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1	NAME A.	S. Bradford Home			
	AND/OR COMMON Th	e Bradford House			
	LOCATION				
	STREET & NUMBER	6 Palm Circle		NOT FOR PUBLICATION	
	CITY, TOWN	acentia	VICINITY OF	congressional distr 39th	ICT
	STATE	lifornia (CODE	COUNTY Orange	CODE 059
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•	CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS PRESENT		ENT USE
	DISTRICT X_BUILDING(S)STRUCTURESITEOBJECT OWNER OF NAME City of STREET & NUMBER	XPUBLIC —PRIVATE —BOTH PUBLIC ACQUISITION —IN PROCESS —BEING CONSIDERED FPROPERTY Placentia t Chapman Avenue	_OCCUPIED _UNOCCUPIED X_WORK IN PROGRESS ACCESSIBLE X_YES: RESTRICTED _YES: UNRESTRICTED _NO Kraemer Boul	AGRICULTURECOMMERCIAL XEDUCATIONALENTERTAINMENTGOVERNMENTINDUSTRIALMILITARY	Xmuseum —PARK —PRIVATE RESIDENCE —RELIGIOUS —SCIENTIFIC —TRANSPORTATION XOTHER under r Constru ion; anticipa use as checke
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	STREET & NUMBER	630 North Broadw	<i>y</i> ay		
	CITY, TOWN	Santa Ana		STATE California	
6	TITLE (A) "The	TATION IN EXIST: Bradford House" excetorical Residences, Ci	rpt from a report to	Placentia City	Council
	DATE (A) Apri	il 1974 (B) 1975	FEDERALST	ATECOUNTY XXLOCAL	
	DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS	City Hall			
	CITY, TOWN	Placentia		STATE	

CONDITION

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__EXCELLENT X_GOOD

__DETERIORATED

__UNALTERED

X_ORIGINAL SITE

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__MOVED DATE____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bradford House, built in 1902 in an orange grove of which a remnant remains, is a large two-storied shingle Colonial Revival structure. A wide front veranda, ornamented with simple Colonial Revival columns, extends around the west and east sides of the house. There are decorative door overhangs on the west and south sides of the house and a projecting bay on the east side. Originally, the simple eave bracketing was repeated in the roof cresting which has since been removed.

A recent fire destroyed the roof, which has since been replaced, and damaged the interior. The carpeting, wallpapers, paint, and damaged trim is being replaced. Valuable mantel pieces, leaded glass curved cabinet doors, and light fixtures have been stored and will be reinstalled during rehabilitation. A portion of the veranda which had been enclosed at one point has been returned to its original condition.

The house is situated on its original two and a half acre site. The house and grounds have been given to the City of Placentia by its owner, the grandson of the founder of the city.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

SPECIFIC DAT	ES 1902	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT James Staffor	a			
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1800-1899	COMMERCE	X_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION			
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER			
1600-1699	X_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN			
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE			
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE			
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION			
PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW						

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

1902

Architecture: In 1902, A.S. Bradford commissioned James Stafford to draw plans for the two-story, fifteen-room house with full basement and attic. Construction began in July of 1902 and was completed in December. The cost was approximately \$8000. The Bradford house today looks almost exactly as it did in the earliest photograph, and is a good example of a turn-of-the-century Colonial Revival structure, a derivative of Queen Anne styling.

James Stafford

Eric Lassen, A.I.A., states that the house and its setting represent an important cultural resource as the home of A.S. Bradford, founder of Placentia. He states that architecturally "it is an absolutely excellent example of a prosperous turnof-the-century rural ranch home. The house is formal aand bulky and imposing and its massing and the treatment of the second floor wall shingling suggests a possible influence of the shingle style."

"While the house is not particularly ornate, it does have an extensive, formal front veranda which is so characteristic of houses of its period. Also of particular interest is the extremely pronounced second floor splayed transition to the veranda roof. In addition, the house does have several ornamental door overhangs. On the east side there is an interesting projecting bay which is slightly more ornamental than the remainder of the house."

"The interior is spacious and formal and in our opinion offers an excellent opportunity to demonstrate aspects of home life and the living environment from the turn of the century."

"The extensive formal garden with its massive trees should be retained and enhanced in the character of the early 1900's." A portion of the original orange grove remains intact. On the grounds the specimen trees and shrubs will be kept and the City will maintain the rest of the 21/2 acre site as a passive park.

Research is in progress and plans are to restore the interior to 1902-30 period.

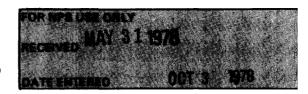
Exploration/Settlement: In 1890, Albert Sumner Bradford (August 18, 1860 --March 30, 1933) a NewEngland horticulturist, bought 20 acres in what is now Placentia and planted oranges and opened a citrus nursery.

He did much for the development of the citrus industry, helping to organize the early Fullerton-Placentia Farmers Union and the Southern California Fruit Exchange. He had his own packing house which is still in operation under the name of Bradford Brothers, now owned by his namesake grandson.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPH	ICAL REFER	RENCES		
National Cyclopedia of Americans of Orange County, Callored Orange County, Callored Orange County Who Armor, 1921. Anaheim Gazette, 6/5/02, 7/3	lifornia with Have Been Ide	Biographical Sk ntified With It	s Growth and De	velopment, Samuel
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA				
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY		CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY		CODE
11 FORM PREPARED BY				
NAME / TITLE				
Clairee Tynes, Pres	ident, Founder	rs' Society		
ORGANIZATION Placentia Founders'	Society		DATE December 27, 19	77
STREET & NUMBER	Bociety		TELEPHONE	11
134 Anned Drive	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(714) 528-2973	
city or town Placentia			STATE California 926	70
12 STATE HISTORIC PRES	SERVATION	OFFICER CE	ERTIFICATIO	N
THE EVALUATED	SIGNIFICANCE OF T	HIS PROPERTY WITH	IN THE STATE IS:	
NATIONAL	STATE		LOCAL X	
As the designated State Historic Preservat hereby nominate this property for inclusion criteria and procedures set forth by the Na	on in the National Re ational Park Service.			
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIG	JNATURE	/ Mox	mickon	
TITLE State Historic Preser	vation Officer	•	DATE 5/22	/78
FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPE	RTY IS INCLUDED I	N THE NATIONAL REG	SISTER DATE 1/	1/2/78
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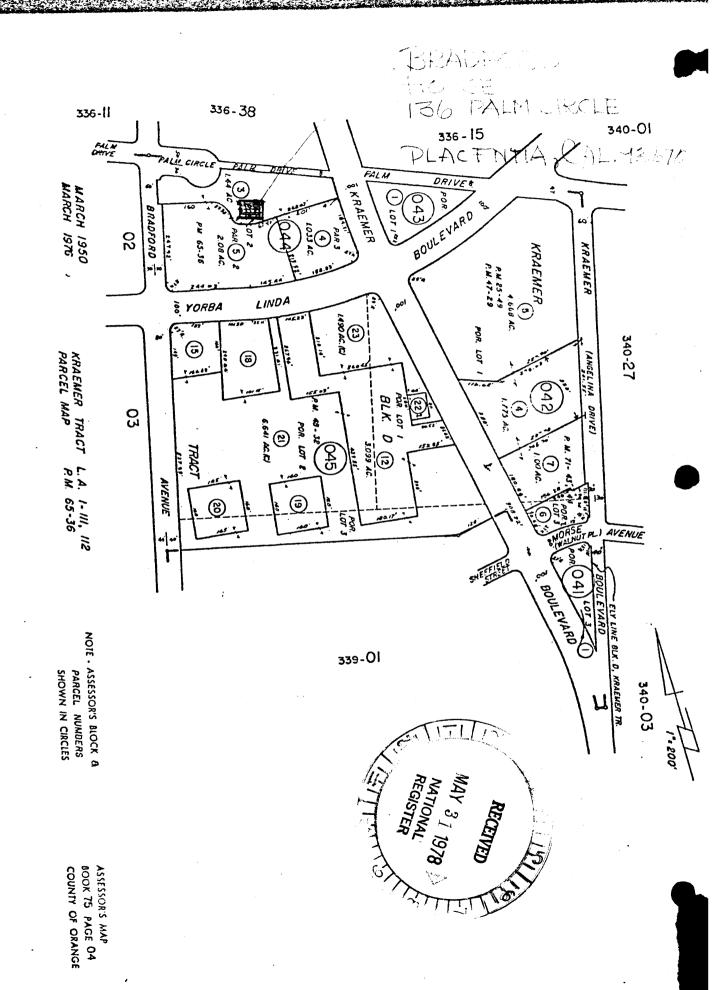
Bradford took part in all community activities; he was a director for many years for the Anaheim Union Water Company, which furnished Placentia's water; served on the Placentia School Board, 1892, as well as the Fullerton High School Board. He was active in local politics as a Republican and was a high Mason. He helped secure electricity, gas, and telephones for the area, serving on the boards of many companies.

As the founder of Placentia, he headed the effort to secure rights of way to enable the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway to build a track through the district. Then he bought 60 acres by the new depot from Richard Melrose, laid out lots and streets, and on September 19, 1910, filed the PLAT OF THE TOWNSITE OF PLACENTIA.

He then erected a brick building and organized the Placentia National and the Placentia Savings banks and a Domestic Water Company, serving as president of both. He promoted the opening of a post office and the publishing of a newspaper, the Placentia Courier; gave land and support to the Presbyterian Church and the Placentia Round Table Woman's Club. He helped organize the Chamber of Commerce and was its president until his death in 1933. For years he was in charge of the Placentia exhibit in the San Bernardino Orange Show, winning many prizes.

In 1973 Bradford's heirs deeded the house and 21/2 acres of land to the City of Placentia for "public cultural, park, or educational purposes."

In February of 1978, the Orange County Board of Supervisors Historical Commission awarded a plaque to commemorate the Bradford House as a site of historical significance to Orange County residents.



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