

Stuelke House

502 E. Chapman Avenue

1916

Craftsman Bungalow

Status: Local Landmark



As a classic one-and-a-half-story Craftsman bungalow, this house appears unaltered from its original design. Although modestly designed and detailed, the customary features of bungalow architecture are all prevalent: low-pitched gable roofs with deep eaves, exposed rafters and the use of brackets; horizontal redwood siding; a flared base; and a well-proportioned, coherent window design throughout all sides of the structure. Typically, the second story is set back from the first, providing a pleasing and unimposing appearance for the neighborhood.

This 1,750-sq.-ft. residence was constructed for Albert Stuelke and his wife, Myrtle. Albert Stuelke was a longtime music teacher for the Brea-Olinda High School and the first football coach at Fullerton Junior College from 1916 to 1920. Myrtle was a much-admired English teacher at Fullerton Junior College for 33 years, retiring in 1952, and was quite active in local civic organizations.

With its prominent location on a corner lot along busy Chapman Avenue, the house's modest but true Craftsman architecture has become a visual landmark for the community.

The property continues to be owned by the Stuelke family.