William Kroeger House

901 E. Chapman Avenue 1927 Cottage Style Status: Significant Property



Both the architectural refinement and the impeccable grounds contribute to the outstanding appearance of this Cottage style house and garage. The house has well-disposed volumes and is less eccentric than many of this style. The residence was constructed originally with a wood shingle roof that imitated the thatching on a European cottage; the present composition shingle roof replaced the original in 1997.

The property is associated with one of the pioneer families in Fullerton. By 1910, William Kroeger, son of Henry Kroeger – a prominent Anaheim resident and second mayor of that city – owned 40 acres of land north of Chapman Avenue, west of Raymond Avenue. He built a house at 813 E. Chapman Avenue in 1913, where he and his wife, Katherine, raised a family. In 1927, he constructed this second residence, a two-story structure with over 3,100 sq. ft. of living area, to the east of the first dwelling. The house was later owned by William's son, Roland, who lived there until the year 2000.

In 1962, William Kroeger's first house at 813 E. Chapman Avenue was razed.

This house is presently used as a group quarters facility, owned by the Florence Crittenton Services of Orange County, which carefully maintains the property.