

Roberts House

2208 E. Chapman Avenue

1923

Colonial Revival

Status: Significant Property



The hipped gable roof, the pediment above the front porch and the evenly spaced windows are the trademarks of the Colonial Revival style. There are only a few other houses in Fullerton with this same Neo-Colonial format.

Virgil W. Roberts built this two-story, eight-room house with basement in 1923, after he bought 4.5 acres of land being cultivated as a citrus orchard in 1922. While a rancher producing Valencia oranges and walnuts in the 1920s, Virgil Roberts later became a successful real estate agent, buy and selling land, particularly orchards, throughout Orange County. The Roberts family lived in the house until the early 1930s.

By 1934, the property was owned by the Cooper family, and Ward and Lucille Cooper lived in the house until the mid-1940s. The current owners have lived in the house since the early 1970s.

There have been no external changes or additions to this residence, but the property has lost some of its front yard with the widening of Chapman Avenue, and the now-modest setback lessens the stately appearance of this house.