

Curtis House

206 W. Wilshire Avenue

ca. 1900

Victorian

**Status: Unrecognized
Significant Property**



Constructed around 1900, this house is one of the few remaining Victorian cottages in Fullerton. It is a blend of Victorian and bungalow architecture, which was a common trait during this period. The large hipped roof with the front dormer is the dominant feature, and the projecting room on the west side with its low-pitched gable and wood-framed windows are characteristic of the bungalow style.

The house was built for Jennie Curtis, a Fullerton pioneer, who apparently owned and constructed houses on a number of lots on the 200 block of W. Wilshire Avenue. In the early 1900s she was active among a large group of women in Fullerton seeking the right to vote in California, which came to pass in 1911.

Jennie Curtis owned this property until her death in 1925. In 1926, Thomas Quine, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Great Britain, bought the property and for the next 40 years used the property for his residence and business as a chiropractor.

Sometime before 1950, the addition at the front of the house was constructed with its low-pitched gable roof. In 1980, the structure was restored and placed on a new concrete foundation when it was converted for use as a professional office.