

Drake / Marwood / Woods

This district is composed of portions of three 1922 subdivisions that created the lots on the 300 blocks of North Drake, Marwood, and Woods Avenues and several lots fronting the 700 block of W. Wilshire Avenue. Like most development of the time, the houses were not constructed by one builder, but rather were the work of many. These blocks feature housing from the three particularly active builders in Fullerton during the 1920s: Ernest Gregory, Evan Herbert, and Mortimer Carroll.

A mix of California bungalow, Cottage and Spanish Colonial Revival architectural styles is found on these blocks, with each house slightly different from another. Although never a focus of development like the Brookdale Heights or Golden Hill areas, these streets featured houses of good quality that were attractive to white-collar workers of the day. The district has aged well; mature Jacaranda and Magnolia trees now front these streets, the original sidewalks are still intact, and most of the subsequent alterations and additions to these residences are successful in scale, if not in their design and finish.

