

Rose Court

125 E. Ellis Place

1924

Style: Craftsman Bungalow

**Status: Unrecognized
Significant Property**



This bungalow court is one of the five such developments in Fullerton. Attached one-story units flank each side of a central open area that leads to a back, two-story building with attached units. This court complex of ten units was completed in 1924, and was advertised as the Rose Court and later in the 1030s, as Ellis Court. In 1946, an additional “L”-shaped two-story building containing six apartments over carports was constructed behind (north of) the court complex; this building does not possess the same Craftsman bungalow features of the original construction, but it is still relatively complementary in design.

This bungalow court was constructed for Alvin and Laura Billingsley and Melville and Thurman Porter as an investment. The Billingsleys would move into one of the Craftsman bungalows with their children, and Laura Billingsley would manage the apartments until 1939, when her husband accepted a building foreman position in Glendale.

The present owners took title to the property in 1946, and have continued to maintain the court in excellent condition. The present name of the complex is the Joyce Apartments.