

Clinton Smith House

763 N. Euclid Street

1924

Spanish Colonial Revival

Status: Local Landmark



This large, two-story house has a distinctive appearance, given its melding of Spanish Colonial architecture with a form and massing of the Pueblo style. Smooth stucco walls are punctuated with a random placement of windows, some of which are deeply recessed. While the windows and arched door are characteristically Spanish Colonial, the bold, block-like form, the use of balconies, the prominent chimney, and the flat roof reflect the Pueblo style. The Pueblo style had its height of popularity in the 1920s, but this architecture is rare to the area; the residence is unique in Fullerton.

Built in 1924, the house was one of the few to be located north of Chapman Avenue on Euclid Street (then Nicolas Drive) prior to 1945, when this street did not extend beyond what is now Valley View Drive.

The original owner, Clinton H. Smith, may be considered Fullerton's first notable builder/contractor, working on buildings in Fullerton and Placentia in the early 1900s. Smith used the bricks from the Del Campo Hotel in Anaheim to construct the second half of the Dean Block in 1902. Smith built the second Fullerton High School in 1898, at Commonwealth and Highland Avenues that was destroyed by fire in 1911, and he constructed the historic A. S. Bradford House in Placentia in 1902.

The Smith family initially resided in a small structure that is still standing at the rear of the lot, now situated behind the two-story residence.