

Corcoran House

761 N. Richman Avenue

1922

California Bungalow

Status: Significant Property



This one-and-a-half story structure, now situated on a corner double lot, is the oldest house in the Golden Hill neighborhood. The residence has typical features of an early California bungalow: a low-pitched gable roofs with wide eaves; banks of fixed or casement windows on all sides; and plain detailing or trim work. Over the years the residence has been slightly altered and enlarged as part of a conversion to create multiple units.

When constructed for Robert Corcoran by local builder Harvey Tadlock in 1922, the house was far removed from the city's townsite. The Corcoran family resided here until 1938. Robert Corcoran founded the Corcoran Paper Company on South Spadra Road (now Harbor Boulevard), a prominent business in Fullerton in the early 1900s. Corcoran was very active in community organizations and civic affairs. He, along with Walter Cadman, bought over 60 acres of hilly property and subdivided the acreage with three separate tracts in the early 1920s, in what is called the Golden Hill neighborhood where this house is located. Corcoran was very successful in selling the individual lots of these subdivisions until the depression took its toll in the 1930s.