

# Annin House

**1510 E. Commonwealth Avenue**

**1919**

**Craftsman Bungalow**

**Status: Local Landmark**



This house is considered a good example of a two-story Craftsman bungalow built for the prosperous families of the era. The stucco exterior is not typical for bungalow architecture, but the low roof pitch, deep overhanging eaves, wood detailing (i.e., exposed rafters, pergolas and casement windows) reflects the Craftsman houses of the early 1900s.

The residence was built for Bert Annin and his wife, Mary. Bert Annin was one of the pioneer ranchers who at one time owned 40 acres of land east of Raymond Avenue. He was elected to several terms of the City Council in the 1920s and 30s. His family owned the property until the late 1950s.

The house was converted to a residential care facility for the elderly in 1987, and continues to be used in this fashion. The 1.5-acre site is now developed with additional buildings, but the house remains unaltered from its original design, except for the demolition of the porte-cochere at the east end of the house. The structure has been maintained in an excellent physical condition, and the ample grounds now devoted to landscaping and parking help retain the ambience of the house's original setting.