

# Robertson House

**434 W. Amerige Avenue**

**ca. 1911**

**Colonial Revival**

**Status: Local Landmark**



This unusual house exemplifies the Colonial Revival style by the symmetrical placement of first and second story windows on either side of the entrance, the oversized wood pillars for the porch, the clapboard siding, and the broad gable roof.

The enclosure of the balcony on the second story with its small window, was a later addition as part of repairs, after an automobile damaged the porch in the 1920s.

The house was built for Thomas Robertson, who owned and operated a nursery business. Beginning in the 1920s, the Charles Klose family occupied the house, and Mr. Klose operated a small market that he built at the rear of the property in 1923. In 1928, Klose bought the property from Thomas Robertson. After Charles Klose died in 1940, his daughter, Martha Lovejoy, would continue to operate the market until the property changed ownership in the 1970s. During these 50 years, the small market proved to be a primary shopping place for the local residents and was clearly an important feature for the neighborhood.