

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ NR _____ SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Robert Lewis House
2. Historic name: Lida Newcomb House
3. Street or rural address: 26 "F" Street
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 County San Diego
4. Parcel number: 569-171-21
5. Present Owner: Robert C. Lewis Address: 9306 Mesa Vista Ave
City La Mesa, CA Zip 92041 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: residential Original use: residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Spanish Eclectic
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
Legal: CV Sub, QS 124, Lot 20, E 50' of W 212' of N 118' of
This one story stucco home features a red tile, cross gable roof on the front part and a flat roof on the rear section. The front door is inset in a segmental arch opening. The entrance section has a small "mission style" parapet and an inscribed shield just above the door. To the left of the entrance, a pair of arched wood frame casements face the street. The right half of the facade is dominated by a Venetian window (a large round head window flanked on each side by a tall, narrow window). A decorative vent and ornament grace the gable end just above this window. An exterior chimney stands at the left side of the house. No alterations are apparent.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1927 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 50 Depth 118
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1985

13. Condition: Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ No longer in existence ☐
14. Alterations: none apparent
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? ☒ Moved? ☐ Unknown? ☐
18. Related features: garage, common driveway with house at 30 "F" Street

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This house and the one at 30 "F" Street were constructed as almost reverse images of each other. Herbert Bryant built both houses and sold this one to Lida E. Newcomb around 1927. She sold it on Jan. 16, 1928 to D. E. Palmer, who sold it a year later to Foneta N. Rath, the widow of Franz Rath Jr. In 1931, Don Dickenson, the manager of the Chula Vista Security Bank, and his wife lived here. This house is an interesting and unaltered example of the Spanish Eclectic houses built in Chula Vista in the 1920s. The home gains importance from its relationship with Herbert Bryant, a prominent businessman and civic leader.

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).

Interview: Will Browne 4/85
City directories
CV Tax Assessment Rolls
SD County Deeds

22. Date form prepared 8-12-85
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

