

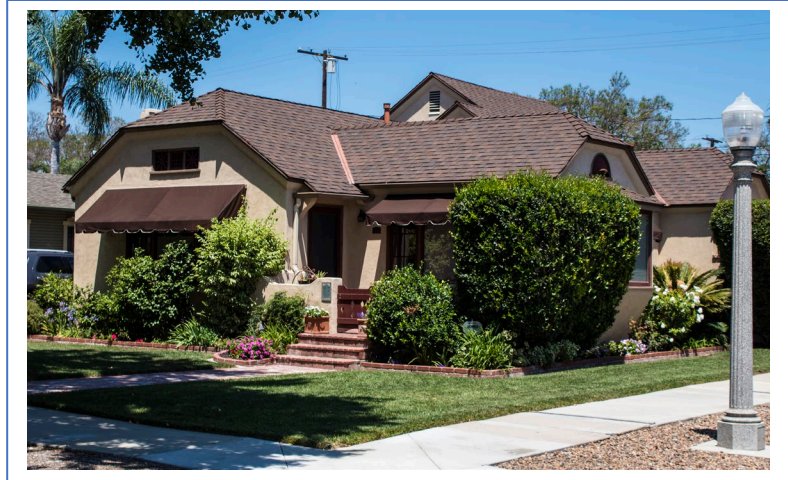
# Naylor House

**200 N. Cornell Avenue**

**1923**

**English Cottage**

**Status: Local Landmark**



This single-family residence on a corner lot is an excellent example of an English working-class cottage and is the only one of its style in Fullerton. The initial owner of this custom-built house, James Naylor, was a British emigrant who wanted a home that reminded him of his Yorkshire upbringing and British heritage. He hired building contractor Davis B. Tennis from Long Beach to construct this wood and concrete stucco house. Tennis embellished the modest but comfortable dwelling with a number of Arts and Crafts architectural elements – multiple clipped gables, decorative air vents, a front gate with diamond-pane cutouts, etc. – that are unique to Fullerton and reflect traditional craftsmanship over machine made ornamentation.

Later, in 1934, the Naylor's hired local contractor Herbert J. Evans to construct two bedrooms off the rear of the house to accommodate their three daughters who had been sleeping together in one of the original two bedrooms and Margaret Naylor's parents. Evans designed and constructed a two-story addition that is remarkably complimentary to the house's English Cottage style.

The residence's unique English Cottage features stand out from the prevalence of Craftsman bungalows and Spanish Colonial Revival dwellings that are in the neighborhood.

Over the last 30 years the residence has become associated with the historic preservation movement in Fullerton. The long-time owners, Kate and Tom Dalton, were instrumental in establishing a residential preservation zone for this neighborhood in 1979, which would lay the foundation for establishing the same type of preservation zone for eight other historic districts in subsequent years. The Daltons are founding members of Fullerton Heritage, formed in 1992, and the residence has served as a location for numerous meetings devoted to historic preservation strategies, planning, and review.