

# Fullerton General Hospital

**205 E. Amerige Avenue**

**1913**

**Mission Revival**

**Status: Significant Property**



This unusual combination of Mission Revival and Craftsman bungalow elements was built originally as the Fullerton General Hospital. Designed by architect Charles Shattuck, the plan is essentially that of a bungalow court. Single-story wings extend from a two-story central structure positioned at the rear of the property to create a well-defined entry courtyard. Mission elements are apparent in the cupola that has an arch in each story and a small copper dome. The construction of the wings, with their exposed rafters, low profiles and gentle roof lines, are linked to the Craftsman tradition. The blend of Mission and Craftsman is not exceptional and can be seen elsewhere in Fullerton, but in no other example is the Craftsman element so strong.

This property was the site of the city's first hospital, a two-story Colonial Revival house built in 1903. The building was moved northward on the property prior to the construction of the new hospital; the two-story building was razed in the 1941, to be replaced with a one-story annex building.

The construction of the new hospital started in 1913, but the completion of all wings of the facility did not take place until 1917. In 1931, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange purchased the property for \$23,000, but in 1953, the Sisters closed the hospital, citing the limitations of the facility to provide high quality care. St Jude Hospital was planned and constructed in 1957, to be a replacement of this hospital.

