

Phillips House

511 S. Harbor Boulevard

ca. 1908

Queen Anne Victorian

**Status: Unrecognized
Significant Property**



This early ranch house has characteristics of the Queen Anne Victorian style, but the influence of the Craftsman bungalow ethic is also apparent. The face of the front gable is decorated with a “Jacobean” pattern of the wood trim; other features defining this style include a curved roofline and the use of brackets for all gables. Unfortunately, the 1950’s construction of a one-story commercial building along Harbor Boulevard in front of the house severely compromises the integrity and appearance of this structure. (The photo shows the rear of the house, because the front façade is mostly hidden from view.)

The person or family who had the house built is not known. From Fullerton directories, the first residents were the Phillips family (John Phillips, a broker, wife Annie and son James), living there from 1910 to 1919.

The house is still used as a residence, and it is a remaining example of housing from a once-agrarian community located along South Spadra Road (now Harbor Boulevard).