

1900-1917: RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

In this period a major change occurred in the design of housing. Although some of the 19th century styles continued to be used, there were two new types of architecture that appeared. One was the Mission Revival style that celebrated California's past in its conscious use of elements from the Missions. Most frequently used in public structures, the style also appears occasionally in private residences.

Contemporaneous with this backward-looking style was one that pointed to the future: the Craftsman bungalow. It emphasized traditional crafts in revealing the structural truths of a building, while at the same time providing economical, attractive housing. The bungalow was adapted to California's climate by its deep eaves and low profiles. Heating costs were reduced and interiors were functional.

Many of the important residences in this era are the grove houses of the community's early ranchers. Several were constructed away from the city's townsite – either along Orangethorpe Avenue or east along Chapman and Commonwealth Avenues. Some housing of this period still exists, because it was later moved from its original location when economic conditions warranted a more productive use of the property.

The Chapman House was probably the most remarkable local residence of this era, but unfortunately, it was demolished in 1960. The Pierotti House, another exceptional grove house with distinctive architecture, is largely hidden from view behind on-site shrubbery and trees.

The first neighborhoods began to establish themselves as lots are bought and improved with housing. Only a few additional subdivisions of land were platted for residential development outside of the original townsite.

List of Properties

Curtis House, ca. 1900
Noutary House, 1901
Dauser House, 1902
Chapman House and Ranch, 1903
Conway House, 1903
Russell House, 1903
Grafton House, ca. 1905
Methodist Parsonage, 1905
Phillips House, ca. 1908
Fallert House, 1908
Livingston House, 1908
Hale House, 1908
Pierotti House, 1909
Jacob Yaeger House, 1910

Robertson House, ca. 1911
Gaston Bastanchury House, 1911
Gallemore House, 1913
Fuller House, 1913
Katherine Kroeger House, 1913
John W. Hetebrink House, 1914
Arnold House, ca. 1915
Burdorf House, 1915
Edward Benchley House, 1915
Clarence Spencer House, 1915
Compton House, 1916
Stuelke House, 1916
Mary Spencer House, 1917