the restoration is to reproduce a total environment for the Clark home as it would have been in that early farming community--Fullerton 1894. It is felt that the present location of the house allows for a duplication of this historic era.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .18 acres - 7840 sq.ft. (house and yard only)

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>11</u>	<u>418820</u>	<u>3749340</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Jorice Maag and JoAnn Woodard, Coordinators, February 25, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Heritage House Project

DATE

Arboretum Society, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

California State University, Fullerton

(714) 870-3250

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Fullerton, California

Ca. 92634

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XX

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

~~SIGNATURE OF PRESERVATION OFFICER~~

[Handwritten Signature]
S.H.P.O.

AUG 22 1975

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/12/86
12/6/86

~~ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION~~

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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demonstrating it on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary in 1944, when five hundred residents and friends gathered to pay them tribute. Four years later Dr. Clark died. "The Fullerton Tribune described Clark's death as the end of an era. His more than half-century as a Fullerton citizen was devoted to the city and to the people. When looking through the history of Fullerton, one will, more often than not, find the name of George Crook Clark among the list of notable contributors to the progress of the city. He was a vital force in the political, social and medical currents of Fullerton and of Orange County." (From George Crook Clark, by Debra L. Gold, p. 35)

8b. Architecture

The house is a good example of Eastlake style architecture, prevalent in the City of Fullerton at the turn of the century:

- a. steep, shingled roof with ornate gables
- b. spindles, fish scale, and basket weave ornamentation
- c. Beveled and stained glass windows.

Mr. Eric Lassen, Preservation Officer in Orange County for the American Institute of Architects, inspected the house and made the following observations:

- 1) The Clark house, which is to serve as a focus of your project, is an absolutely excellent example of the Eastlake style of Victorian architecture that was so common in Orange County around the turn of the century.
- 2) The house has extremely fine proportions, excellent scale, and its level of ornamentation and detailing is very much representative of its period. This house is in our opinion particularly interesting because of its fine balance of elements.
- 3) The ornamentation which is primarily visible from the front side of the house is very much in the Eastlake tradition. Most of this detailing, which includes an elaborate veranda railing and some most interesting gable ornamentation, is of high quality. Restoration work appears to have been done with a great deal of care.
- 4) In spite of the fact that the Clark house has been moved from its original location, we think that its inclusion in an arboretum which also features the first Valencia orange grove in Orange County makes a great deal of sense. This arrangement will provide future generations with the opportunity to view the grove and the architecture style that was prevalent around the time when the grove first started producing. We could envision no more appropriate an arrangement for an important historic point in Orange County.
- 5) To a certain extent, we think that the architectural characteristics of the Clark house are more visible and comprehensible at its present location in the arboretum than they would be if the house had been left in its original location.
- 6) We strongly recommend that you apply for a designation as a California Point of Historic Interest, and following that you may wish to apply for a National Register designation. Both classifications should apply to the grove and the Clark house.

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7) In a brief inspection of some of the older parts of the City of Fullerton, we were unable to locate any homes with better or more representative Eastlake characteristics than the Clark house.

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