

Dysinger House

444 W. Malvern Avenue

1928

Cottage Style

**Status: Unrecognized
Significant Property**



Two prominent persons are associated with this property: Earl Dysinger and Charles Schugt. Constructed in 1928, this cottage-styled residence was built for educator Earl S. Dysinger. In the 1910s and 1920s the Dysinger name was well known in Fullerton, with family members holding important educational and civic positions. Earl Dysinger was the first class president of Fullerton Junior College in 1913, the same year the College was founded; he would become an audio-visual specialist and teacher at Fullerton Junior College for over 35 years. Chemist Charles Schugt owned and resided in this house between 1938 and 1955; he managed the very successful La Vida Bottling Company, which under his direction established an extensive soft drink line in the 1950s; in the late 1950s, the company was renamed the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company of Fullerton. He was president of this company until it was acquired by Pacific American Industries in 1968.

Known at one time as the Dr. Pepper House, this two-story residence has a modest cottage-style architecture, featuring truncated gable roofs, pairs of double-hung windows on all sides, and brick detailing around its front picture window and the arched opening to the porch.

A full renovation and slight enlargement of the house was completed in early 2021, with the original exterior features of the residence faithfully replicated.

A detached, bulky 750-sq.-ft. studio and two-car garage was constructed directly behind the house in 1980, and it remains untouched.