

Espinoza Residence

324 W. Truslow Avenue
Initially at 144 E.
Commonwealth Avenue
ca. 1895

Queen Anne Victorian

Status: Local Landmark



This attractive Victorian cottage is one of a small number of such houses still standing in Fullerton. None is large or particularly ornate and can be understood best as representing the housing of the working class: simple, practical, and designed with modest trim-work compared to the usual Queen Anne style. The main roof is hipped with gable extensions facing north and east. These gables are trimmed with returns and decorative vents (originally a half-circle in shape, now a larger, rectangular feature). The use of clapboard siding and the design of the wrap-around verandah with its own low-pitched roof and slender supports and railing are characteristic features.

Constructed sometime in the mid-1890s, the house was originally located at the southwest corner of Pomona and Commonwealth Avenues. The original owner of the house is unknown. In 1926, George Annin, a police officer for the city, had the house moved to its present lot on Truslow Avenue, and he lived there until 1930. The house has not been altered since its relocation, but a second dwelling was constructed at the rear of this property in 1959.

The house is named for long-time owners, the Espinoza family, who bought this property in 1958, and carefully maintained the house as part of their residency until 2016.